

# 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 worshiping 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](http://cpcnewhaven.org/live). You may also view a recorded version or listen to our sermons at [cpcpodcasts.org](http://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

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**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](mailto:preston.graham@cpcnewhaven.org) and Operations Coordinator [annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto: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 68:1-5

Leader: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

**People: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!**

Leader: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

## **BEHOLD OUR GOD**

**Who has held the oceans in his hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice  
All creation rises to rejoice**

**Behold our God  
Seated on his throne  
Come let us adore him  
Behold our King  
Nothing can compare  
Come let us adore him**

**Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?**

**Chorus**

**Who has felt the nails upon his hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign**

**Chorus**

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*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*

## GRANT US THY GRACE

**Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord  
Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God  
Have mercy on each of us  
(Repeat)**

**Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord  
Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

**People: We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer and Friend. Our natures are corrupt and sinful, prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts.**

**For the things we have done  
And the things we have left undone  
(Repeat)**

**Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord  
Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

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**People: We have burdened ourselves with cares when you have commanded us to cast them upon you. We have failed in our duties one to another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and we are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you. We beseech you—forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in Him who died to make peace and lives to make intercession for us. Amen.**

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

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 3:23, 6:23)**

## **GRACE ALONE**

**I was an orphan lost at the fall, / Running away when I'd hear you call  
But Father you worked your will / I had no righteousness of my own,  
I had no right to draw near your throne / But Father you loved me still  
And in love before you laid the world's foundation  
You predestined to adopt me as your own  
You have raised me up so high above my station  
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone**

**You left your home to seek out the lost / You knew the great and terrible cost  
But Jesus your face was set / I worked my fingers down to the bone,  
But nothing I did could ever atone / But Jesus you paid my debt  
By Your blood I have redemption and salvation  
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown  
And you rose that I might be a new creation  
I am born again by grace and grace alone**

**I was in darkness all of my life / I never knew the day from the night  
But Spirit you made me see  
I swore I knew the way on my own / Head full of rocks a heart made of stone  
But Spirit you moved in me  
And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened  
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone  
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken  
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone  
So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone  
I will run the race by grace and grace alone  
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone  
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone**



# 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: Jeremiah 8:1-13

New Testament: Matthew 21:18-44

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## MEDITATION

## SERMON

The Grave Danger of Religiosity without Religion

Rev. Preston Graham

Matthew 21:18-44

<sup>18</sup> In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. <sup>19</sup> And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.

<sup>20</sup> When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" <sup>21</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. <sup>22</sup> And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

<sup>23</sup> And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this

authority?" <sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

<sup>28</sup> "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup> And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

<sup>33</sup> "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup> When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup> And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup> They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." (ESV)

## 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](http://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](http://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 that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and saves us from our sins even as salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere. I believe that the Holy Spirit is eternal God and that He has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.**

(Selections from Heidelberg Catechism)

## 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. (Pre-sealed elements of juice and wafer are also available.)*

## 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.**

## **HEBREWS 10:23-25**

**Let us hold fast the confession of our hope  
Without wavering, without wavering (repeat)  
For he who called us is faithful  
For he who called us is faithful  
For he who called us is faithful**

**Let us consider how to stir up  
One another to love and good works (repeat)**

**Not neglecting to meet together  
As is the habit of some, of some, of some,  
But encouraging one another  
All the more as you see the Day drawing near  
For he who called us is faithful  
For he who called us is faithful  
For he who called us is faithful**

# 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

## HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

**Hail the day that sees Him rise. Alleluia, Amen.  
To his throne above the skies. Alleluia, Amen.  
Christ, awhile to hell was given; enters now his highest heaven.  
Christ has conquered death and sin. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.**

**See! He lifts his hands above. Alleluia, Amen.  
Look! He shows the prints of love. Alleluia, Amen.  
Hear! His gracious lips bestow; blessings on his church below.  
Christ empowers us his own. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.**

**There his glorious throne awaits. Alleluia, Amen.  
Lift your heads eternal gates. Alleluia, Amen.  
Wide, unfolds the radiant scene; take the king of glory in.  
Now within his church is seen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.**

**There for us his life He pleads. Alleluia, Amen.  
Even now he intercedes. Alleluia, Amen.  
Never leaving us bereft, Jesus' Spirit is our rest.  
Christ will come the way he left. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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Sunday 2/20 | **Newcomer's Lunch Today:** 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 and nursery will be provided, come join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

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](http://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](http://cpcnewhaven.org/register)** or text **MEMBERSHIP to 860-467-0010**. You'll be contacted to help decide a meeting day and time.

