

Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven!

As a church committed to Greater New Haven, we hope to serve and reach both downtown New Haven and the surrounding edge towns. We believe that the gospel transcends all ethnic, social, and demographic boundaries. We are ambitious for the glory of God and aim to extend a Christ-centered gospel throughout Greater New Haven.



We want to connect with you so please take the time to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pews and place it in the offering basket or return it to the Welcome Table. You may also include a prayer request on the reverse side. Your requests are prayed for during the week. Also, visit the Welcome Table for a Welcome Brochure!



We value families worshipping together and welcome children of all ages to join us in worship at their parents' discretion (see the booklet "Together in God's Presence" at the children's ministry table). Childcare is available for parents who wish to take advantage of it. Look for this icon in the bulletin to know when to drop off and pick up your children. Supplementary children's sermon material is available in the foyer.



When parking on Sundays please reserve our parking lot for visitors, parents with small children, and those who need to park closer. Two Yale parking lots north of the church on Whitney Ave. are available to us also. Lot 16: Gibbs Lab at Whitney Ave. and Humphrey St., and the Whitney Ave. Garage located behind 221 Whitney Ave. For safety, exit our lot on the Bradley St. side only.



We highly recommend that you participate bodily in worship, however, when necessity or mercy requires, you may access a live stream video of our full service at cpcnewhaven.org/live. You may also view a recorded version or listen to our sermons at cpcpodcasts.org. We do believe that there is a mystical communion of Christ in heaven with the body of Christ on earth by the Holy Spirit when you participate in person in worship.

PROTOCOLS FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP

Covid-19 Re-Opening as of 12/21/21: All are welcome to attend worship following these protocols. In order to allow more people to attend, we will be using both the Sanctuary and a re-imagined worship space in the Fellowship Hall (with a direct audio/video feed of the sanctuary on a big screen). Per order of New Haven's Mayor Elicker, effective 8/9/21, and the emergence of variants, masks are required indoors for all individuals at all times.

Prior to Arrival

- Use conscience to determine whether you in good faith are comfortable attending.
- Take your temperature at home and do not attend if you have a fever or are symptomatic (cough, shortness of breath, fever).
- If you test positive for Covid-19 and have attended any church event, please alert us (email Sr. Pastor preston.graham@cpcnewhaven.org and Operations Coordinator annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org).
- Bring layers to wear for your own temperature control in relation to our air flow.

Upon Arrival

- Use hand sanitizer before you enter the building, or upon entry.
- Use the main foyer entrance.

Outdoors

- **Both Vaccinated and Non-Vaccinated Participants:** No masks or social distancing are required.

Indoors

- **Both Vaccinated and Non-Vaccinated Participants:** Wear a mask inside the entire CPC building at all times for Sunday worship, as well as any other public event held at CPC (this includes the sanctuary, foyer, fellowship hall, classrooms, etc.). *If for medical reasons there is a need to remove your mask at some point during Sunday services, you may contact the session moderator (Sr. Pastor) who with the Shepherd Leaders will discern a way to make that happen if possible.*

Drawing Near To God

As we enter into a service carefully patterned after the logic of the gospel and the ancient temple worship, we are invited into communion with God in Christ through his Holy Spirit. We will participate in the movements of worship—which are illustrated in Revelation 4-5—as we praise God for who he is, fall to our knees as unworthy to be in his presence, receive the free reconciliation accomplished in Christ, and sing a “new” song. We are all personally invited to meet him as the Savior of sinners and gracious King of heaven and earth.

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! Revelation 4:1



If so desired, now is a good time for children to leave for childcare.

I. Rediscovering God's Glory

God's desire initiates an invitation into his presence. Through worship, we rediscover the holy otherness of God in his glory revealed through creation and salvation.

And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here...At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne....And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures...and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"
Revelation 4:1-2, 6-8

A PRAYER OF GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 62:1-2, 5-7

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

People: **For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly fore'er we adore him.**

In a word or a phrase, lift up praises to the living God.

