

# 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](https://cpcnewhaven.org/live). You may also view a recorded version or listen to our sermons at [podcasts.cpcnewhaven.org](https://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: Adapted from John 1:14-23

Leader: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

**People: We have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.**

Leader: "Make straight the way of the Lord."

## O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace**

**My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name**

**So come on and sing out  
Let our anthem grow loud  
There is one great love  
There is one great love  
Jesus**

**Jesus, the name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears  
'Tis life and health and peace**

**He breaks the power of canceled sin  
He sets the prisoners free  
His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me  
Chorus**

**He speaks and listening to His voice  
New life the dead receive  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice  
The humble poor believe**

**Glory to God and praise and love  
Be ever, ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above  
The church in earth and Heav'n  
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*

## FRESH WIND

**Spirit sound rushing wind  
Fire of God fall within  
Holy Ghost breathe on us we pray  
As we repent turn from sin  
Revival embers smouldering  
Breath of God fan us into flame**

**We need a fresh wind  
The fragrance of heaven  
Pour your spirit out  
Pour your spirit out**

**For hearts that burn with holy fear  
Purified in faith and deed  
Refiner's fire strengthen what remains  
So we the church who bear your light  
Lamp aflame city bright  
King and kingdom come is what we pray**

**We need a fresh wind  
The fragrance of heaven  
Pour your spirit out**

**Pour your spirit out  
A holy anointing  
The power of your presence  
Pour your spirit out  
Pour your spirit out**

**Let all the redeemed  
Prophecy and sing  
We can hear the wind  
Blowing blowing blowing  
Move upon our praise  
Sons and daughters sing  
We can hear the wind  
Blowing blowing (blowing)  
Chorus**

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

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

**People:** **Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

*Silent Reflection*

**Indeed, we were born guilty, sinners when our mothers conceived us. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirits within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us, we pray through Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us, even our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Based on Psalm 51)

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.” (Romans 5:1, 10)

## AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

**And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing Love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),  
Humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all immense and free; O my God, it found out me.  
Chorus**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.  
Chorus**

**No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Chorus**



*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: Daniel 7:9-18

New Testament: John 5:17-47

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## SERMON

### “Taking Jesus Seriously: The Bold Yet Humble Claims of Christ”

Rev. Craig Luekens

John 5:17-47

<sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

<sup>18</sup> This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

<sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. <sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. <sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

<sup>25</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

<sup>30</sup> “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>31</sup> If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. <sup>32</sup> There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. <sup>33</sup> You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. <sup>34</sup> Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup> He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. <sup>36</sup> But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear

witness about me that the Father has sent me.<sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen,<sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.<sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,<sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.<sup>41</sup> I do not receive glory from people.<sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God within you.<sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him.<sup>44</sup> How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?<sup>45</sup> Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.<sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.<sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?" (ESV)

## SERMON NOTES

*“He believes ardently in what he teaches, but he is not a fanatic. Some of what he has to say is unpopular, but he is not eccentric. There is as much evidence for his humanity as for his divinity. He gets tired. He needs to sleep and eat and drink like other people. He experiences the human emotions of love and anger, joy and sorrow. He is fully human. Yet he is no mere man. Above all, he is unselfish. Perhaps nothing strikes us more than this. Although he clearly believed himself to be divine, he did not put on airs or stand on his dignity. He was never pompous. There was no touch of self-importance about Jesus. He was humble. It is this paradox which is so amazing, this combination of the self-centeredness of his teaching and the unself-centeredness of his behavior. In thought he put himself first; in deed last. He exhibited both the greatest self-esteem and the greatest self-sacrifice. He knew himself to be the Lord of all, but he became their servant. He said that he would one day come to judge the world, but he washed the feet of his friends.”*

- John Stott, *Basic Christianity*

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](http://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](http://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: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**People: That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully paid for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; moreover, that all things must work together for my salvation, and by His Holy Spirit, Christ also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live for Him.**

(Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1)

## 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.

## **THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD**

**There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins.  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains.  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day.  
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away.  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away.  
And there may I though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away.**

**Dear dying Lamb thy precious blood shall never lose its power.  
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.  
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more.  
Till all the ransomed Church of God,  
Be saved to sin no more.**

**E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply.  
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die.  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.**

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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 GLORY AND PRAISE**

**All glory and praise to the Ancient of Days,  
Who was born and was slain to redeem a lost race.**

**Salvation to God, Who carried our load,  
And purchased our lives with the price of His blood.  
And shall He not have The lives which He gave  
Such an infinite ransom forever to save?**

**Yes, Lord, we are Thine,  
And gladly resign  
Our souls to be fill'd with the fulness Divine.  
Because Christ has died,  
Christ is Risen,  
Christ will come again**

**We yield Thee Thine own, we serve Thee alone,  
Thy will upon earth as in heaven be done.**

**How, when it shall be  
We cannot foresee;  
But oh! let us live, let us die unto Thee.  
Because Christ has died,  
Christ is Risen,  
Christ will come again**

## BENEDICTION

“Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.”  
(Ephesians 6:24)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

**Today after worship** join us for party subs and sides! 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!* (To sign up for the next potluck on 11/20 text LUNCH to 860-467-0010.)

