

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. 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 03/07/22: Consistent with New Haven policy, masks will now be optional at CPC for everyone regardless of vaccination status (including children). The Downstairs Sanctuary is reserved for those who would like to wear a mask during Sunday worship (you may also choose to wear one upstairs of course). In the spirit of Christian charity, please respect each others' choices and each others' safety in the event that you are experiencing symptoms.

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 95:1-2

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

O WORSHIP THE KING

**O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing his power and his love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise**

**O tell of his might; O sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm
 We lay down our crowns at the feet of the Lord
 We lay down our crowns at the feet of the Lord
 We lay down our crowns at the feet of the Lord who reigns
 Who reigns!**

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In you do we trust nor find you to fail
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend
 Chorus**

**O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!
 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

PEACE, LORD

**Peace, Lord
Grant us your peace, Lord
Peace, Lord
Grant us your peace, Lord**

**Not as the world gives,
But sure as your Son lives,
So may we have his peace with us.**

**The peace of your Word, God
We've read and we've heard, God
So may we now know, deep down in our bones, your voice alone.
Refrain**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: Father, we confess that the light of your love has been obscured by the darkness of our sin. Thoughts, words, and deeds of our own devising hang over us as black and foreboding clouds. Give us eyes to see, O Lord, the grievous and heinous nature of our sin. Grant us to hate it with a holy hatred and to turn from it with all our might.

**Not as the world gives,
But sure as your Son lives,
So may we have his peace with us.**

**The peace of your Word, God
We've read and we've heard, God
So Spirit apply the blessings of Christ to each of our lives.**

**Peace, Lord
Grant us your peace, Lord
Peace, Lord
Grant us your peace, Lord**

People: We give you thanks, you who cause sun to shine through the storm, that you have dispersed the storm clouds of your judgment, and have made the light of your love and mercy shine into our lives, through the work of your dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive us for his sake, and enable us to know of the peace and consolation of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." (Romans 4:7-8)

JIREH

**I'll never be more loved than I am right now
Wasn't holding You up
So there's nothing I can do to let You down
It doesn't take a trophy to make You proud
I'll never be more loved than I am right now**

**Going through a storm but I won't go down
I hear Your voice carried in the rhythm of the wind to call me out
You would cross an ocean so I wouldn't drown
You've never been closer than You are right now**

**Jireh! You are enough
Jireh! You are enough
I will be content in every circumstance
Jireh! You are enough
Forever enough
Always enough
More than enough**

**I'm already loved
I'm already chosen
I know who I am
I know what You've spoken
I'm already loved
More than I could imagine
And that is enough
Chorus**

**If He dresses the lilies with beauty and splendor
How much more will He clothe you
How much more will He clothe you
If He watches over every sparrow
How much more does He love you
How much more does He love you**

**More than you ask think or imagine
According to His power working in us
It's more than enough**

Jireh! You are enough

Jireh! You are enough

I will be content in every circumstance

Jireh! You are enough

Forever enough

Always enough

More than enough

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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: Judges 2:11-15

New Testament: Matthew 26:1-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

Christ's Preparation For Burial and False Pietism Exposed

Rev. Preston Graham

Matthew 26:1-16

¹ When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ² "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." ³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴ and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵ But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people." ⁶ Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸ And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?" ⁹ For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." ¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her." ¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

SERMON NOTES

Text SERMON QUESTION 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 text GIVE or PRAY to 860-467-0010.

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 God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic† church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Apostles' Creed)

†That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.

WOOD AND NAILS

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees

Look on your handiwork and build a house so you may dwell in Me

So you may dwell in Me

The work was done with nothing but wood and nails

In Your scar-borne hands

O show me how to work and praise

Trusting that I am Your instrument

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face

O build a table that I too may join you in the father's place

Oh in the Father's place

Chorus

The kingdom's come and built upon

Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness

So send me out within Your ways

Knowing that the task is finished

**The dead will rise and give You praise
Wood and nails will not hold them down
These wooden tombs we'll break them soon
And fashion them into flower beds**

**The curse is done the battle won
Swords bent down into plowshares
Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them
Serving at the table You've prepared**

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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

HIS KINGDOM NOW IS COME

The light shines **(the light shines)**
In the darkness **(In the darkness)**
And the darkness cannot overcome **(And the darkness cannot overcome)**
(Repeat)

Refrain: Behold, Behold, his Kingdom now is come

The valleys **(The valleys)**
Will be lifted **(Will be lifted)**
And the mountains will be brought down low
(And the mountains will be brought down low)
(Repeat)

Refrain

Hear the voice cry **(Hear the voice cry)**
From the highway **(From the highway)**
Make way for the Prince of Peace **(Won't you make way for the Prince of Peace)**
(Repeat)

Refrain

God of Justice **(God of Justice)**
Righteous Judge **(Righteous Judge)**

Behold, behold, behold

Our defender, **(Our Defender)**

Prince of Peace **(Prince of Peace)**

Behold, behold, behold

Father to the fatherless **(Father to the Fatherless)**

Our strong defender **(Our strong defender)**

Behold, behold, behold

He's troubling the water **(He's troubling the water)**

And we're marching through

Refrain

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BENEDICTION

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Philippians 4:19-20)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Easter Week at CPC!

