

# 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 not currently available for parents but the changing table in the nursery is available, along with rooms on the first floor (Lecture Room, Parlor) and the classrooms off of the Fellowship Hall (which is baby proofed), for your use if needed. 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 [cpcnewhaven.org/sermons](https://cpcnewhaven.org/sermons). 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.

# PROTOCOLS FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP

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**Phase 2.1 Re-Opening Worship:** All are welcome to attend worship following these protocols. In order to allow more people to attend, while following all of our guidelines, we will be using both the Sanctuary and a re-imagined worship space in the Fellowship Hall (with a direct audio/video feed of the sanctuary on a big screen).

## **Prior to Arrival**

- Use conscience to determine whether you in good faith are comfortable attending
- Take your temperature at home and do not attend if you have a fever or are symptomatic (cough, shortness of breath, fever)
- If you test positive for Covid-19 and have attended any church event, please alert us (email Sr. Pastor [preston.graham@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:preston.graham@cpcnewhaven.org) and Operations Coordinator [annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org)).
- Bring layers to wear for your own temperature control, we will have the doors and windows open to aid with air flow as well as the HVAC system running with HEPA filters (we will also run the heat as needed)

## **Upon Arrival**

- Wear your mask at all times inside, and outside when social distancing is not possible (per the CDC no mask on babies under two years old)
- Social distance of at least six feet at all times (except for families, roommates, etc.)
- Use hand sanitizer before you enter the building, or upon entry
- Use the main foyer entrance (doors will be propped open, the back entrance is only open for air flow and should not be used to enter or exit the building)

## **Inside CPC**

- Families and roommates (those already in close proximity) may sit together, with at least six feet between units (note the blue tape with sample six feet)
- Only one person at a time may use the foyer restrooms (or any small space)
- No food or beverage will be provided indoors (you may BYO beverage while still managing mask)
- No nursery will be provided, children should remain with parents and are welcome in the service
- The changing table in the nursery is available, along with rooms on the first floor (Lecture Room, Parlor) and the classroom off of the Fellowship Hall (which is baby proofed). Feel free to use these rooms for nursing, or to take your child (or outdoors to the playground), if they need to be able to move around (you may still connect to the service via Zoom if able).
- **For those fully vaccinated (2 weeks past final vaccination):** meetings are allowed indoors non-masked and non-social distanced, including eating together. It is not required to quarantine/test after out of state visits, etc., if you are fully vaccinated.

## **Upstairs Sanctuary**

- Seating will be in every other pew
- A basket for giving will be set up on the back table
- Upon dismissal you will be asked to leave one pew at a time from the back

## **Downstairs Sanctuary**

- Seating will be in clusters of chairs suitable for your unit size
- Please use the basket for giving in the Upstairs Sanctuary
- Upon dismissal you will be asked to leave one section at a time from the back
- Only use the one door from the foyer to enter or exit the Downstairs Sanctuary

## **After Worship**

- Use patio for after service socializing with social distancing
- The building will be sanitized fully on Monday and prior to Sunday's service, with limited access through the rest of the week.

# *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*



*If so desired during the service, families with young children are invited to utilize rooms on the first floor (Lecture Room, Parlor), and the classrooms off of the Fellowship Hall (which are baby proofed) to allow kids space to move. The changing table in the nursery is also available for your use. You may continue to participate in worship through YouTube or Zoom on your smartphone if able.*

# 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*

CALL TO WORSHIP: Selections from Psalms 46

**People: Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
How he has brought desolations on the earth.  
Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!**

**Leader:** The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## **PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again,  
Gladly fore'er we adore him.**

## **WE ADORE THEE**

**We adore Thee!  
We adore Thee!  
We adore Thee, O Lord!  
(Repeat)**

*How has God shown his goodness in your life, our community, and our world?  
In a word or short phrase, you may share a praise to God quietly or out loud, as directed.*

# 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*

## GRANT US THY GRACE

**Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord  
Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God  
Have mercy on each of us  
(Repeat)**

**Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord  
Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.  
Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,  
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,  
our secret and our whispering sins,  
our presumptuous and our careless sins,  
the sins we have done to please ourselves,  
and the sins we have done to please others.

**Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God  
Have mercy on each of us  
(Repeat)**

**Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord  
Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

Forgive us the sins that we know,  
and the sins that we know not;  
forgive them, O Lord,  
forgive them all because of your great goodness.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**For the things we have done  
And the things we have left undone  
(Repeat)**

**Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord  
Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

## **HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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# III. *Renewal in Christ's Word*

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

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

Old Testament:     Isaiah 41:1-9

New Testament:    Matthew 12:15-32

Reader:     This is the Word of the Lord!

**People:    Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

## SERMON

### The Truly ONLY Unforgivable Sin Rev. Preston Graham Matthew 12:1-14

<sup>15</sup> Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all <sup>16</sup> and ordered them not to make him known. <sup>17</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>18</sup> “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,  
my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.

I will put my Spirit upon him,  
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

<sup>19</sup> He will not quarrel or cry aloud,  
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;

<sup>20</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not quench,  
until he brings justice to victory;

<sup>21</sup> and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

<sup>22</sup> Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup> And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” <sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” <sup>25</sup> Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>28</sup> But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup> Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>30</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. <sup>31</sup> Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>32</sup> And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

## SERMON NOTES

Text your questions to 203-800-7689 and if comfortable please include your name. You may also view a recorded version of the service or subscribe to our sermon podcast at [cpcnewhaven.org/sermons](http://cpcnewhaven.org/sermons).

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## 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*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LAMENT: From Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
How long must I take counsel in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;  
But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

### REJOICING: Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

## COLLECTION AND PRAYERS:

*Please give collection and prayers during communion. To give toward the collection or submit a personal prayer request that you would like to be shared with the congregation in a weekly email please go to: [cpcnewhaven.org/live](http://cpcnewhaven.org/live)*

*If you are in-person, you may also give toward the collection by utilizing the basket in the back of the Sanctuary.*

## WOOD AND NAILS

**O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees  
Look on your handiwork and build a house so you may dwell in Me  
So you may dwell in Me**  
    **Chorus: The work was done with nothing but wood and nails  
    In Your scar-borne hands  
    O show me how to work and praise  
    Trusting that I am Your instrument**

**The kingdom's come and built upon  
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness  
So send me out within Your ways  
Knowing that the task is finished**

**The dead will rise and give You praise  
Wood and nails will not hold them down  
These wooden tombs we'll break them soon  
And fashion them into flower beds**

**The curse is done the battle won  
Swords bent down into plowshares  
Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them  
Serving at the table You've prepared**

## DOXOLOGY (#733)

**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!**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**People: I believe that Christ makes intercession for us, by his appearing in our nature continually before the Father in heaven, in the merit of his obedience and sacrifice on earth, declaring his will to have it applied to all believers; answering all accusations against them, and procuring for them quiet of conscience, notwithstanding daily failings, access with boldness to the throne of grace, and acceptance of their persons and services. And I believe that Christ will be exalted in his coming again to judge the world, in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, shall come again at the last day in great power, and in the full manifestation of his own glory, and of his Father's, with all his holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.**

(Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 55 & 56)

## COMING FORWARD TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

*You may come forward to receive communion at this time. Gluten free option is available to request when you come forward. Take the elements to your seat so everyone can partake together. To open the bread, flip the top layer of the tab back and forth as far as it goes a few times so the cellophane separates at the sides of the tab. Pull back the entire tab to open the juice.*

*Upstairs Sanctuary: Starting with the front row, one row at a time and maintaining social distance, please come forward using the outside aisle. You will receive communion and children will be blessed without hands. Return to your seat using the center aisle.*

Downstairs Sanctuary (Fellowship Hall): Please go to the Upstairs Sanctuary to receive communion.

## 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.

## PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

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

# 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

## 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.**



## HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

**Hail the day that sees Him rise. Alleluia, Amen.  
To his throne above the skies. Alleluia, Amen.  
Christ, awhile to hell was given; enters now his highest heaven.  
Christ has conquered death and sin. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.**

**See! He lifts his hands above. Alleluia, Amen.  
Look! He shows the prints of love. Alleluia, Amen.  
Hear! His gracious lips bestow; blessings on his church below.  
Christ empowers us his own. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.**

**There his glorious throne awaits. Alleluia, Amen.  
Lift your heads eternal gates. Alleluia, Amen.  
Wide, unfolds the radiant scene; take the king of glory in.  
Now within his church is seen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.**

**There for us his life He pleads. Alleluia, Amen.  
Even now he intercedes. Alleluia, Amen.  
Never leaving us bereft, Jesus' Spirit is our rest.  
Christ will come the way he left. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.**

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## BENEDICTION

Leader: "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Philippians 4:19-20)

## PRAYER

Two shepherd leaders are available for prayer in the foyer. (Meet by the elevator.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## **All-In Video from CPC New Haven**

Each Sunday in March we'll be sharing a video from one of our sister congregations. Today hear Pastor Graham reflect on our own congregation's past year and how to pray for the year ahead!