## **NEWCOMER'S LUNCH**

**Today is our Newcomer's Lunch!** Grab your lunch and meet in the Lecture Room. This is a great opportunity to connect, learn about CPC, and meet some of our shepherds and leaders. Also, make sure to fill out a Welcome Card from the pew and return it to the Welcome Bar in the foyer, and pick up a gift just for you!

## **CPC FAIRFIELD'S SERVICE OF ORGANIZATION**

**Join us tonight at 4pm** at 3160 Park Ave. in Bridgeport to celebrate the particularization of CPC Fairfield - one of our church plants is becoming their own church and ordaining their own elders! A meal will follow, all are invited to attend.

## **YOU'VE GOT MAIL**

**Reach out by the end of day today** to help write letters to our college kids! One significant way we at CPC can encourage our covenant children off at college is by sending them letters of encouragement. College years are formative years and as their church family we have a great opportunity to help them along in their journey into adulthood. If anyone would like to write a letter to college students please contact Jerry Ornelas at [jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org). He will connect you with a student and pass along their mailing address.

## **THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

**This is an opportunity to join or host others** in the congregation for a Thanksgiving meal. To sign up, text THANKSGIVING to 860-467-0010 or use the form in the bulletin (place completed forms in the offering or in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary). Initial matches will be made the week of 11/14, but you may continue to sign-up through the 20th.

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**LIFE GROUPS:** 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.

**BOH ZOOM PRAYER MEETING:** This Thursday 11/10 at 7pm join all of our Bridges of Hope congregations for a Monthly Zoom Prayer Meeting, to include a brief devotional, followed by prayer. These virtual prayer meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month from 7pm-7:30pm through May. Zoom Meeting ID: 920 2624 6521; Passcode: 930131.

**ONLINE CONNECT BOARD:** Go to [connect.cpcnewhaven.org](https://connect.cpcnewhaven.org) to share an event or invitation with the whole congregation, and/or post it on the physical board in the foyer. Click the "Get Notified" button to join the group via CCB (Church Community Builder) and receive weekly email notifications and to send new event details out in real time. Questions? Email Colleen ([c.mccormack418@gmail.com](mailto:c.mccormack418@gmail.com)).



## NEW HERE?

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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](mailto: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](mailto:annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org)) to begin the process.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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*All 2022-2023 events can be found at [cpcnewhaven.org/events](http://cpcnewhaven.org/events).*

November 10 | **BOH Zoom Prayer Meeting** | 7pm | ID: 920 2624 6521; Passcode: 930131

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November 13 | **Membership Joining** | During Worship

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

An opportunity to join or host others in the congregation for a Thanksgiving meal. To sign up, text THANKSGIVING to 860-467-0010 or use the form in the bulletin (place completed forms in the offering or in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary). Initial matches will be made the week of 11/14, but you may 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.

# ONGOING WEEKLY

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**Sundays at 8:30am | Prayer:** Come at 8:30am and join us for prayer in the Parlor before Sunday School starts at 9:30am. All are welcome to join!

**Sundays at 9:30am | Sunday School:** 9:30am before worship, adults meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sermon Discussion (of the previous week's sermon), children in assigned classrooms.

**Tuesdays at 2pm | Smokin' Theologians:** The Smokin' Theologians Podcast is back for Season 3, and records weekly in downtown New Haven at the Owl Shop. Find them on YouTube Live, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts. This season's long form conversation, hosted by curious layman, Alex Gonzalez, and learned Theologian, Rev. Dr. Preston Graham, will cover wild and confusing stories from the Bible. Submit your stories to [holler@smokintheologians.com](mailto:holler@smokintheologians.com). All are invited to attend the live recording every Tuesday at 2pm at The Owl Shop (268 College St, New Haven).

**Various Times | 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](http://cpcnewhaven.org/pastoral-counseling) or text PASTORCONSULT to 860-467-0010.

## 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 [podcasts.cpcnewhaven.org](http://podcasts.cpcnewhaven.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 YouTube Playlist:** Enjoy the songs we regularly sing at CPC from home with our 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").



# KEYWORDS TO TEXT CPC AT: 860-467-0010

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- **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

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Craig.Luekens@cpcnewhaven.org)

# LIFE GROUPS

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## **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 | blueprintlearns@gmail.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, 2nd Wed. at 7:30pm via Zoom, and the 4th Sun. at 1pm in person.

## **Trumbull Life Group**

Contact: Stacy Roney | mrsprofdoc@icloud.com

Meets: Twice monthly, once on the 2nd Saturday at 6pm, and another time for a joint activity.

## **West Side Life Group (Woodbridge/Westville)**

Contact: Miranda Healy | mirandajrdn8@gmail.com

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



