# 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

# 1. 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 22:22-23, 25-28

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I

will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him!

People: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all

you offspring of Israel!

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will

perform before those who fear him.

People: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall

praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all

the families of the nations shall worship before you.

People: For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (#100)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

#### **GENTLE & HUMBLE IN HEART**

Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and

I will give you rest, I will give you rest, rest

So take my yoke upon you and learn from me For I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find Rest for your souls, rest for your souls, rest

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light For my yoke is easy and my burden is light My burden is light, my burden is light, light Rest for your souls, rest for your souls, rest

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#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

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

People: O great and everlasting God, who dwells in unapproachable light, who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, or with all our soul, or with all our mind, or with all our strength, or our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with Your provisions for us.

(Silent Reflection)

We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in You, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach you through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

(Based upon Deuteronomy 6 and Hebrews 7)

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

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost." (1 Timothy 1:15)

#### **SOVEREIGN OVER US**

There is strength within the sorrow There is beauty in our tears And You meet us in our mourning With a love that casts out fear

You are working in our waiting

Sanctifying us When beyond our understanding You're teaching us to trust

Your plans are still to prosper You've not forgotten us You're with us in the fire and the flood Faithful forever perfect in love You are sovereign over us

You are wisdom unimagined Who could understand Your ways Reigning high above the heavens Reaching down in endless grace

You're the lifter of the lowly Compassionate and kind You surround and You uphold me And Your promises are my delight Chorus

Even what the enemy means for evil You turn it for our good You turn it for our good **And for Your glory** Even in the valley You are faithful You're working for our good You're working for our good And for Your glory (repeat) Chorus

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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: Psalm 78:21-25 New Testament: John 6:22-59

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

### "Bubble Gum That Never Loses Its Flavor & Man's Search for Satisfaction" Rev. Jerry Ornelas John 6:22-59

<sup>22</sup> On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them,

"Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—<sup>46</sup> not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. (ESV)

SERMON NOTES
Text SERMONQUESTION to 860-467-0010 and follow the prompts to submit your question, then the pastor will be in touch this week 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 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

#### **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: Christians, what do you believe?

People: I believe that our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. I

believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that God, out of his mere good pleasure from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, to deliver them out of sin and misery and to bring them into salvation by our redeemer, Jesus Christ. I believe in the life everlasting, where the souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the final resurrection and the full enjoyment of God to all storpity. (Soloctions from Wostminster Standards)

**God to all eternity.** (Selections from Westminster Standards)

#### 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

<u>Prayer for those searching:</u> 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.

<u>Prayer for belief:</u> 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.

#### **JESUS I AM RESTING, RESTING**

Jesus I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart. Thou has bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul, For by Thy transforming power Thou hast made me whole.

O how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea. O how marvelous Thy goodness lavished all on me. Yes, I rest in Thee Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine, Know Thy certainty of promise; Thou hast made it mine.

> Jesus I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art, And Thy love, so pure, so changless, satisfies my heart; Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need, Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed! Chorus

Whole!
We are whole!
We are whole when our eyes are filled with Christ our Lord (repeat)

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee; Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee. Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face, Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace Chorus

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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!"

#### **ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST**

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

> All glory be to Christ our king All glory be to Christ His rule and reign we'll ever sing All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ Chorus

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e're his people be

#### All glory be to Christ Chorus

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#### **BENEDICTION**

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

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#### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

- Today after worship join us for a potluck lunch!
- No Sunday School or Lunch next week (or 8:30am prayer) on 11/27.

#### 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 link in the event details at cpcnewhaven.org/events. Please submit final responses by this evening.

#### **WORK DAY AND DECOR SET-UP**

Saturday December 4th from 9am-12pm is our annual winter Work Day and Christmas Decor Set-Up! 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.

#### **LOVING CPC IN THE HILL**

Please join us in sharing our tenth year of Christmas joy with wonderful families from New Haven's Hill community! In the spirit of empowerment, the Hill Christmas Store offers gifts at a very reduced price that will be bought by families in the Hill for their children for Christmas.

- **Give:** Just take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the CPC foyer, and return it with an unwrapped gift with a value of \$15 or more for a child in the designated category (e.g., "Girl, 9-14"). Recommended gifts include learning games, diverse dolls, basketballs, footballs, etc., with a more complete list of possibilities available at the foyer display. Please return your gift with the ornament to the foyer display area by Sunday, December 4th. If you have any questions please reach out to Kaitlyn Jessee (kaijessee@gmail.com).
- **Sing:** We are also organizing a group of carolers to sing at the Hill Christmas Store on Saturday December 10th. Reach out to Josh Sanders (joshuatsanders@yahoo.com).

#### **PRAYER AND ANOINTING FOR HEALING**

Our Shepherd Leaders would love to visit you if you are in need of healing, to pray for you and anoint you with oil (James 5:13-15). It would involve a brief prayer service, naming of the needs for healing, and placing oil upon the sick. In the past we've had a public healing service, and this year it's on an individual needs basis. If you're interested, please email Annie to set up a day and time (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org).

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**ONLINE CONNECT BOARD:** Go to **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).



#### NEW HERE?

- 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.
- 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.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

All 2022-2023 events can be found at cpcnewhaven.org/events.

- 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.
- December 8 | **BOH Zoom Prayer Meeting** | 7pm | ID: 920 2624 6521; Passcode: 930131 Join all 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.
- December 9 | Lessons and Carols Service | 6pm | CPC Sanctuary

  Join us for a traditional service of Lessons and Carols. Stay afterwards as we fellowship indoors and out with crafts, fire pits, hot cocoa, s'mores, and holiday treats!
- December 11 | Final Sunday School (and full Sunday Schedule) of 2022 | Resumes 1/8/23
- December 11 | **Newcomer Lunch** | After Worship

  Grab lunch and join us to learn more about CPC and meet some of our leadership teams.
- January 8 | **Decor Take Down** | 9am | CPC Building and Grounds Come help take down our holiday decor; if you missed the setup this is a great opportunity to contribute this season.
- 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

**RESUMES 12/4** | **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!

<u>RESUMES 12/4</u> | 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.

RESUMES 12/6 | 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. 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 or text PASTORCONSULT to 860-467-0010.

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**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 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").



#### 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** | We've changed our weekly plan to several different options. If interested in Graduate student ministry, please contact Pastor Craig (Craig.Luekens@cpcnewhaven.org).

#### 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 | blueprintlearns@gmail.com

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

#### **Shoreline Sunday Life Group (Guilford)**

Contact: Peggy Kebabian | kebabianp@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.