## **Breakfast Sandwiches for Brunch Next Sunday 3/21**

After worship next Sunday we'll gather outdoors and on the patio for brunch! There will be no Sunday School or Sermon Discussion this day. Everyone is welcome to join!

## **Holy Week Schedule in "Upcoming Events"**

Check out what Holy Week looks like at CPC in the "Upcoming Events" section. You'll find details for our daily morning prayer services on Zoom, our Good Friday Service, Kid's Easter Egg Hunt, and membership joining on Easter Sunday!

## **Outdoor Worship Service and Outreach on Easter**

We want everyone to feel free to worship with us on Easter, and to invite anyone they know, so we are holding an outdoor worship service (location TBD). There will be no live stream or zoom, though a recording will be available online later that day. If you are interested in helping with this outreach please join an ad hoc outdoor worship team! Contact:

- **Outdoor Hosting:** Anna Graham (asgraham07@gmail.com)
- **Outdoor Set-Up:** Tyler Rice (tylerarice@gmail.com)

## **Updated Covid Policies**

- **Vaccinations:** We will allow indoor non-mask/non-social distancing meetings if all participating are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after final vaccination), including eating together. We will not require quarantine/testing of those fully vaccinated after out of state visits, etc.
- **Nursery:** Following Easter, we will reopen the Nursery during worship services. All members of CPC will receive a poll about their willingness to serve in this capacity and to be on rotation to help fill out our nursery team at this time.

## **Bridges of Hope Seeks Volunteers for Spring Break Camp April 12-16**

BOH is hosting a spring break camp at East Rock park for the mentees of the Bridges of Hope Mentoring program April 12-16. They need 10 volunteers that would be available 12-5pm every day (though the actual time frame might be smaller). Contact Jane Hendrickson if you are interested in participating (info@bridgesnewhaven.org).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sunday 3/21 | **Fellowship Brunch** | After Worship

Gather outdoors and on the patio for brunch after worship. There will be no Sunday School or Sermon Discussion this day.

Mon. 3/29 - Fri. 4/2 | **Morning Prayer Services** | 7am | Zoom: 974 5065 4745, Code: holyweek

During Holy Week join us daily M-F for a pastor-led prayer service via Zoom. Links can be found at [cpcnewhaven.org/live](https://cpcnewhaven.org/live).

Friday 4/2 | **Good Friday** | 7pm | In-Person & Online ([cpcnewhaven.org/live](https://cpcnewhaven.org/live))

Join us in person or online for our Good Friday service. Traditionally this is a contemplative service intent on considering the weight of Christ's death and our part in it. With that in mind our service will include an optional 1 on 1 confessional with a pastor (both in person and on Zoom). There will be no nursery.

Saturday 4/3 | **Kid's Easter Egg Hunt** | 10am | Westville Location TBD

We will be offering a community Easter egg hunt in Westville (exact location TBD) this year. There will be a craft, a game and a hunt! Kids (age 10 and under) are invited to join the egg hunt. Kids (age 11+) are invited to arrive 15 minutes early to help hide the eggs and there will be a game and some candy for them. This will be an excellent event to invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends with children to!

Sunday 4/4 | **Outdoor Easter Sunday Worship and Membership Joining** | Location TBD

We want everyone to feel free to worship with us on Easter, and to invite anyone they know, so we are holding an outdoor worship service (location TBD). There will be no live stream or zoom, though a recording will be available online later that day. If you are interested in helping with this outreach please join an ad hoc outdoor worship team! Those who have become members of CPC throughout the past year, and those becoming members this day, will be presented in front of the congregation to join in the taking of membership vows. In preparation, we ask that all Life Groups watch and discuss the *NEW* Membership Seminar, and that those seeking to pursue membership contact Annie ([annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org)). Find the class here: [cpcnewhaven.org/cpc-membership-seminar](https://cpcnewhaven.org/cpc-membership-seminar)

Saturday 4/10 | **Women's Coffee Connect** | 9am | Zoom ID: 304 773 8548

Spring is just around the corner, so come join the women on Saturday April 10th at 9 a.m. for another Coffee Connect as we share tips for rejuvenating when we feel weary.

