

# Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven!

**As a church committed** to Greater New Haven, we hope to serve and reach both downtown New Haven and the surrounding edge towns. We believe that the gospel transcends all ethnic, social, and demographic boundaries. We are ambitious for the glory of God and aim to extend a Christ-centered gospel throughout Greater New Haven.



**We want to connect with you** so please take the time to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pews and place it in the offering basket or return it to the Welcome Table. You may also include a prayer request on the reverse side. Your requests are prayed for during the week. Also, visit the Welcome Table for a Welcome Brochure!



**We value families worshiping together** and welcome children of all ages to join us in worship at their parents' discretion (see the booklet "Together in God's Presence" at the children's ministry table). Childcare is available for parents who wish to take advantage of it. Look for this icon in the bulletin to know when to drop off and pick up your children. Supplementary children's sermon material is available in the foyer.



**When parking on Sundays** please reserve our parking lot for visitors, parents with small children, and those who need to park closer. Two Yale parking lots north of the church on Whitney Ave. are available to us also. Lot 16: Gibbs Lab at Whitney Ave. and Humphrey St., and the Whitney Ave. Garage located behind 221 Whitney Ave. For safety, exit our lot on the Bradley St. side only.



**We highly recommend that you participate** bodily in worship, however, when necessity or mercy requires, you may access a live stream video of our full service at [cpcnewhaven.org/live](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 29:1-5, 7-9

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over the mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**People: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**People: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

## JIREH

**I'll never be more loved than I am right now  
Wasn't holding You up  
So there's nothing I can do to let You down  
It doesn't take a trophy to make You proud  
I'll never be more loved than I am right now**

**Going through a storm but I won't go down  
I hear Your voice carried in the rhythm of the wind to call me out  
You would cross an ocean so I wouldn't drown  
You've never been closer than You are right now  
Jireh! You are enough  
Jireh! You are enough  
I will be content in every circumstance  
Jireh! You are enough  
Forever enough  
Always enough  
More than enough**

**I'm already loved  
I'm already chosen  
I know who I am  
I know what You've spoken  
I'm already loved  
More than I could imagine  
And that is enough  
Chorus**

**If He dresses the lilies with beauty and splendor  
How much more will He clothe you  
How much more will He clothe you  
If He watches over every sparrow  
How much more does He love you  
How much more does He love you**

**More than you ask think or imagine  
According to His power working in us  
It's more than enough  
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**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

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

**People: 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. 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. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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.**

*(Based on The Book of Common Worship, second order)*

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.” (Hebrews 7:23-25)

## SATISFIED BY GRACE

**Once more, like children, we are come to banquet with our God;  
May each one feel himself at home, and feast upon Your love.  
While we receive the bread and wine, as emblems of Your death,  
Lord, raise each soul above the sign, to feast on Christ by faith  
We’ve come with starving hearts, and thirsty souls,  
Satisfied by grace, Jesus, You’ve made us whole.  
Jesus You’ve made us whole.**

**We would not come as strangers, Lord, who only see the sign,  
But, as the objects of Christ's love, would feel were one in Him.**

**We've come with starving hearts, and thirsty souls,  
Satisfied by grace, Jesus, You've made us whole.**

**Jesus You've made us whole.**

**And as we take and eat body and blood:**

**New! You're making us new, By Your Steadfast love,  
Your steadfast love.**

**Like free-born sons, we would be free  
From every legal chain.**

**Praise Him who brought our liberty,**

**And ever with Him reign. (Repeat)**

**We've come with starving hearts, and thirsty souls,  
Satisfied by grace, Jesus, You've made us whole.**

**Jesus You've made us whole.**

**And as we take and eat body and blood:**

**New! You're making us new, By Your Steadfast love,  
Your steadfast love.**

Words: W. Gadsby // Music and Refrain by: Bobby Krier & Justin Ruddy



*If so desired, now is a good time for children to leave for childcare.*

# III. *Renewal in Christ's Word*

The preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God, wherein it becomes the very Word of God proclaimed and received by the illumination of the Holy Spirit to believers. This is not a lecture based on a dead letter, or a self-help talk, but an encounter with the living God in the flesh of his people.

*And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song...*  
Revelation 5:6-9

Old Testament:     Ezekiel 36:25-28

New Testament:    John 6:60-71

Reader:     This is the Word of the Lord!

