

# 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 worshipping 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: Psalm 95:1-7

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

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

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**People: O come, let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

## 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, 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 pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.  
So, come on and sing out, let our anthem grow loud,  
There is one great love,  
There is one great love, Jesus.**

**He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.  
So come on, and sing out, let our anthem grow loud  
There is one great love  
There is one great love  
Oh, there is one great love, Jesus.**

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

# II. Rediscovering God's Grace

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

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

PEACE, LORD

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

**Not as the world gives  
but sure as your Son lives  
so may we have his peace with us.**

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

**Not as the world gives  
but sure as your Son lives  
so may we have his peace with us.**

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

**May the peace of Christ comfort our hearts, comfort our minds.  
May the love of Christ move in our hands, move in our lives.  
May the work of Christ lead us through death, lead us to life.  
May the peace of Christ comfort our hearts, comfort our minds.  
Refrain**

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

Leader: We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer.

**People: Our natures are corrupt and sinful, prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil.**

Leader: Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts.

**People: We have burdened ourselves with that care which you have commanded us to cast upon you. We have failed in our duties one to another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works.**

Leader: We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and we are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you. We beseech you—

**People: Forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in Him who died to make peace and lives to make intercession for us. Amen.**

*(Adapted from Matthew Henry)*

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.” (Psalm 32:1-2)

## NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**For my cleansing this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my pardon this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Glory, glory thus I sing, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
All my praise for this I bring, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Words and Music by Robert Lowry CCLI Song #21332



*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: Ezekiel 37:24-28

New Testament: John 14:1-31

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

SERMON

"Rejoice in the Spirit! The Continuing Power and Presence of Christ in Us"

Rev. Craig Luekens

John 14:1-31

<sup>1</sup> "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."



<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here. (ESV)

## SERMON NOTES

*“Pentecost is Christ’s personal coming to the church as the life-giving Spirit. The Spirit of Pentecost is the resurrection life of Christ, the life of the exalted Christ. . . . There is an absolute coalescence, a total congruence in the church between the work of the exalted Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Spirit is not some addendum to the work of Christ. It is not some more or less independent sphere of activity that goes beyond or supplements what Christ has done. The Spirit’s work is not a ‘bonus’ added to the basic salvation secured by Christ. Rather the coming of the Spirit brings to light not only that Christ has lived and has done certain things, but that he, as the source of eschatological life, now lives and is at work in the church. . . . The gift of the Spirit is nothing less than the gift of Christ himself to the church.”*

*- Richard Gaffin, Perspectives on Pentecost*

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)

## 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.*

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

## DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**People: I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment. I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus partake of his anointing. He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by his word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in that salvation, he has purchased for us.**

(Heidelberg Catechism Questions 56, 31, 32)

## 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 baptized Christians who have professed faith are invited to come forward to receive Christ's body and blood by the Holy Spirit.*

*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.

## O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!**

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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

## ANCIENT OF DAYS

**Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto the Ancient of Days.**

**From ev'ry nation, all of creation, bow before the Ancient of Days.**

**Chorus: Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth, shall declare Your glory.**

**Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship.**

**You will be exalted, O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto the Ancient of Days.**

**From ev'ry nation, all of creation, bow before the Ancient of Days.**

**Chorus**

**Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth.**

**Sing unto the Ancient of Days.**

**For none can compare to Your matchless worth.**

**Sing unto the Ancient of Days.**

**Chorus**

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## BENEDICTION

"Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible." (Eph 6:24)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## **FELLOWSHIP MEAL EVERY SUNDAY**

Join us for a fellowship lunch after worship every Sunday downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation of \$5 per meal, 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!*

## **HOLY WEEK AT CPC**

- **Holy Week Devotional:** journey together through the week with a custom CPC devotional featuring scripture, reflections, prayers, space for note taking.
- **Good Friday Service 4/7 at 7pm:** A contemplative service intent on considering the weight of Christ's death and our part in it.
- **Children's Egg Hunt 4/8 at 11am:** We are offering a community Easter egg hunt on the lawn at CPC! Kids (age 10 and under) are invited to join the egg hunt. This will be an excellent event to invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends with children to.
- **Easter Sunday Worship Service 4/9 at 10:30am:** There is no Sunday School on this day.
- **Easter In-Home Fellowship Meals 4/9 at Various Times & Locations:** An opportunity to join or host others in the congregation for an Easter meal. Sign-up at [cpcnewhaven.org/events](http://cpcnewhaven.org/events) in the event details, or text EASTER to 860-467-0010. Initial matches will be made the week of 3/27 to help you plan.

## **REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

CPC is turning 30 and we want you to celebrate with us Friday 6/16 - Sunday 6/18! See the section for "*CPC'S 30th Anniversary Weekend*" for all the details.

- **Host Homes:** Would you like to volunteer to host an out-of-town family at your house for the weekend? Be in touch with Cyndi Taylor ([cynthiastaylor@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiastaylor@gmail.com)) or Ruth Phillips ([rmfphillips@gmail.com](mailto:rmfphillips@gmail.com)) as soon as possible and we'll begin making matches as needed.
- **Photos:** Do you have photos from the past 5, 10, or 30 years of people and events at CPC? Well we want to see them! We plan to use some in slide shows, on posters, or in our special yearbook to celebrate our 30 years together as Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven. To upload photos, go to the photo section of our 30th Anniversary webpage ([connect.cpcnewhaven.org/30year](http://connect.cpcnewhaven.org/30year)), or scan the QR code in the "30th" section.