Saturday 4/17 | **Men's Ultimate Frisbee Event** | Location TBD

If you enjoy tossing the frisbee, are the world's best ultimate frisbee player, or simply want to run around, invite a friend and join us. Contact Jerry Ornelas at [jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org). Stay tuned for more information about the location.

Sunday 4/18 | **Congregational Meeting** | 11:30am | In-Person & Online ([cpcnewhaven.org/live](https://cpcnewhaven.org/live))

Join us following worship for a congregational meeting - all are invited. Children's Sunday School is cancelled this day, though children will be invited to participate in a program led by Jerry Ornelas. There will be no nursery.

Saturday 4/24 | **Spring Work Day** | 9am-12pm

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

## ONGOING WEEKLY

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**Tuesday Night Pastoral Counseling Available 7pm-9pm:** 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, the pastoral staff is dedicated to being available to meet. We recognize that our work hours are not always convenient for others. The pastoral staff is available by appointment Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. (or another time as determined by appointment). Interested persons should contact Jeff Hutchinson via his cell (860-817-8149). Or you may sign-up confidentially at [cpcnewhaven.org/pastoral-counseling](https://cpcnewhaven.org/pastoral-counseling).

**Wednesday Night Compline Service 8:00pm:** Beginning centuries ago, monastic communities gathered in the evening to "complete" the day by observing a worship service that weaves together songs, prayers, Scriptural reflections, and Communion. In that spirit, we hope to enter God's presence with others from around our city to experience Compline. Each night we will celebrate the central Christian feast of the Lord's Table. All are welcome to join us in the middle of the week as we take refuge in the riches of God's grace in Christ. Compline will be held in-person and live streamed (at [cpcnewhaven.org/live](https://cpcnewhaven.org/live)).

# SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

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**Recordings:** catch up later on our Adult Sunday Studies sermon discussions, or view previous sessions of our Wed. Night School of Discipleship class at [cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes](http://cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes).

## SUNDAYS

**Adults Sunday Studies:** sermon discussion at 11:30am after worship, in-person or online ([cpcnewhaven.org/live](http://cpcnewhaven.org/live)). View later at [cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes](http://cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes).

**Children's Sunday School:** visit [cpcnewhaven.org/children](http://cpcnewhaven.org/children) for class times/locations.

## WEDNESDAYS

**Wednesday Night School of Discipleship:** join us in-person or online ([cpcnewhaven.org/live](http://cpcnewhaven.org/live)) at 6:45pm for a six weeks on bringing all our emotions to God (2/17-3/24): How should my feelings and emotions impact my faith? Does God care about them or should we ignore them? Are certain feelings more God-like than others? We'll be addressing these questions and more, based on the wonderful book "The Cry of the Soul: How our Emotions Reveal our Deepest Questions about God," by Dan Allender and Tremper Longman. Utilizing movie clips, real-life dramatic scenes, and other multimedia as examples of emotional expressions, we'll be looking at the righteous and unrighteous versions of six main emotions that the authors identify - anger, fear, jealousy, despair, contempt, and shame.

## GROUPS

**Women's Discipleship Group:** In Romans, Paul expresses a longing to be together "that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." Consider joining us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (7-8:30pm) as we encourage, support and challenge one another in a small group setting. We are using the book *A Loving Life* by Paul Miller. Consider joining us (in person with safe distancing or by zoom) as we explore our tendencies to look to unsatisfying places to find our contentment instead of looking to the only true source, Christ. If you are interested, please contact Lisa ([lisahgraham@comcast.net](mailto:lisahgraham@comcast.net)) or Diane Miller ([auntie.diane@comcast.net](mailto:auntie.diane@comcast.net)). Physical meeting location(s) to be finalized depending on the number of participants but we anticipate at least a Westville location.

**Men's Discipleship Group:** Every Thursday evening starting at 7:00pm we gather for a time of fellowship and discussion over an article that is distributed via email early in the week. Emails are sent out every Monday with information on time, location, and a link to the article. If you are interested in joining and you are not on the men's emailing list, contact Jerry Ornelas ([jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org)).