Friday 2/25 | **Men's Event: SHU Hockey Game:** Come join us for some food, fun and a hockey game! We will meet at Brewport Brewing Company (225 South Frontage Rd, Bridgeport) at 4:30pm for an early dinner, then head over to the Sacred Heart University Men's Ice Hockey game against Army at the Webster Bank Arena (600 Main St, Bridgeport). Purchase tickets in advance ([ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com)) or at the gate (there will be plenty). Tickets are \$10, select Section 115.

Saturday 2/26 | **20s/30s GATHER and Games:** Come connect with other 20s/30s over hot drinks and games at GATHER East Rock cafe (952 State St. New Haven) on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 1:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Saturday 3/12 | **UNsad Party (Rescheduled Date):** Join us at 5:30pm at East Rock Brewing Company (284 Nicoll Street, New Haven). It's time to be "UNsad"! Invite your friends to join CPC, newcomers and friends of members, your first drink is on us. Our heart behind this party is both to defy the winter blues in their face and invite our friends to share in the joy of the body of Christ (under 21 must be accompanied by a legal guardian).

FYI | **Directory of Members and Regular Attenders Available:** If you're a member or regular attender at CPC you should have received our bi-annually updated directory via email this week. If not and you'd like to be included in the future, please reach out to [admin@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:admin@cpcnewhaven.org). Several hard copies are available at the foyer coffee bar.

# OPT-IN FOR TEXTING

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**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**.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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February 20 | **Newcomer's Lunch** | After Worship | Fellowship Hall

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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** | 4:30pm Dinner & 6:05pm Game

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February 26 | **20s/30s GATHER and Games** | 1pm | GATHER Cafe (952 State St. New Haven)

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March 2 | **Ash Wednesday Compline Service** | 8pm

Join us for a special service of Compline on this Ash Wednesday. A fellowship meal is served before the service weekly at 7pm

March 12 | **UNsad Party (Rescheduled Date)** | 5:30pm | East Rock Brewing Company

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# ONGOING WEEKLY

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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?

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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. Or you can text CONNECT to 860-467-0010 to get connected.
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

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**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](http://cpcpodcasts.org) or subscribe wherever you listen.



**Receive Our Weekly Newsletter:** Go to [cpcnewhaven.org](http://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](https://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 grant and applications will be accepted and granted on a rolling basis. Scan here to apply or visit [cpcnewhaven.org/forms-and-handbooks](http://cpcnewhaven.org/forms-and-handbooks).



# SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

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*See resources from all of our classes at [cpcnewhaven.org/all-classes](http://cpcnewhaven.org/all-classes).*

**Children's Sunday School at 9:30am:** More info in the foyer or at [cpcnewhaven.org/children](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:lisahgraham44@gmail.com)) or Diane Miller ([auntie.diane@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:phillipsalanr@gmail.com)) or Stacy Roney ([mrsprofdoc@icloud.com](mailto:mrsprofdoc@icloud.com)).

# MINISTRY GROUPS

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:thekupiecfamily@comcast.net)) if you have any questions. Zoom 824 7985 2619.

- March 10 - "1776" by David McCullough
- April 14 - "1984" and "Animal Farm" by George Orwell
- May 12 - "Lilith" by George MacDonald

# LIFE GROUPS

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:treybillings@gmail.com)) and Kaitlyn Jessee (617-620-2101, [kaijessee@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Clifford.bogue@me.com)) or Lisa Tweed ([hatwik@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cynthiastaylor@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us!