II. Rediscovering God's Grace

Entering God's presence naturally leads us to face our sin, yet in Christ we do so both mournfully and courageously, with the knowledge that his abundant mercy awaits. God makes it safe to be honest, real, and transparent about our moral failures and brokenness because we have nothing to prove or hide in Christ.

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals... "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Revelation 5:1-5

Jesus I Come

**Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night
Jesus I come; Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of my sickness, into Thy health
Out of my wanting, and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin, and into Thyself
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come; Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of earth's sorrows, into Thy balm
Out of life's storms, and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come; Jesus I come**

**Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of myself, to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come; Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of the depths, of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to Thee**

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: We confess to you our laziness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with
your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your
Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

*In a word or short phrase, you may share a confession to God
quietly or out loud, as directed.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." (Isaiah 45:22)

AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home**

**The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

**And when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace**

**When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun**

III. *Renewal in Christ's Word*

The preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God, wherein it becomes the very Word of God proclaimed and received by the illumination of the Holy Spirit to believers. This is not a lecture based on a dead letter, or a self-help talk, but an encounter with the living God in the flesh of his people.

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song...
Revelation 5:6-9

Old Testament: Hosea 11:1-11

New Testament: Matthew 2:13-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

"I Got You: The Hell or High Water Love of an Altogether Different Kind of Father"

Rev. Jefferson Bennett

Hosea 11:1-11

¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ² The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols. ³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴ I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵ They shall not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶ The sword shall rage against their cities, consume the bars of their gates, and devour them because of their own counsels. ⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me, and though they call out to the Most High, he shall not raise them up at all. ⁸ How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹ I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD; he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west; ¹¹ they shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD.

SERMON NOTES

Text SERMONQUESTION to 860-467-0010 and follow the prompts to submit your question, then the pastor will be in touch this week. You may also view a recorded version of the service or subscribe to our sermon podcast at cpcpodcasts.org.

For families worshiping with young children, supplementary children's sermon material is available in the pews and in the foyer.

MEDITATION

IV. *Renewal in Christ's Presence*

In the Covenant Meal, we both remember the sacrificial life of Christ's atonement and partake of Christ's ascended presence by the Holy Spirit, wherein no extent of space separates us from the life-giving power of God. All Christians being united to Christ are united to each other in love and have communion in each other's gifts and graces.

*...for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
Revelation 5:9b*



During this time parents may retrieve their children to join them for worship. You may proceed directly to your seat from the nursery.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!
(Psalm 133:1)

COLLECTION AND PRAYERS:

If you have a personal prayer request that you would like to be shared with the congregation in a weekly email, please submit them using the prayer request cards and place them in the offering basket as it is passed, or the basket located in the back of the sanctuary.

You may virtually submit a prayer request or give toward the collection at cpcnewhaven.org/live, or you may use this QR code to donate.



MEDITATION

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

People: I believe in the one eternal God, Creator and Lord of the world, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who governs all things according to the purpose of His will. I believe that God has been calling out from the world a people for Himself, the church, and sending His people back into the world to be His servants and witnesses for the extension of His Kingdom and for His glory. I believe in the divine inspiration, truthfulness and authority of both the Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written word of God, and in the power of God's word to accomplish His purpose of salvation. I believe that there is only one Savior, Jesus Christ, and that He will return personally and visibly, in power and glory, to consummate His salvation and His judgment. I believe in the Holy Spirit whom the Father has sent to bear witness to His Son, believing that conviction of sin, faith in Christ, new birth, and Christian growth are all His work.

(Adapted from The Lausanne Covenant, 1974)

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

COMING FORWARD TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

All Christians are invited to come forward to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine.

We serve wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice for those who, out of conscience or reasons of health, do not partake of wine. Grape juice is in the outer rim. The communion bread is gluten free. (The Downstairs Sanctuary will serve pre-sealed elements of juice and wafer.)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Prayer for those searching: Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. "Nothing tastes." Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, please help me in my unbelief! Amen.