# MINISTRY GROUPS

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## **Youth Group Crossroads | Last Sunday of the Month | 5pm | CPC Fellowship Hall**

Crossroads Youth Group meets the last Sunday of each month to share food, fun, faith, and fellowship, for junior and senior high students. Contact [aaron.rathbun@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:aaron.rathbun@cpcnewhaven.org).

## **College Students | Digging Deep: Total Christ Spirituality | Fridays 2pm | Zoom 898 251 918**

As part of our “Digging Deep” series, we’ll be engaging with major topics that every college student (and “regular” people!) needs for lifelong discipleship in Christ. Each week, we’ll look at the biblical and theological issues surrounding each topic. All students are welcome! Contact [craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org) to be added to the email list.

## **College Students | SCSU InterVarsity Bible Study | Wednesdays 8pm | Zoom 945 8107 8773**

If you are a SCSU student and would like to attend a bible study, please join us Wednesday nights from 8pm to 9pm via zoom. If you are interested please contact Jerry Ornelas at [jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org) for more information.

## **College Students | Discipleship on Campus**

We love engaging college students on campus and off. If you’re new to our church or want to engage activity at Yale or SCSU, contact Pastor Craig, [craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org).

## **Graduate Student Small Group | Thursdays | 7:30pm | In-person at Fellowship Hall**

We’re excited for our weekly Small Group with graduate students (and significant others!) to continue, as we discuss Scripture, pray for each other, and build relationships during this unique time of life. If you’re new, feel free to join us! Contact Craig, [craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org).

## **Women’s Book Club | First Thursdays | 3pm | Zoom ID: 304 773 8548**

The Women's Book Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 3pm. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn ( [thekupiecfamily@comcast.net](mailto:thekupiecfamily@comcast.net)). Zoom 304 773 8548.

- April 1 - *Mississippi: An American Journey* by Anthony Walton
- May 6 - *The Professor and the Madman* by Simon Winchester

# LIFE GROUPS

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**East Rock Life Group:** The East Rock Life Group usually meets on the 2nd and last Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 5:30 over Zoom until we are able to resume meeting again in person. We are currently doing a book study of “One Blood” by John Perkins. Contact Susan White (susankeilwhite@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining. Meeting ID: 931 6130 0790

**Hamden/Cheshire Life Group:** The Hamden/Cheshire group has members from Hamden, Westville and Cheshire and currently meets via zoom. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays every month at 2 pm and our discussion once a month focuses on membership, vow renewal, and what membership means. Our aspiration as a group is to flesh out the first question of the Westminster Catechism and find joy in God our Savior. Meeting ID: 820 640 1622

**Shoreline Saturday Life Group:** We generally meet on the second Saturday of each month from 4:30 – 7:30pm for a time of fellowship, Bible study and dinner. This year we will be studying the book One Blood by John Perkins. Please contact Cliff Bogue (Clifford.bogue@me.com) or Lisa Tweed (hatwik@aol.com) if you are interested in joining us! Meeting ID: 997 204 53539

**Shoreline Sunday Life Group:** We are currently gathering using Zoom every other week on Sunday at 2:00pm to touch base, share news and pray together, and to disciple one another through discussion of the sermon, the Word, or other resources. Beginning when warmer weather arrives, one meeting will likely return to an outdoor, in-person time of fellowship. Please contact Jennifer (203-675-3268, jenandjen@att.net) or Joanne (860-395-0827, j.e.donovan@att.net) with any questions or if you'd like to join us! Meeting ID: 982 2146 1719

**Trumbull Life Group:** During the CoronaVirus time, we are meeting via Zoom two Sundays per month at 5 pm for 60-90 minutes to fellowship, catch up on how everyone is doing, gather prayer requests, mercy needs and for a short sermon discussion. All are welcome to join with us. Contact Heather Woolbert at 203-494-4805.

**Westville Life Group:** We typically meet on the second Sunday of the month at 2PM via Zoom with a weather permitting outdoor option for a limited number. The emphasis of our time together is fellowship and prayer support, with a discussion-based Bible Study. On or around the fourth Sunday, we try to plan a more social outdoor event or a Zoom prayer meeting. Sign up for our group on CCB to be notified of our happenings!