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**LIFE GROUPS:** Do you have a group for the new year? If not, to find one 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:** Looking to connect? Text CONNECT to 860-467-0010 (or go to [connect.cpcnewhaven.org](http://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 meet one-on-one with a pastor and then 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.



# CPC'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND JUNE 16 - 18 2023

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CPC is turning 30 and we want you to celebrate with us Friday 6/16 - Sunday 6/18! We are planning a celebration weekend for our church family near and far and invite you to join us as we reconnect with alumni, worship together and have a fun-filled weekend with opportunities to visit with others, Saturday evening dinner and dancing, ending with worship and Sunday lunch. RSVP and register by May 15th at: [connect.cpcnewhaven.org/30year](https://connect.cpcnewhaven.org/30year)



## **Friday Evening**

Welcome Gathering | CPC | 7:00pm

## **Saturday Daytime**

Optional Activities | Various Locations and Times

## **Saturday Evening**

Worship and Reflection Service | CPC | 4:00pm

Dinner and Dancing | New Haven Country Club | 6:00pm

## **Sunday Morning**

Sunday Worship | CPC | 10:30am

Fellowship Lunch | CPC | 12:00pm

**WEEKEND REGISTRATION:** Adult: \$120 | Child (6-11 years): \$60 | Child (5 and under): free

**HOST HOMES:** Would you like to volunteer to host an out-of-town family at your house for the weekend? Be in touch with Cyndi Taylor ([cynthiastaylor@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiastaylor@gmail.com)) or Ruth Phillips ([rmfphillips@gmail.com](mailto:rmfphillips@gmail.com)) as soon as possible; we'll begin making matches as the needs arise.

**PHOTOS:** Do you have photos from the past 5, 10, or 30 years of people and events at CPC? Well we want to see them! They will be shared with all who log into the google webpage much like we do for Impact Week. We plan to use some in slide shows, on posters, or in our special yearbook to celebrate our 30 years together as Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We want to see CPC's past, present and how much we have touched the lives of those who have made a difference in our world. To upload photos, go to the photo section of our 30th Anniversary webpage ([connect.cpcnewhaven.org/30year](https://connect.cpcnewhaven.org/30year)), or scan the QR code on this page.

**QUESTIONS:** Ask Annie ([annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org)) or Meg ([mhbogue@yahoo.com](mailto:mhbogue@yahoo.com)).

# 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 a sermon discussion on the previous week's sermon, children meet in assigned classrooms.

**Sundays at 12:00pm | Fellowship Lunch:** Join us weekly for a meal!

**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

02 April | **Holy Week Devotional** | Available in Foyer 4/2

Journey together through Holy Week with a custom CPC devotional featuring scripture, reflections, prayers, space for note taking, and daily pastoral videos.

07 April | **Good Friday** | 7pm | Sanctuary

A contemplative service intent on considering the weight of Christ's death and our part in it. *There will be no nursery provided this evening.*

08 April | **Children's Egg Hunt** | 11am | Lawn

We will be offering a community Easter egg hunt at CPC! Kids (age 10 and under) are invited to join the egg hunt. This will be an excellent event to invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends with children to.

09 April | **Easter In-Home Fellowship Meals** | Various Times & Locations

An opportunity to join or host others in the congregation for an Easter meal. Sign up now with your bulletin insert (drop completed inserts in the offering baskets), or in the event details at [cpcnewhaven.org/events](http://cpcnewhaven.org/events), or text EASTER to 860-467-0010. Initial matches will be made the week of 3/27, but you may continue to sign-up through 4/2.

22 April | **Spring Work Day** | 9am-12pm | CPC Building and Grounds

Join us for a morning to spring clean! This is the second of only two work days each year. There will be projects available for all skill levels and sizes of hands.

29 April | **Family Baseball Outing** | 11:30am | Yale

CPC's Young Families are heading out to a ball game! Join us as we attend the Yale Baseball game against Princeton. All are welcome! Contact Colleen with any questions (c.mccormack418@gmail.com).

16-18 June | **30th Anniversary Celebration** | RSVP by 5/15: [connect.cpcnewhaven.org/30year](https://connect.cpcnewhaven.org/30year)

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

## 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.
- **CONNECT** | Visit our online Connect Board to host events or join one!

## 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](https://podcasts.cpcnewhaven.org) or subscribe wherever you listen.



**Receive Our Weekly Newsletter:** Go to [cpcnewhaven.org](https://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").



# MINISTRY GROUPS

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**Youth | Sunday School and One-on-One Discipleship:** Youth ministry at CPC takes place through our Sunday School lessons and one-on-one discipleship with youth pastor Jerry Ornelas (Jerry.Ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org), along with special events and seasonal activities.

**College Students | Digging Deep - Engaging Today's Topics with Christ:** We'll be meeting every Wednesday at 12noon in Schwartzmann Commons to discuss current issues that college students face. Feel free to bring your own current issue to the table to discuss! All undergrads are welcome. Questions, ask Craig, 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

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## **Downtown New Haven Life Group**

Contact: Colleen Rice |  
c.mccormack418@gmail.com

Meets: Weekly on Thursdays at 7pm, 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