Prayer for belief: Lord God, I now see that I am weaker and more flawed than I ever before believed, but in Christ, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. Even as I have not loved You or my neighbor with all of my heart, You have shown Your love for me in that while I am still sinning, Christ died for me and took upon Himself the condemnation that I deserve. I now know that You owe me nothing for my efforts, but You offer acceptance, love and blessing into all eternity because of Christ's efforts on my behalf. I therefore ask that You would enable me to turn away from trusting in my own efforts to gain Your acceptance and forgiveness, and trust in the perfectly righteous efforts of Christ on my behalf in order to be accepted by You and entered into Your holy family. And just as You raised Christ from the dead, so too I ask that You would give me a new life in Christ, one that will lead eventually to Heaven itself. Thank you for Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit to believe in Him alone for my salvation. And as You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church, grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: "I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
(Ephesians 4:1-3)

The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

V. Restored In Christ's Supremacy

From the throne of heaven, God's power and grace is with us. In reverence and awe, we worship an exalted King and receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken, going forth in his immeasurable power working within us.

...and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures... numbering myriads of myriads... saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
Revelation 5:10-13

Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor
First begotten from the dead
You alone, our strong defender
Now lift up your people's head
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus, true and living bread
Jesus, true and living bread**

**Here our humblest homage pay we
Here in loving reverence bow
Here for faith's discernment pray we
Lest we fail to know you now
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are here, we ask not how
You are here, we ask not how**

**Behold the Lamb of God
Who takes ours sins away
Risen, ascended, glorified
We worship you, we worship you
You reign on high
In never ending day**

**Risen, ascended, glorified
We worship you, we worship you**

**Paschal lamb, your offering finished
Once for all when you were slain
In its fullness undiminished
Shall forevermore remain
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cleansing us from every stain
Cleansing us from every stain
Chorus**

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BENEDICTION

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. Amen." (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday 2/8 | **PCA Beautiful Orthodoxy Conference in Louisiana:** Pray for Pastor Graham this week as he participates in the PCA's Beautiful Orthodoxy Conference as a guest speaker. The goal of this conference is to celebrate the unity of doctrinal fidelity with gospel beauty (see more at beautifulorthodoxypca.com).

Saturday 2/12 | **Daddy/Daughter Dance at 6pm-7:30pm:** Dads and daughters, come out for a night of fun and laughter at our Winter Themed Dance. There will be a Best Dressed Couple Award, games, dancing, and refreshments. Please RSVP by emailing Jefferson no later than February 10 (jefferson@cpcnewhaven.org). And help spread the word to friends and neighbors!

Sunday 2/13 | **Missions Sunday - Special Sunday Studies in Sanctuary:** This year for Missions Sunday join guest preacher Greg Hills during a special Sunday Studies at 9:30am before worship. Greg is the Northeast Hub Director of the PCA's Mission to the World (MTW) organization, and a former pastor at First Presbyterian Church on the North Shore of Boston. Greg will share about all of the missions that the PCA is involved with, including options for a potential mission trip in the summer of 2023. We'll also spend time focused on re-imagining Impact Week for 2022. There will be a special program for our kids in Sunday School this day as well.

Sunday 2/20 | **Newcomer's Lunch After Worship:** If you are new to CPC within the past year, and especially if you're interested in going through the process of membership, you're invited to our Newcomer's Lunch! Come get to know about CPC, meet our leaders, and explore the life of the church. Lunch will be provided, come join us!

Monday 2/21 | **Membership Seminar Proctored Groups Begin:** We have our next membership joining on Easter Sunday 4/17/22 and would love to begin the conversation if you've been interested in learning more about joining the church. The process includes familiarizing yourself with our Membership Seminar (available at cpcpodcasts.org), meeting with a pastor, and then with several of our shepherd leaders. To join a proctored group to go through CPC's Membership Seminar go to cpcnewhaven.org/register or text **MEMBERSHIP** to **860-467-0010**. You'll be contacted to help decide a meeting day and time.

FYI | **Opt-In for Texting:** See the next page for all the details! Opt-in by texting HELLO to 860-467-0010 to be able to receive broadcast messages from CPC, give in-text, and take actions.

