

# 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 103:1, 19-22

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**People: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.**

Leader: Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word.

**People: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!**

Leader: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

## BEHOLD OUR GOD

**Who has held the oceans in his hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.**

**Behold our God,  
Seated on his throne.  
Come, let us adore him.  
Behold our King,  
nothing can compare,  
come, let us adore him!**

**Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?**

**Chorus**

**Who has felt the nails upon his hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! *(repeat)***

**Chorus**

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

# II. Rediscovering God's Grace

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

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

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**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

**Leader:** Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws.

**People:** **We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy on us, miserable offenders.**

**Leader:** Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to humankind through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**People:** **And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

(Book of Common Prayer)

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:11-12)

## YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

**What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side the Savior, he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
for in my need, his power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
the future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now, and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With ev'ry breath I long to follow Jesus,  
for he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

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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: Isaiah 66:7-14

New Testament: John 16: 1-33

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

SERMON

"What Do You Expect? Sorrow, Joy, and the Coming of the Holy Spirit"

Rev. Craig Luekens

John 16: 1-33

<sup>1</sup> "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup> And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. <sup>6</sup>

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>[6]</sup> But

because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.<sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:<sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;<sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;<sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.<sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.<sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>16</sup> “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.”<sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’”<sup>18</sup> So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.”<sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?”<sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.<sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.<sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.<sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.<sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.<sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;<sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.<sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup> His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!<sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is

why we believe that you came from God.”<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?<sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.<sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

## 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](https://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: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Nicene Creed, 325 AD)

## 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.

## COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

**Come down, O Love Divine!  
Seek out this soul of mine  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter draw near,  
within my heart appear  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
True lowliness of heart  
which takes the humbler part  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

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## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Leader:** “I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”  
(Ephesians 4:1-3)  
The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

# V. Restored In Christ's Supremacy

From the throne of heaven, God's power and grace is with us. In reverence and awe, we worship an exalted King and receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken, going forth in his immeasurable power working within us.

*...and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures... numbering myriads of myriads... saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*  
Revelation 5:10-13

## ALL GLORY AND PRAISE

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

**Salvation to God, who carried our load,  
and purchased our lives with the price of his blood.**

**And shall he not have the lives which he gave  
such an infinite ransom forever to save?**

**Yes, Lord, we are thine, and gladly resign  
our souls to be filled with the fullness divine!**

**Because Christ has died!  
Christ is Risen!  
Christ will come again! (repeat)**

**We yield thee thine own, we serve thee alone,  
thy will upon earth as in heaven be done.**

**How, when it shall be, we cannot foresee;**

**but oh! let us live, let us die unto thee.**

**Because Christ has died!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again! (*repeat*)**

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## BENEDICTION

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us."  
(Psalm 67:1)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY**

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!*

## **MUSIC JAM SESSION WEDNESDAY**

Calling all CPC musicians of all experience levels and instruments/vocals! We are planning a jam session 4/26 (Wed) 6pm at CPC. Expect to play written music and improv! This is a low stress-messin'-around, having-fun-making-music-together, learning-experience! Light refreshments and snacks will be provided! If this is of interest, please email Jhon Nagasako at [jhonatannagasako@gmail.com](mailto:jhonatannagasako@gmail.com) with (a) yes, (b) name, and (c) instrument/vocal.

## **FAMILY BASEBALL OUTING SATURDAY**

CPC's Young Families are heading out to a ball game! Join us as we attend the Yale Baseball game against Princeton next weekend on Saturday April 29th, at 11:30am at Yale. All are welcome! Contact Colleen with any questions ([c.mccormack418@gmail.com](mailto:c.mccormack418@gmail.com)).

## **HOST HOMES NEEDED**

CPC's 30th Anniversary Celebration Weekend is bringing alumni from far and wide! Please consider offering to host an out-of-town family in your home for this special 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; matches await to be made.

