

# 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](http://cpcnewhaven.org/live). You may also view a recorded version or listen to our sermons at [podcasts.cpc new haven.org](http://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.**

## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (#214)

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.**

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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## WHAT CHILD IS THIS? (#213)

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.**

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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*

JESUS CAST A LOOK ON ME

**Jesus, cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity.  
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only thee to know.**

**All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside.  
Bid my will to thine submit, lay me humbly at thy feet.**

**Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled;  
Seeing only in thy light, walking only in thy might.**

**Leaning on thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest.  
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from his precious blood.**

**In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give.  
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!**

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

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

**People: Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us;  
for the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us;  
for all the times we have acted without love, forgive us;  
for all the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us;  
for all the times we have withdrawn care, forgive us;  
for all the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us.  
God of all time, forgive us and help us  
to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.**

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." (Romans 10:9-10)

## 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.**

***O 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.**

*Refrain*

**Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

*Refrain*

**This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
this is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

*Refrain*

**Glory, glory thus I sing: Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
all my praise for this I bring nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

*Refrain*

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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 85  
New Testament: Luke 1:46-55

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION



“What Confident Faith Looks Like in the Time of Advent”

Rev. Craig Luekens

Psalm 85

<sup>1</sup> LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin. Selah

<sup>3</sup> You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

<sup>4</sup> Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!

<sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

<sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?

<sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

- <sup>12</sup> Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

## SERMON NOTES

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.

## 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 on the table 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

### GLORIA PATRI (#735)

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christian, who do you trust?

**People: Jesus Christ, as he is attested to us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death.**

Leader: Christian, What is the extent of Christ's saving lordship?

**People: As Jesus Christ is God's comforting pronouncement of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, with equal seriousness, he is also God's vigorous announcement of his claim upon our whole life. Through him there comes to us joyful liberation from the godless ties of this world for free, grateful service to his creatures.**

Leader: Christian, what do you believe about the Church?

**People: The Christian Church is the community of brethren in which, in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ acts in the present as Lord.... As the Church of pardoned sinners, it belongs to him alone and lives and may live by his comfort and under his direction alone, in expectation of his appearing.**

(From Barmen Declaration of 1934, Articles 1-3)

## 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.

## THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD (#253)

**There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:**

***lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.***

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:**

***washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.***

**E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:**

***and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.***

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:

*lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;  
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.*

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:

*be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God, be saved to sin no more.*

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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

JOY TO THE WORLD (#195)

**Joy to the World! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,**

***and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.***

**Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains**

***repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.***

**No more let sin and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow**

***far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.***

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness**

***and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.***

## BENEDICTION

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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NO VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK



# HIGHLIGHTS

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## HOMELESS DRIVE NOW THROUGH JAN 2024

We will be collecting items for those experiencing homelessness in the greater New Haven area through January 2024. *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).

## PASTOR'S BOOK PICK - *THE SOUL OF SHAME*, BY CURT THOMPSON

*The Soul of Shame: Retelling the Stories We Tell About Ourselves* underscores the all-too-often hidden ways in which shame controls and destroys us - at home, work, and church. Saturated with the liberating truths of the gospel, this book offers insightful ways to diagnose ourselves and to bring healing to ourselves and our community. To those courageous enough to read this book, we hope it will unleash the power of the gospel among us. As our winter "Pastor's Book Pick", read it along with our Shepherd Leaders! Copies are in the foyer; donate what you can.

## 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 perfect opportunity to fellowship and wrap up the holiday season together until next Christmas.

## MEN'S RETREAT @ SILVER LAKE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER, SHARON, CT | FEBRUARY 9-10!!

Calling all those with a Y chromosome – This is a rare opportunity to gather as men and focus on Jesus with special guest speaker Jeff Schulte of TinMan Ministries. 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, coaches, musicians, pastors, and non-profit leaders. An in-demand communicator, small group facilitator, and member of a PCA church in Nashville, 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).



## HOLIDAY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Morning Prayer, Sunday School/Studies, and Fellowship Lunch will not meet Dec. 31

# 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.
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 [admin@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:admin@cpcnewhaven.org) to begin the process.

## CPC ONLINE

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**Receive Our Weekly Newsletter:** Go to [cpcnewhaven.org](http://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/@CPCNewHaven/playlists](https://youtube.com/@CPCNewHaven/playlists), and select "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.
- **SMALLGROUPS** | Find a group and reach out to join.
- **CONNECT** | Visit our online Connect Board to host events or join one!

## 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**, (except Dec. 29). 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](http://cpcnewhaven.org/events).

# 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 1/9, 1/30, 2/6, 7PM-9PM | Meg Bogue: mhbugue@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 | mirandajrdn8@gmail.com

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