OPT-IN FOR TEXTING

Text HELLO to 860-467-0010!

You can now interact with CPC via text message! We're most excited about being able to text you relevant updates, and to make taking action even easier for you. To activate this, by law, you must opt-in first by texting us before we are able to text you (you can opt-out at any time). To get started simply text **HELLO** to **860-467-0010** and follow the prompts. Afterwards you can:

1. **Receive Broadcast Messages from CPC:** this is a one-way-only text where you will receive updates or important messages from CPC (this is not a group chat).
2. **Give In-Text:** Text **GIVE** to us and you'll be prompted to set up an account to securely store your credit card information so that you only need to enter it this first time. After this first time, you will be able to give solely through interactions in your text app (i.e. by texting in your donation amount, selecting funds, and setting the frequency.).
3. **Take Action:** Text these keywords to **860-467-0010** and follow the prompts.
 - **PRAY**: Submit prayer requests to be prayed for weekly by staff and sent out to the congregation in our weekly prayer email.
 - **PASTORCONSULT**: Set up a meeting with one of our pastors to discuss anything from a spiritual issue to interest in membership.
 - **SERMONQUESTION**: Send the pastors your sermon questions and they'll be back in touch with an answer.

Keep in mind, this is only our text number, our landline still exists at 203-777-6960 if you'd like to make a voice call. Opt-in today: Text **HELLO** to **860-467-0010**.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Wheelchair Ramp Available: We have purchased a wheelchair ramp for CPC so that people can get into the Study Center 1st Floor. The ramp is kept inside next to the front door of the Study Center (this is the front door of the cottage that faces Whitney Ave.). Please keep this in mind for any meetings or uses of the building here at CPC where this is relevant.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12 | **Daddy/Daughter Dance** | 6pm-7:30pm | CPC Fellowship Hall

See details in the “Highlights” section.

February 13 | **Missions Sunday** | 9:30am | During Sunday Studies

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February 13 | **Fellowship Lunch** | After Worship

Join us after worship to share a fellowship meal together. To help contribute crock pots of chilli, sign up at cpcnewhaven.org/register or text **LUNCH** to **860-467-0010**.

February 20 | **Newcomer’s Lunch** | After Worship

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February 21 | **Membership Seminar Proctored Groups Begin** | TBD Day/Times

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February 25 | **Men’s Event: SHU Hockey Game** | More Details Coming Soon!

Save the date!

ONGOING WEEKLY

Tuesday Night Pastoral Counseling Available 7pm-9pm: Would you like to speak one-on-one with a CPC pastor? We desire to connect the truths of scripture to the realities of life. Whether you are going through suffering or just need wisdom, the pastoral staff is dedicated to being available to meet. We recognize that our work hours are not always convenient for others. The pastoral staff is available by appointment Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. (or another time as determined by appointment). Interested persons should sign-up confidentially at cpcnewhaven.org/pastoral-counseling or text PASTORCONSULT to 860-467-0010.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal at 7pm: Join us for a light meal before Compline in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Compline at 8pm (In-Person and Livestream): Beginning centuries ago, monastic communities gathered in the evening to “complete” the day by observing a worship service that weaves together songs, prayers, Scriptural reflections, and Communion. In that spirit, we hope to enter God’s presence with others from around our city to experience Compline. Each night we will celebrate the central Christian feast of the Lord’s Table. All are welcome to join us in the middle of the week as we take refuge in the riches of God’s grace in Christ. Compline meets Wednesday at 8:00pm during the academic year (in-person or online at cpcnewhaven.org/live) from 9/22/21 - 12/8/21 (except Thanksgiving week on 11/24/21) and 1/19/22 - 4/6/22.

Thursday Live Podcast Recording at 2pm: Recorded at New Haven’s The Owl Shop, the Smokin’ Theologians Podcast is a long form conversation hosted by curious layman, Alex Gonzalez, and learned Theologian, Rev. Dr. Preston Graham, in which the two discuss plaguing theological questions and today’s societal concerns. Smokin’ Theologians is an answer to questions that don’t always get addressed. This audio video podcast will be available on YouTube Live, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts. *All are invited to attend the live recording every Thursday at 2pm at The Owl Shop in downtown New Haven (268 College St, New Haven, CT 06510). Also visit cpcpodcasts.org.*

Study Center Open: The Study Center and church building are open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am-4pm, and Monday and Thursday by appointment with staff. Drop-ins are welcome!