**People:    Thanks be to God.**



## SERMON

“Who Ya Gonna Call?”  
Rev. Jefferson Bennett  
John 6:60-71

<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup> And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup> After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” <sup>70</sup> Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.” <sup>71</sup> He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

## SERMON NOTES

*“There are some things in this world that go way beyond human understanding. Things that cannot be explained, things that most people don’t wanna know about. That is where we come in.” – “So what you’re saying is that the world of the supernatural is your exclusive province?” – “Kitten, I think what I’m saying is that sometimes ‘stuff’ happens, someone has to deal with it, and who you gonna call?” - Ghostbusters II, 1989.*

Text SERMONQUESTION to 860-467-0010 and follow the prompts to submit your question, then the pastor will be in touch this week and will have a chance to engage with it during our weekly Sermon Discussion. You may also view a recorded version of the service or subscribe to our podcasts at [podcasts.cpcnewhaven.org](http://podcasts.cpcnewhaven.org).

For families worshipping with young children, supplementary children’s sermon material is available in the pews and in the foyer.

## MEDITATION

# IV. *Renewal in Christ's Presence*

In the Covenant Meal, we both remember the sacrificial life of Christ's atonement and partake of Christ's ascended presence by the Holy Spirit, wherein no extent of space separates us from the life-giving power of God. All Christians being united to Christ are united to each other in love and have communion in each other's gifts and graces.

*...for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation.  
Revelation 5:9b*



*During this time parents may retrieve their children to join them for worship. You may proceed directly to your seat from the nursery.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!  
(Psalm 133:1)

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

### 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.*

## DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise him all creatures here below**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise him above ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**People: I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and saves us from our sins even as salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere. I believe that the Holy Spirit is eternal God and that He has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.**

(Selections from Heidelberg Catechism)

## PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## COMING FORWARD TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

*All Christians are invited to come forward to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine.*

*We serve wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice for those who, out of conscience or reasons of health, do not partake of wine. Grape juice is in the outer rim. The communion bread is gluten free. (Pre-sealed elements of juice and wafer are also available.)*

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Prayer for those searching: Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. "Nothing tastes." Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, please help me in my unbelief! Amen.

Prayer for belief: Lord God, I now see that I am weaker and more flawed than I ever before believed, but in Christ, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. Even as I have not loved You or my neighbor with all of my heart, You have shown Your love for me in that while I am still sinning, Christ died for me and took upon Himself the condemnation that I deserve. I now know that You owe me nothing for my efforts, but You offer acceptance, love and blessing into all eternity because of Christ's efforts on my behalf. I therefore ask that You would enable me to turn away from trusting in my own efforts to gain Your acceptance and forgiveness, and trust in the perfectly righteous

efforts of Christ on my behalf in order to be accepted by You and entered into Your holy family. And just as You raised Christ from the dead, so too I ask that You would give me a new life in Christ, one that will lead eventually to Heaven itself. Thank you for Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit to believe in Him alone for my salvation. And as You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church, grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

## **BE THOU MY VISION**

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Traditional Irish Melody; Ancient Irish Poem, trans. by Mary Byrne, versified by Eleanor Hull

## **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

## KING OF KINGS

**Praise the Father praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings**

**In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.  
Chorus**

**To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died  
Chorus**

**And the morning that you rose all of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored**

**And the Church of Christ was born and the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me**  
**Chorus**

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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

**Next Sunday our weekly lunch resumes**, along with 8:30am Prayer in the Parlor, and 9:30am Sunday School. We'll see you then!

## LOVING CPC IN THE HILL

**Next Sunday gifts are due!** Please join us in sharing our tenth year of Christmas joy with wonderful families from New Haven's Hill community! In the spirit of empowerment, the Hill Christmas Store offers gifts at a very reduced price that will be bought by families in the Hill for their children for Christmas.

- **Give:** Just take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the CPC foyer, and return it with an unwrapped gift with a value of \$15 or more for a child in the designated category (e.g., "Girl, 9-14"). Recommended gifts include learning games, diverse dolls, basketballs, footballs, etc., with a more complete list of possibilities available at the foyer display. Please return your gift with the ornament to the foyer display area by Sunday, December 4th. If you have any questions please reach out to Kaitlyn Jessee (kaijessee@gmail.com).
- **Sing:** We are also organizing a group of carolers to sing at the Hill Christmas Store on Saturday December 10th. Reach out to Josh Sanders (joshuatsanders@yahoo.com).

## WORK DAY AND DECOR SET-UP

**Next weekend on Saturday December 3rd** from 9am-12pm is our annual winter Work Day and Christmas Decor Set-Up! Come and Deck the Halls in preparation for the Christmas season, and tackle some house-keeping projects for all skill levels and hand sizes, including leaf pick-up. There are many ways for you to help, so come one and all! Bagels and coffee will be provided.

## CONNECT BOARD

**This holiday season 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).



## CHRISTMAS AT CPC

**You're Invited to Christmas at CPC All Season Long!** Check out our webpage for all things Christmas at CPC (use the QR code or visit [cpcnewhaven.org/christmas](http://cpcnewhaven.org/christmas)). Highlights include: Advent Devotional from Biola University, holiday outreach events, the homeless drive, and special schedules.





# SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

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



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

## Ways to Give:

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

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**PRAYER AND ANOINTING FOR HEALING:** Our Shepherd Leaders would love to visit you if you are in need of healing, to pray for you and anoint you with oil (James 5:13-15). It would involve a brief prayer service, naming of the needs for healing, and placing oil upon the sick. In the past we've had a public healing service, and this year it's on an individual needs basis. If you're interested, please email Annie to set up a day and time ([annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org)).

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

**LIFE GROUPS:** If you haven't found one yet, text LIFEGROUPS to 860-467-0010 or see a list in the foyer. Life groups are authentic and small gatherings where we experience and share Christ.

## 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.

# 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 listen to an online membership seminar, meet with a pastor, and discuss how you've come to know Christ with the Shepherd Leaders. Contact Annie McHugh ([annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org)) to begin the process.

## CPC ONLINE

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

December 3 | **Work Day and Decor Set-Up** | 9am - 12pm | CPC Building and Grounds

This is our annual winter Work Day and Christmas Decor Set-Up! From 9am-12noon come and Deck the Halls in preparation for the Christmas season, and tackle some house-keeping projects for all skill levels and hand sizes, including leaf pick-up.

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

Join all our Bridges of Hope congregations for a Monthly Zoom Prayer Meeting, to include a brief devotional, followed by prayer. These virtual prayer meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month from 7pm-7:30pm through May. Zoom Meeting ID: 920 2624 6521; Passcode: 930131.

December 9 | **Lessons and Carols Service** | 6pm | CPC Sanctuary

Join us for a traditional service of Lessons and Carols. Stay afterwards as we fellowship indoors and out with crafts, fire pits, hot cocoa, s'mores, and holiday treats!

December 11 | **Final Sunday School (and full Sunday Schedule) of 2022** | Resumes 1/8/23

December 11 | **Newcomer Lunch** | After Worship

Grab lunch and join us to learn more about CPC and meet some of our leadership teams.

January 8 | **Decor Take Down** | 9am | CPC Building and Grounds

Come help take down our holiday decor; if you missed the setup this is a great opportunity to contribute this season.

June 16-18 2023 | **CPC's 30th Anniversary Celebration Weekend** | Save the Date!

June 26-30 2023 | **Impact Week** | Save the Date! | Join CPC for a week of service to our city.

# ONGOING WEEKLY

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**RESUMES 12/4 | 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!

**RESUMES 12/4 | Sundays at 9:30am | Sunday School:** 9:30am before worship, adults meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sermon Discussion (of the previous week's sermon), children in assigned classrooms.

**RESUMES 12/6 | Tuesdays at 2pm | Smokin' Theologians:** The Smokin' Theologians Podcast is back for Season 3, and records weekly in downtown New Haven at the Owl Shop. Find them on YouTube Live, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts. This season's long form conversation, hosted by curious layman, Alex Gonzalez, and learned Theologian, Rev. Dr. Preston Graham, will cover wild and confusing stories from the Bible. Submit your stories to [holler@smokintheologians.com](mailto:holler@smokintheologians.com). All are invited to attend the live recording every Tuesday at 2pm at The Owl Shop (268 College St, New Haven).

**Various Times | Pastoral Counseling Available:** Would you like to speak one-on-one with a CPC pastor? We desire to connect the truths of scripture to the realities of life, whether you are going through suffering or just need wisdom. Sign-up confidentially at [cpcnewhaven.org/pastoral-counseling](http://cpcnewhaven.org/pastoral-counseling) or text PASTORCONSULT to 860-467-0010.

# MINISTRY GROUPS

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**Youth | Sunday School and One-on-One Discipleship:** Youth ministry at CPC takes place primarily through our Sunday School lessons and one-on-one discipleship with youth pastor Jerry Ornelas. Special events and seasonal activities will also happen throughout the year. Contact: [Jerry.Ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:Jerry.Ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org)

**College | Weekly CPC @Yale: Digging Deep, “Hot Takes on Christianity”:** Join students and pastor Craig on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Commons for an active discussion on important, yet controversial topics like Exclusivity and Pluralism, Suffering, Hell, and Sexuality. A great opportunity to dig deeper into important issues and apply Christ to all parts of our life. You’re encouraged to bring your own questions too. All students are welcome! Contact: [Craig.Luekens@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto: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](mailto:Craig.Luekens@cpcnewhaven.org)).

# LIFE GROUPS

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## **Downtown New Haven Life Group**

Contact: Tyler Rice | tylerarice@gmail.com

Meets: Weekly on Thursdays at 7:30pm, 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 | kebastianp@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 | mirandajrtn8@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd Sunday of each month at 4pm.

