

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 podcasts.cpcnewhaven.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.

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

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: Isaiah 9:2,6

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

**People: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

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

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Blessed are the merciful / Blessed are the merciful
Blessed are the merciful / For they shall receive mercy mercy

Forgive us as we forgive / Those who sin against us
(Repeat)

Lord have mercy on us / Show Your mercy through us
(Repeat)

Mercy

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: Heavenly Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;

People: We have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.” (Psalm 118:14)

IN CHRIST ALONE

**In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground.
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace.
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All.
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh.
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness.
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died.
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay.
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day.
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory.
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine.
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death.
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man.
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home.
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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

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: 1 Kings 8:22-34

New Testament: John 2:13-22

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Behold Our Temple! Confident Access and Forgiveness in the Person of Jesus Rev. Craig Luekens John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 and will have a chance to engage with it during our weekly Sermon Discussion. You may also view a recorded version of the service or subscribe to our podcasts at podcasts.cpcnewhaven.org.

For families worshipping 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)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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.

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christian, what do you believe about the Church?

People: The Christian Church is the community of brethren in which, in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ acts in the present as Lord.... As the Church of pardoned sinners, it belongs to him alone and lives and may live by his comfort and under his direction alone, in expectation of his appearing.

(Taken From Barmen Declaration of 1934, Article 3)

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.

BREAD OF THE WORLD IN MERCY BROKEN

**Bread of the world, in mercy broken
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed
By Whom the words of life were spoken
And in Whose death our sins are dead**

**Have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us**

**Look on the heart by sorrow broken
Look on the tears by sinners shed
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed**

**Have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us**

**Here is mercy, here is mercy
Here is mercy for us**

**So let us come to the feast of Jesus
Let us eat of the Bread of Life
Let us drink of the wine, His blood
To talk and dine with Jesus Christ**

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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

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

**All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace.
And crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace.
And crown him Lord of all!**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all;
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all!**

**Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.**

BENEDICTION

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5-6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAYS

- **9:30am Sunday School Before Worship:** Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sermon Discussion (of the previous week's sermon), children in assigned classrooms.
- **12:00pm Lunch After Worship:** Join us for ziti and salad from Yorkside Pizza! Next week is a **fall harvest potluck, text LUNCH to 860-467-0010 to sign up** (the next potluck is 11/20). Suggested donation of \$5 per meal, with a maximum of \$20 per household (guests and kids eat free). *Don't let costs hinder you from joining, we'd love to have you come anyway!*

NEW HERE?

Fill out a Welcome Card from the pew and return it to the Welcome Bar in the foyer. Also, add to your calendar to **join us for a "Newcomer's Lunch" on 10/9** in the Lecture Room to learn more about CPC and meet some of our leadership teams.

LIFE GROUPS

Our vision is that everyone would be connected to the heartbeat of our church family through a Life Group. **If you haven't found one yet**, text LIFEGROUPS to 860-467-0010 or see a list in the foyer. Life groups are authentic and small gatherings where we experience and share Christ.

CPC CONNECT

Share an event or invitation with the whole congregation on our CPC Connect Board in the foyer. For digital distribution, email Colleen (c.mccormack418@gmail.com). Our online Connect Board is coming soon.

SAVE THE DATES

Make sure these events are on your calendar now for June 2023! They are our **30th Anniversary Celebration Weekend** and our annual **Impact Week**. Check the "Upcoming Events" section for dates, or text EVENTS to 860-467-0010 for our online calendar.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIRECTORY AVAILABLE: The Fall 2022 Directory of Members and Regular Attenders is now available and has been distributed via email to those who are in it. If you would like a hard copy there are few available at the Welcome Bar - just ask one of the Welcome Team members there to grab it for you. If you did not receive a copy via email and would like to be included in the future, email admin@cpcnewhaven.org.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the foyer closet! There is quite the collection of mugs and other personal items. Take what's yours by 10/9 and the rest will be donated.

NEW HERE?