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

- **MAY 1ST**
  - **Impact Summer Children's Playground Outreach:** To help lead and plan this ministry, email Annie McHugh ([annie.mchugh@cpnewhaven.org](mailto:annie.mchugh@cpnewhaven.org)).
  - **Impact Summer Mercy Projects:** To make a mercy project request, email Kaitlyn Jessee ([kaijessee@gmail.com](mailto:kaijessee@gmail.com)).
- **MAY 15TH**
  - **Converge Youth Camp Registration:** Register for a week of community service, spiritual reflection, and outdoor fun at: [cpnewhaven.org/converge](http://cpnewhaven.org/converge)
  - **30th Anniversary Weekend Registration:** Register for our celebratory weekend and evening of dinner and dancing at: [connect.cpcnewhaven.org/30year](http://connect.cpcnewhaven.org/30year)

# 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)).

**BABY SHOWER:** All are invited to celebrate and pray for the expectation of Michelle & Jerry’s baby boy, Ezra! The baby shower is Saturday, May 13th from 2-5pm at Sleeping Giant State Park at the Pavilion (200 Mount Carmel Avenue, Hamden). As per our Life Event Support Initiative policy, a gift will be given from the church’s mercy fund, so please feel no pressure to bring a gift. If you have any questions, please contact Allison ([allison.luekens@gmail.com](mailto:allison.luekens@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 | 5:30pm

## **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)).

# IMPACT SUMMER

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**Loving Our Neighbors at CPC New Haven:** The summer is a unique time for us to come together in service of one another and our community.

- **Converge Youth Camp:** Rising 9th Graders through graduating Seniors are invited to join us for a week of discovering how faith and life intersect through community service, spiritual reflection, and outdoor fun. We will dive deep into topics such as faith and science, mental health, politics, culture, and what it means to follow Jesus. Special event activities include a Thursday night overnight retreat, outdoor excursions, and team challenges. The camp meets at CPC, Monday 6/26 - Friday 6/30, 9am-4pm daily and costs \$125 per youth (scholarships available). **Register by 5/15 at: [cpcnewhaven.org/converge](http://cpcnewhaven.org/converge)**
- **Children's Playground Outreach:** Let's meet our neighbors right outside! Through intentional activities, theme weeks, and hospitality (think coffee for parents), we'll bring the body of Christ outside this summer. We're currently looking for a team to help plan the specifics of this ministry, and then we will launch volunteer sign-ups in mid-May. **Email Annie McHugh ([annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org)) by 5/1 if you would like to help plan.**
- **Mercy Projects:** Throughout the summer we'll tackle projects for those who need any help. No project is too small or too big, and we'd rather get more requests than not, so that we can truly love and serve one another through this! This is an opportunity to be vulnerable and walk with one another, and even though that might initially be uncomfortable, it is planting the seeds and laying the foundation for deeper, more intimate relationships with our brothers and sisters. We're currently looking for your mercy requests, and then we will launch volunteer sign-ups in mid-May. **Email Kaitlyn Jessee ([kaijessee@gmail.com](mailto:kaijessee@gmail.com)) by 5/1 to make a mercy project request.**

**Loving Our Town with CPC in the Hill:** As a church community we will volunteer to help our sister church CPC in the Hill with several of their important summer ministries. This includes their mid-week "In His Midst" BBQs, and their Saturday morning children's read-alouds. Look for sign-ups closer to the summer.

**Loving Our City with Bridges of Hope:** "I Heart New Haven Day" is set for Saturday August 26th, save the date! Join with other churches throughout Greater New Haven in a day of service to our service and unity amongst ourselves.

# 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).*

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](mailto:c.mccormack418@gmail.com)).

21 May | **CPC S. CT Mission Anabaino Ascension Service** | 4:30pm | Park City Music Hall  
Join CPC and our S. CT Mission Anabaino congregations on Sunday 5/21 for a service of worship at 4:30pm, followed by a reception at 6pm, at the Park City Music Hall in Bridgeport (2926 Fairfield Ave.).

04 June | **Leadership Celebration** | During and After Worship

On this Sunday we celebrate all of the leaders at CPC who serve in various ways - from Sunday School Teachers to Team Leaders and Board Members. Kids, consider taking a moment to write a special note of thanks to your Sunday School teacher this year. Join us for a celebration cake after worship.

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

**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").



## 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!

# 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