NEW HERE?

1. **Submit a Welcome Card!** We want to connect with you, please take the time to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pews and place it in the offering basket (at the back of the Sanctuary or when it's passed) or return it to the Welcome Bar in the foyer.
2. **Check Out a Life Group!** See the last page in this bulletin for a list of all of our Life Groups and when they are meeting. If you would like help discerning which group may be a good fit, contact our Director of Ministries Associate Pastor Craig Luekens (craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org or 203-500-7115).
3. **Learn about Membership!** We consider the church an essential element of the gospel, so joining CPC as a member is a way to truly join the body of Christ, in all its blessings and with all its flaws! Before joining, you'll listen to an online membership seminar, meet with a pastor, and discuss how you've come to know Christ with the Shepherd Leaders.

CPC ONLINE

Subscribe to CPC Podcasts: Listen to our School of Discipleship classes, the Sunday Sermon, Compline Homilies, Smokin' Theologians, and other inspiring conversations with our pastors. Visit cpcpodcasts.org or subscribe wherever you listen.



Receive Our Weekly Newsletter: Go to cpcnewhaven.org and select "Newsletter Sign-Up" on the home page. Our weekly newsletter goes out on Friday mornings with Sunday Service information, highlights, upcoming events, and useful links.



Sing at Home with Our New YouTube Playlist: Enjoy the songs we regularly sing at CPC from home with our new YouTube playlist. Visit youtube.com/c/CPCNewHaven and select "Playlists" to find it (it's called "CPC Sunday Morning Music").



Apply for a Social Outreach Grant: Life Groups, Ministry Groups, or ad hoc groups of at least four people may plan fellowship/outreach events that encourage friends and neighbors to interact with the body of Christ! We have a designated amount of money to help these plans come to fruition and applications will be accepted and granted on a rolling basis. Scan here to apply or visit cpcnewhaven.org/forms-and-handbooks.



SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

See resources from all of our classes at cpcnewhaven.org/all-classes.

Children's Sunday School at 9:30am: More info in the foyer or at cpcnewhaven.org/children.

Adult Sunday Studies at 9:30am:

- **Pilgrim's Progress | Fellowship Hall** | We need encouragement to persevere in the faith! With so many distractions and sins in our lives, what a great time to read and pray through a Christian classic that is the 2nd best selling book of all time, after the Bible, *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. We'll tackle topics like the cost of discipleship, despair, prayer, doubt, greed, battles we face in walking the road of faith, and many more! Read along with us if you'd like, but not necessary.
- **Just Prayer | Parlor** | Not "just" prayer, or prayer about justice, but prayer alone! Inspired by our church-wide retreat, we want to be a church that depends on God and works for results that only God can provide, as opposed to ones that we can manufacture. So let's do this together - no program, no agenda, just a commitment to pray kingdom prayers together according to the command of Christ, for the glory of Christ, and the building up of His Church!

Men's Discipleship Group: Every 1st and 3rd Thursday evening at 6:30pm we gather for a time of fellowship and discussion of an article. Emails are sent out every Monday with info on time, location, and a link to the article. If you are interested in joining (and are not on the men's email list), contact Jerry (jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org).

Women's Discipleship Group: In Romans, Paul expresses a longing to be together "that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." Consider joining us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (7-8:30 pm) as we encourage, support and challenge one another in a small group setting. We are using the book *A Place to Belong* by Megan Hill. Please join us via Zoom (meeting #812 2180 7643) as we explore the beauty of the church and how we can delight in the "loveliness of Christ's gathered people." Contact Lisa Graham (lisahgraham44@gmail.com) or Diane Miller (auntie.diane@comcast.net).

