

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: Psalm 33:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him the harp of ten strings!

Leader: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

**Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains**

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?**

Refrain

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

Refrain

**See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth
Sister, brother, lend your aid
Sing with us our Savior's birth**

Refrain

In a word or a phrase, lift up praises to the living God.

II. Rediscovering God's Grace

Entering God's presence naturally leads us to face our sin, yet in Christ we do so both mournfully and courageously, with the knowledge that his abundant mercy awaits. God makes it safe to be honest, real, and transparent about our moral failures and brokenness because we have nothing to prove or hide in Christ.

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals... "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Revelation 5:1-5

GRANT US THY GRACE

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

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

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

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

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: Eternal Father, you are good beyond all thought, but we are sinful and blind. Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring our souls to you. Break them, wound them, bend them, mold them. Unmask to us sin's deformity, that we may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.

People: **We have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls, yet daily we violate and condemn its precepts.**

silent reflection

Leader: All these sins we mourn, lament, and for them cry, "Pardon." Work in us more profound and abiding repentance; give us the fullness of a godly grief which is ever powerful, and ever confident.

People: **Grant that our repentance will enable us to see more clearly the brightness and glory of the cross of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, [will] purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!"
(Hebrews 9:14)

HIS MERCY IS MORE

**Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more**

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
Chorus**

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
Chorus**

**What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
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: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

New Testament: John 7:1-31

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

“Do We Oppose Jesus? Let Us Count the Ways!”

Rev. Craig Luekens

John 7:1-31

¹ After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. ² Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. ³ So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing." ⁴ For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵ For not even his brothers believed in him. ⁶ Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. ⁸ You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." ⁹ After saying this, he remained in Galilee. ¹⁰ But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. ¹¹ The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" ¹² And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray." ¹³ Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

¹⁴ About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. ¹⁵ The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" ¹⁶ So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. ¹⁸ The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. ¹⁹ Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" ²⁰ The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" ²¹ Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. ²² Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. ²³ If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? ²⁴ Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

²⁵ Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?" ²⁶ And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? ²⁷ But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." ²⁸ So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from.

But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know.
²⁹ I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." ³⁰ So they were seeking to arrest him,
but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. ³¹ Yet many of the
people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this
man has done?"

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)

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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: Christians, what do you believe?

People: I believe that there is but one God only, the living and true God. And there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that we are justified as an act of God's free grace, wherein he forgives all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us and received by faith alone, and that we have a right to all the privileges of a child of God. I believe that believers are being renewed in the whole person after the image of God and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness, and at their death the souls of believers are made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory, and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection, and that at such day we are made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

(Taken from Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 5-6, 33-38)

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.

WE ABIDE WE ABIDE IN YOU

**We are the vineyard You have planted
Tend our leaves and wild branches
We abide we abide in You
We abide we abide in You**

**Fruit growing from our strength and labor
Rain on us with grace and favor
We abide we abide in You
We abide we abide in You**

**Where can my soul find living water
Apart from You we bear no fruit
O plant my feet down by the river
We abide we abide in You**

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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

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

**On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye.
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.**

**All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.**

**No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, Can reach that healthful shore,
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
Chorus**

**When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blest,
When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest.
Chorus**

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BENEDICTION

"Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come."
(Revelation 1:4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE - THROUGH 12/11

- **8:30am | Prayer:** Meet in the Parlor
- **9:30am | Sunday School:** Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall, children in various classes.
- **12:00pm | Fellowship Lunch:** Join us today for meatball subs, ravioli, and salad!

LOVING CPC IN THE HILL

Gifts due today! 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:** Any questions, contact Kaitlyn Jessee (kaijessee@gmail.com). If you have a last minute gift, contact Annie (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org) to arrange drop off.
- **Sing:** To join our group of carolers at the Hill Christmas Store on Saturday December 10th reach out to Josh Sanders (joshuatsanders@yahoo.com).

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

Our annual Lessons and Carols Service is this Friday 12/9 at 6pm followed by our Christmas Party! **Help make the merry by signing up to contribute** via our webpage for all things Christmas at CPC (use the QR code or visit cpcnewhaven.org/christmas). Other Christmas highlights on that page include: Advent Devotional from Biola University, holiday outreach events, the homeless drive, and special schedules.



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" next Sunday 12/11** in the Lecture Room to learn more about CPC and meet some of our leadership teams.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Special Christmas Offering: Please consider giving what you can above your regular church support to CPC's Special Christmas Offering. You may designate your gift to the funds listed below. *Note: All other general undesignated year-end giving (not associated with the Christmas Offering) that is given through our normal methods of collection will be applied where there is most need.*



- **Christmas Offering: Mercy Fund** | A gift to the Mercy Fund is split between New Haven's Mercy Fund and the CPC S. CT Mercy Fund to help meet approved financial mercy requests (including use during Impact Week for mercy projects). This allows us to balance caring for the needs of the whole church and the needs of each congregation.
- **Christmas Offering: Mission Anabaino** | Mission Anabaino is CPC New Haven's church planting ministry. A gift will help contribute to a 150k new church planting grant, MA's operating and recruitment, and help support CPC in the Hill's annual budget.
- **Christmas Offering: Undesignated** | This year your undesignated gift will be applied to our general operating budget (rather than divided amongst the available funds listed above). A gift in this category will be able to be used where there is most need.

Ways to Give:

- **Check:** Write your designation in the memo (see above options) and give at any time via the Sunday collections throughout December or by mail (Christ Presbyterian Church, 135 Whitney Ave., New Haven, CT 06510).
- **Online:** Visit cpcnewhaven.org/special-offering and select "Give Now."
- **Text-to-Give:** Text GIVE to 860-467-0010 and follow the prompts to accept texts, set up mobile giving, and designate funds. You can save card or bank information for future giving. If it is your first time texting us, after you are prompted to opt-in you will need to text GIVE again to initiate the giving process.
- **Non-Cash Gifts:** CPC friends and members may utilize the PCA Foundation to assist with processing non-cash gifts (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and real estate) to support the work of the church. Simply call (800-700-3221), email (pcaf@pcanet.org), or visit their website (pcafoundation.com). They've helped process more than \$150M in gifts to advance God's kingdom.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOH ZOOM PRAYER MEETING: This Thursday 12/8 at 7pm 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.

HOMELESS DRIVE AT CPC: We will be collecting items for the homeless population from 11/27 through 1/1. Items needed include: blankets, sleeping bags, hats, gloves, coats, socks, boots, tents, backpacks/duffle bags, toiletries, non non-perishable food items. Please wash any used items and leave them in the box labeled "Homeless Drive" in the coat closet or foyer. All items will be delivered to the Cornell Scott - Hill Health Center Homeless team who will distribute them to those in need. "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard" Isaiah 58:7-8. Contact Anna (asgraham07@gmail.com) with any questions.

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.

CONNECT BOARD: This holiday season 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).



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.

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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). 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.

CPC ONLINE

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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").



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

December 8 | **BOH Zoom Prayer Meeting** | 7pm | ID: 920 2624 6521; Passcode: 930131

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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! **Help make the merry by signing up to contribute** via our webpage for all things Christmas at CPC (cpcnewhaven.org/christmas).

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 7 | **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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday Schedule (Prayer/Sunday School/Lunch): Last Sunday 12/11/22 | Resumes 1/8/23

Christmas Break: 12/26 - 12/30 the building will be closed, appointments may be made individually with staff.

ONGOING WEEKLY

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. 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.

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).