

# 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. Handicap parking signs are posted at the first two spots on the side parking lot closest to our front entrance. Two Yale parking lots north of the church on Whitney Ave. are also available to us - 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 93

Leader: The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

**People: Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.**

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

**People: Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!**

Leader: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

## ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (#218)

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

***Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.***

**Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:**

*Refrain*

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:**

*Refrain*

**Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:**

*Refrain*

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:**

*Refrain*

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## AGNUS DEI

**Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns,  
Alleluia!**

**Holy, holy are you, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb.  
You are holy.  
Holy are you, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.**

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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*

PSALM 130

**From depths of woe I raise to thee, the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;  
if thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O, who shall stand before thee?  
O, who shall stand before thee?**

**To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;  
no man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,  
and live alone by mercy.  
and live alone by mercy.**

**Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in my own merit;  
on him my soul shall rest, his word upholds my fainting spirit;  
his promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;  
I wait for it with patience.  
I wait for it with patience.**

**What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,  
my heart still trusteth in his might; it doubteth not, nor feareth;  
do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;  
and wait 'till God appeareth.  
and wait 'till God appeareth.**

**Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much more aboundeth;  
his helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd, good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free  
from all their sin and sorrow.  
from all their sin and sorrow.**

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

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

**People:** **God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things.**

**Leader:** We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness.

**People:** **Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.**

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"In those days and in that time, declares the LORD, iniquity shall be sought in Israel, and there shall be none, and sin in Judah, and none shall be found, for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant." (Jeremiah 50:20)

## 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: Psalm 13:1-6

New Testament: Hebrews 5:7-9

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

## SERMON

### “The Double-sided Coin of Advent: Anguish and Assurance”

Rev. Jerry Ornelas

Psalm 13:1-6

<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long must I take counsel in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

<sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

<sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”  
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

## SERMON NOTES

## MEDITATION

Text SERMONQUESTION to 860-467-0010 and follow the prompts to submit your question. The pastor will be in touch this week and will have a chance to engage with it during our weekly podcast "Beyond the Sunday Sermon." 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.

# 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 (#733)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly 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.

## JESUS PAID IT ALL (#308)

**I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,  
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."**

***Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
sin had left a crimson stain,  
he washed it white as snow.***

**Lord, now indeed I find your pow'r, and yours alone,  
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.**

*Chorus*

**For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim-  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb**

*Chorus*

**And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.**

*Chorus*

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## 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 gentleness, with 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

## BUILD MY LIFE

**Worthy of every song we could ever sing.  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for you.**

**Jesus, the name above every other name.  
Jesus, the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for you, we live for you.**

***Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and  
show me who you are and fill me, with your heart and lead me  
in your love to those around me.***

**Jesus, the name above every other name.  
Jesus, the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you, we live for you.**



**I will build my life upon your love;  
it is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in you alone,  
and I will not be shaken.**

***Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and  
show me who you are and fill me, with your heart and lead me  
in your love to those around me.***

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## BENEDICTION

“May the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 5:10-11)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## HOLIDAY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Morning Prayer, Sunday School/Studies, and Fellowship Lunch will not meet Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Full Sunday schedule resumes Jan. 7.

## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT CPC?

Thought about joining the church? Curious about what that would mean? God's glorious grace of salvation includes welcoming us into His family! We have a membership joining coming up in early 2024 and would love to begin the conversation. Email [admin@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:admin@cpcnewhaven.org) to begin the process, which includes meeting with a pastor and then with several of our shepherd leaders. The process is meant to simply discern your faith in Jesus Christ. There will also be a time for potential members to interact with church leaders and pastors on 1/21 at our Newcomer's Lunch.

## SAVE THE DATE - CHRISTMAS DECOR TAKE-DOWN, JAN. 6, 9AM

Please help us put away and store our Christmas decorations. If you missed the setup, this is a fabulous opportunity to fellowship and wrap up the holiday season together until next Christmas.

## SAVE THE DATE - MEN'S RETREAT, FEBRUARY 9-10!!

Calling all those with a Y chromosome, put it in your calendars now! The men's retreat will be from Friday dinner through Saturday dinner at the Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center in Sharon, CT. This is a rare opportunity to gather as men and focus on Jesus with special guest speaker Jeff Schulte of TinMan Ministries. **Who is Jeff Schulte?** Jeff came to Christ at Yale in the 80's and then went on to become a pastor at a church he founded that grew from 4 to 4,000 people. Jeff now serves as a trusted friend, guide, and mentor to c-suite executives, elite athletes (college, professional and Olympic), coaches, musicians, pastors, and non-profit leaders. An in-demand communicator and small group facilitator, he has served in leadership roles with FamilyLife, Athletes in Action, and on ministry boards including Amazima, The Compassionate Hope Foundation, Hawaiian Island Ministries, and Porter's Call. Jeff is a dynamic speaker who is very aware of the mess of life because he's had to live through it. Craig has attended retreats that Jeff led and is very excited for him to lead us through teaching and exercises that engage our deeper heartfelt needs, sins, and relationships - all so that we may grow more intimately with the Lord and each other. For more on Jeff, go to [tinmanministries.org/jeffschulte](http://tinmanministries.org/jeffschulte).



# SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

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Please consider giving 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 (which supports the New Haven, Hill, Wallingford, Milford, East Lyme, and Norwalk congregations) to help meet approved financial mercy requests. 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** | Your undesignated gift will be applied to our general operating budget. 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/give](https://cpcnewhaven.org/give).
- **Text-to-Give:** Text GIVE to 860-467-0010 and follow the prompts to accept texts, set up mobile giving, and designate funds. You may save a card or bank information for future giving. If this 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](mailto:pcaf@pcanet.org)), or visit their website ([pcafoundation.com](https://pcafoundation.com)). They've helped process more than \$150M in gifts to advance God's kingdom.

# 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 fill out a Welcome Card, located in the back of the pews, and place it in the offering basket as it is being passed, or, return the completed card to the Welcome Bar in the foyer. You may also text NEWHERE to 860-467-0010 to connect.
2. **CHECK OUT A SMALL GROUP!** Do you have a group for the new year? If not, find one by texting SMALLGROUPS to 860-467-0010, or see a list in the foyer. Life Groups and Discipleship Groups are authentic and small gatherings where we experience and share Christ.

## 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.
- **SMALLGROUPS** | Find a group and reach out to join.
- **CONNECT** | Visit our online Connect Board to host events or join one!

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# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **FULL SUNDAY SCHEDULE (on holiday break Dec. 17-31, resumes Jan. 7)**

- **8:30am:** Prayer in the Parlor
- **9:30am:** Children's Sunday School
- **9:30am:** Adult Sunday Studies, in Fellowship Hall, "What We Believe: Knowing & Loving our Doctrines"
- **10:30am:** Worship Service
- **12:00pm:** Fellowship Lunch

**DROP-IN TIME WITH PASTOR CRAIG: Fridays from 7am-10am**, anyone is invited to come to Craig's office, 2nd floor of the old building (you may ring the Bradley St. doorbell), for a casual time of discussion, Q&A, prayer, coffee, tea, really whatever you want to make it! Wondering what God is doing in a certain part of your life? Let's wonder together! Are you reading *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*? Let's discuss! Have a tricky situation at home or work? Let's discern best steps! Want to just chat about nothing in particular? Come on in! If you have a more private or formal need, you're always welcome to set up a separate time with Pastor Craig ([craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org)), but this is meant to be a space where anyone can drop in. Confirm that Craig is there on any given week on the calendar: [cpcnewhaven.org/events](https://cpcnewhaven.org/events).

**HOMELESS DRIVE NOW THROUGH JAN 2024:** We will be collecting items for those experiencing homelessness in the greater New Haven area through January 2024. Items needed: blankets, sleeping bags, hats, gloves, coats, socks, boots, tents, backpacks/duffle bags, toiletries, underwear, hand warmers. *Please wash any used items and leave them in the "Homeless Drive" bin in the foyer.* All items will be delivered to the CSHHC Homeless team and distributed to those in need. Contact Anna: [asgraham07@gmail.com](mailto:asgraham07@gmail.com).

# MINISTRY GROUPS

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**Youth** | Youth ministry takes place through our Sunday School lessons and one-on-one discipleship with Pastor Jerry (Jerry.Ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org), along with seasonal activities.

**College Students** | We love students! Contact Pastor Jerry (jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org).

**Graduate Students** | We have several different weekly options. If interested in Graduate student ministry, please contact Pastor Craig (Craig.Luekens@cpcnewhaven.org).

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

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**Discipleship Groups** focus on the application of the gospel to every aspect of life. The very gospel that sets us free from the fear of divine and human condemnation is the same power that transforms our relationships, work, and worship. These groups focus on living and sharing truth through mutual accountability, study, and prayer.

- **Men's** TBD Schedule | David Taylor: david.taylor.finance@gmail.com
- **Women's** 1st and 3rd Mon. 7:30pm | Diane Miller: auntie.diane@comcast.net
- **Mom's** 2024 meetings TBD, 7PM-9PM | Meg Bogue: mhbogue@yahoo.com
- **Young at Heart (60+)** 2nd and 4th Tue. 10:30am | Stacy Roney: mrsprofdoc@icloud.com

# LIFE GROUPS

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**Life Groups** are our way of doing church in the small with all sorts of people engaged in prayer, teaching, fellowship and care. They are the vehicle that we use to help its participants continue to experience Christ outside of our worship gatherings and to impart the pastoral care that Christ provides through the love of His people. Thus, the worship, teaching, fellowship, and care for one another supply a more intimate and hands-on encounter with the living Christ.

## **Downtown New Haven Wednesday**

*Contact:* Colleen Rice | colleenmmrice@gmail.com

*Meets:* Weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm, location varies from week to week.

## **Downtown New Haven Thursday**

*Contact:* Alicia Kebabian | akebabian@gmail.com

*Meets:* Weekly on Thursdays at 7pm, location varies from week to week.

## **Shoreline Saturday**

*Contact:* Cliff Bogue | clifford.bogue@me.com

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

## **Trumbull Saturday**

*Contact:* Stacy Roney | mrsprofdoc@icloud.com

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

## **East Rock Sunday**

*Contact:* Kaitlyn Jessee | kaijessee@gmail.com

*Meets:* 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, either mid or late afternoon.

## **Hamden Cheshire Sunday**

*Contact:* Julie Walker | walkerfj@comcast.net

*Meets:* 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 2pm at different members' homes.

## **West Side (Woodbridge/Westville) Sunday**

*Contact:* Miranda Healy | mirandajrtn8@gmail.com

*Meets:* 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 4:30pm at different members' homes.