Young Moms & Young Dads: If you have a child age 12 or under and are desiring to grow in your faith contact Jefferson Bennett (jefferson@cpcnewhaven.org).

Young at Heart 60+ Group: This group meets at 10:30am on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall. We are using the book "Trusting God." If you are interested contact Alan Phillips (phillipsalanr@gmail.com) or Stacy Roney (mrsprofdoc@icloud.com).

MINISTRY GROUPS

Youth Group Crossroads | 2nd and 4th Sundays 12:30pm-1:30pm | CPC

“Crossroads” is our bi-monthly youth gathering on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at CPC. Each meeting has a shared meal, fun games, and music. During the summer and fall months, outdoor activities such as playing at a nearby park or swimming in the pool are activities to be enjoyed. Contact Pastor Jerry (jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org).

Digging Deep@Yale | Fridays | 12:30-1:30pm | Schwartzman Commons Elm Cafe

Calling all Yale undergrads! We love good questions and real theology here, so let's discuss the big topics together. We'll meet at the Schwartzman Commons Cafe. Email Craig (Craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org) for more details.

Graduate Student Small Group | Thursdays | 7:30pm | CPC Fellowship Hall

We're excited for our weekly Small Group with graduate students (and significant others!) to continue, as we discuss Scripture, pray for each other, and build relationships during this unique time of life. If you're new, feel free to join us! Contact Craig, craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org.

Women's Book Club | Second Thursdays | 3pm | Zoom ID: 824 7985 2619

The Women's Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 3pm. Please contact JoAnn (thekupiecfamily@comcast.net) if you have any questions. Zoom 824 7985 2619.

- **(Change in Date/Time)** Tuesday, Feb. 8th at 1pm, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith
- Thursday, March 10th at 3:00pm, "1776" by David McCullough

LIFE GROUPS

Downtown New Haven: Newly formed, the vision of this group is to reach and serve those that live in and around Downtown New Haven. We meet weekly on Thursdays at 7pm but location varies from week to week. Text Tyler Rice at 863-255-5138 or email tylerarice@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

East Rock Life Group: The East Rock Life Group usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, either mid or late afternoon, outdoors as the weather permits and often with food or a meal. We seek to embody the fellowship of believers in a smaller, more intimate community of CPC through discussion, activities, and prayer. Contact Trey Billings (203-606-0366, treybillings@gmail.com) and Kaitlyn Jessee (617-620-2101, kaijessee@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us.

Hamden/Cheshire Life Group: The Hamden/Cheshire group has members from Hamden, Westville and Cheshire and generally meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4 pm at different members' homes. This semester we are studying Rosaria Butterfield's book, *The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in our Post-Christian World*. For more information about this and upcoming meetings, contact Julie Walker: walkerfj@comcast.net.

Shoreline Saturday Life Group: We generally meet on the second Saturday of each month from 4:30 – 7:30pm for a time of fellowship and dinner. We are currently meeting in person. Please contact Cliff Bogue (Clifford.bogue@me.com) or Lisa Tweed (hatwik@aol.com) if you are interested in joining us! If we need to move to meeting remotely, we will use Zoom ID 99720453539.

Shoreline Sunday Life Group: We are currently gathering twice monthly: Once on Sunday at 1:00pm for a delicious lunch, fellowship and a time of prayer together, and the other time on a weeknight at 7:30pm for "Bible & Life," using Zoom to disciple one another through discussion of the sermon, the Word, or other resources. Please contact Jennifer (203-675-3268, jenandjen@att.net) with any questions or if you'd like to join us. We'd love to have you!

Trumbull Life Group: We meet the second Sunday of each month from 5-6:30 PM in Trumbull for a time of teaching and sharing of prayer requests followed by a meal. All are welcome to join us. Contact Heather Woolbert at 203-494-4805 for more information.

West Side Life Group: This group will serve the greater Westville, Orange, Woodbridge, West Haven area with an emphasis on fellowship and prayer support, accompanied by a discussion-based Bible Study. We meet the second Sunday of the month at 4pm. Contact Cyndi Taylor at cynthiastaylor@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us!