April 11 - April 14 | **Holy Week Evening Prayer Service at 9pm:** Monday - Thursday evening during Holy Week, join us nightly for a pastor-led prayer service via Zoom at 9pm-9:30pm (Meeting ID: 861 0755 4970, Passcode: 2022).

April 15 | **Good Friday Service at 7pm:** Join us in person for our Good Friday service. Traditionally this is a contemplative service intent on considering the weight of Christ's death and our part in it. Nursery will be provided during the service, and it is followed by a light meal. For a link to join online, text LIVE to (860) 467-0010.

April 16 | **Kid's Easter Egg Hunt at 11am (Westville):** We will be offering a community Easter egg hunt at Edgewood Field in Edgewood Park in Westville (at the corner of Yale Ave. and Edgewood Ave., across from Edgewood School). There will be a craft, a game and a hunt! Kids (age 10 and under) are invited to join the egg hunt. Kids (age 11+) are invited to arrive 15 minutes early to help hide the eggs and there will be a game and some candy for them. This will be an excellent event to invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends with children to!

April 17 | **Outdoor Easter Sunday Worship & Lunch at 11am (Westville):** Join us in-person on Easter Sunday, and bring a friend. After worship in the park we'll have several food trucks available for lunch! See the "Upcoming Events" section for more specific information. Also, we need your help to bring our outreach alive. Areas of service include helping with set up/take down, welcome, connect table and parking. For a list of descriptions and to sign up, text **VOLUNTEER** to **(860) 467-0010** or go to cpcnewhaven.org/register.

Saturday 4/23 | **Duckpin Bowling Outreach & Fellowship at 1pm:** Join us and invite your friends & family for a time of church fun over a historic New England game—duckpin bowling! (Trust us—it's more fun than regular bowling!) We'll be at Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling (240 Platt Ave, West Haven) from 1pm-4pm. Pizza will be provided! Cost is \$15 per person, \$30 max per family.

Please take the survey sent out by 4/18 or email annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org for a link.

Sunday 4/24 | **Congregational Meeting at 9:30am:** Join us before worship (during Sunday Studies) for a congregational meeting - all are invited, though members are especially encouraged to attend. Children's Sunday School is canceled this day, though children will be invited to participate in a program led by Jerry Ornelas. Nursery will not be available.

SAVE CPC'S TEXT NUMBER: 860-467-0010

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). 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.
2. **Give In-Text:** Text **GIVE** to us at **860-467-0010** 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, you will be able to give solely through interactions in your text app (i.e. by texting in your donation amount, and selecting funds and 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**

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We hope that you will participate in-person on Easter Sunday with us, and bring a friend. We want everyone to feel free to worship with us on Easter, and to invite anyone they know, so we are going outdoors!

- **Time:** 11am
- **Location:** Edgewood Field at Edgewood Park in Westville (at the corner of Yale Ave. and Edgewood Ave., across from Edgewood School). Bring your own outdoor chairs and picnic blankets.
- **Parking:** Across the street from the field, at Edgewood School.
- **Rain Plan:** In the event of inclement weather, we will make the call by 8am that morning and post any updates online at cpcnewhaven.org/cancellations. If it rains we will have our normal service at CPC indoors and online at 11am.
- **Invitations:** Look for hard copy invitations in the foyer.
- **Lunch:** Stay outside afterwards to enjoy lunch hosted by CPC! We'll have food trucks on-site, though you are welcome to bring your own or food for kiddos.

On Easter Sunday, those who have become members of CPC throughout the past year,

and those becoming members this day, will be presented in front of the congregation to join in the taking of membership vows. Those seeking to pursue membership contact Annie (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org). There will be no service on-site at CPC, though you may watch live on YouTube (cpcnewhaven.org/live), and a recording will be available after the service (see the link for archived services under “After the Worship Service”).

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April 24 | Congregational Meeting | 9:30am | During Sunday Studies

Join us before worship for a congregational meeting - all are invited, though members are especially encouraged to attend. Children’s Sunday School is canceled this day, though children will be invited to participate in a program lead by Jerry Ornelas. Nursery will not be available.

May 12 | Key Leader Meeting | 6:30pm | Zoom

This is a time for all CPC Leaders (elders, WLB, SLB, Staff, Team Leaders, Sunday School Teachers, Community Group Facilitators/Outreach Coordinators/Mercy Coordinators) to reflect on feedback from the congregation and consider how to shape next year’s ministry plan. Zoom Link will be emailed.

June 27 - July 1 | Impact Week | 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.

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

Resumes in the Fall | 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.

***NO RECORDING 4/14* | Thursday Live Podcast Recording at 1pm:** 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 1pm 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. 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

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 grant 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 | Wednesdays | 12:00-1:00pm | Schwartzman Commons Elm Cafe

Calling all Yale undergrads! We love good questions and real theology here, so let's discuss the big topics together. This semester we're looking at key ideas in the New Testament. We'll meet at the Schwartzman Commons Underground Cafe. Email Craig (Craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org) for more details.

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

We're excited for our 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. We will attend Compline on Wednesdays (8pm) throughout March, and meet as Grad students on Thursdays at 7:30pm beginning in April (except for Holy Week). 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.

- April 14 - "1984" and "Animal Farm" by George Orwell
- May 12 - "Lilith" by George MacDonald
- *On break June, July, August*

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!