1. **Text NEWHERE to 860-467-0010 or Submit a Welcome Card!** We would love 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 NEWHERE to 860-467-0010 to connect.
2. **Check Out a Life Group!** See the inside front cover of this bulletin for a list of all of our Life Groups. If you would like help discerning which group may be a good fit, contact Pastor Craig Luekens (craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org). Or you can text LIFEGROUPS to 860-467-0010
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. Contact Annie McHugh (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org) to begin the process.

LIFE GROUPS

Downtown New Haven Life Group

Contact: Tyler Rice | tylerarice@gmail.com

Meets: Weekly on Thursdays at 7:30pm, location varies from week to week.

Hamden Cheshire Life Group

Contact: Julie Walker | walkerfj@comcast.net

Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 2pm at different members' homes.

East Rock Life Group

Contact: Kaitlyn Jessee | kaijessee@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, either mid or late afternoon.

Shoreline Saturday Life Group (Madison)

Contact: Lisa Tweed | hatwik@aol.com

Meets: 2nd Saturday of each month from 4:30pm-7:30pm.

Shoreline Sunday Life Group (Guilford)

Contact: Peggy Kebabian | kebastianp@gmail.com

Meets: Twice monthly, once on Sunday at 1pm and once on a weeknight at 7:30pm.

Trumbull Life Group

Contact: Stacy Roney | mrsprofdoc@icloud.com

Meets: 2nd Sunday of each month from 5pm-6:30pm.

West Side Life Group (West Haven)

Contact: Miranda Healy | mirandajrtn8@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd Sunday of each month at 4pm.

ONGOING WEEKLY

Pastoral Counseling Available: 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. Sign-up confidentially at cpcnewhaven.org/pastoral-counseling or text PASTORCONSULT to 860-467-0010.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9 | **Newcomer Lunch** | After Worship | Lecture Room

Grab lunch and join us to learn more about CPC and meet some of our leadership teams.

November 24 | **Thanksgiving Fellowship Meals** | Various Times and Locations

An opportunity to join or host others in the congregation for a Thanksgiving meal. In November, you'll be able to sign-up online, or via the form in the bulletin, or by contacting admin@cpcnewhaven.org. Initial matches will be made the week of 11/14, but you may continue to sign-up through the 20th.

December 3 | **Work Day and Decor Set-Up** | 9am - 12pm | CPC Building and Grounds

This is our annual winter Work Day and Christmas Decor Set-Up! From 9am-12noon come and Deck the Halls in preparation for the Christmas season, and tackle some house-keeping projects for all skill levels and hand sizes, including leaf pick-up.

June 16-18 2023 | **CPC's 30th Anniversary Celebration Weekend** | Save the Date!

June 26-30 2023 | **Impact Week** | Save the Date! | Join CPC for a week of service to our city.

KEYWORDS TO TEXT CPC AT: 860-467-0010

- **PRAY** | Submit prayers to be prayed for weekly by staff and sent out to the congregation.
- **PASTORCONSULT** | Meet with a pastor for anything from spiritual issues to membership.
- **SERMONQUESTION** | Send the pastors your sermon questions and they'll respond.
- **GIVE** | Set up an account to be able to give solely through interactions in your text app.
- **NEWHERE** | Send us your info to join our mailing lists and get connected.
- **LIFEGROUPS** | Find a group and reach out to join.

MINISTRY GROUPS

Youth | Sunday School and One-on-One Discipleship: Youth ministry at CPC takes place primarily through our Sunday School lessons and one-on-one discipleship with youth pastor Jerry Ornelas. Special events and seasonal activities will also happen throughout the year. Contact: Jerry.Ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org

College | Weekly CPC @Yale: Digging Deep, “Hot Takes on Christianity”: Join students and pastor Craig on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Commons for an active discussion on important, yet controversial topics like Exclusivity and Pluralism, Suffering, Hell, and Sexuality. A great opportunity to dig deeper into important issues and apply Christ to all parts of our life. You’re encouraged to bring your own questions too. All students are welcome! Contact: Craig.Luekens@cpcnewhaven.org

Graduate Students | Every Other Week Small Group: Our bi-weekly small group with graduate students (and significant others!) meets 7:30pm on Thursdays (beginning 9/15) in the CPC Fellowship Hall. 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.Luekens@cpcnewhaven.org

CPC ONLINE

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

