

Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven!

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



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



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



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



We highly recommend that you participate bodily in worship, however, when necessity or mercy requires, you may access a live stream video of our full service at cpcnewhaven.org/live. You may also view a recorded version or listen to our sermons at 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

Covid-19 Re-Opening as of 8/9/21: All are welcome to attend worship following these protocols. In order to allow more people to attend, 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). Per order of New Haven's Mayor Elicker, effective 8/9/21, masks are required indoors for all individuals when social distancing is not possible.

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 and Operations Coordinator 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 simultaneously run the heat/AC as needed).

Upon Arrival

- Use hand sanitizer before you enter the building, or upon entry.
- Use the main foyer entrance.

Outdoors

- No masks or social distancing are required for either those vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Indoors

- **Non-Vaccinated Participants:** Wear a mask inside the building at all times.
- **Upstairs Sanctuary:** Social distance seating, we ask that all people wear a mask to your seat(s) but then you can take off your mask during worship.
- **Downstairs Sanctuary:** We will not require social distance seating, but ask that all people wear a mask both to your seat and throughout the duration of 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

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103:1, 19-22

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

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

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

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

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

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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.**

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

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Blessed are the merciful / Blessed are the merciful

Blessed are the merciful / For they shall receive mercy mercy

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: Heavenly Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;

People: **We have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.**

Forgive us as we forgive / Those who sin against us
(Repeat)

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

Lord have mercy on us / Show Your mercy through us

(Repeat)

Mercy

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:6, 8)

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Chorus

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Chorus

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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: Hosea 2:1-23

New Testament: John 4:7-30

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

"From Dust to Daisies
(aka How Israel's Faithlessness Fertilized the Garden of Gospel Hope)"
Rev. Jefferson Bennett
Hosea 2:1-23

¹ Say to your brothers, "You are my people," and to your sisters, "You have received mercy."
² "Plead with your mother, plead-- for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband-- that she put away her whoring from her face, and her adultery from between her breasts; ³ lest I strip her naked and make her as in the day she was born, and make her like a wilderness, and make her like a parched land, and kill her with thirst. ⁴ Upon her children also I will have no mercy, because they are children of whoredom. ⁵ For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.' ⁶ Therefore I will hedge up her way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths. ⁷ She shall pursue her lovers but not overtake them, and she shall seek them but shall not find them. Then she shall say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than now.' ⁸ And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal. ⁹ Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my wine in its season, and I will take away my wool and my flax, which were to cover her nakedness. ¹⁰ Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall rescue her out of my hand. ¹¹ And I will put an end to all her mirth, her feasts, her new moons, her Sabbaths, and all her appointed feasts. ¹² And I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, of which she said, 'These are my wages, which my lovers have given me.' I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall devour them. ¹³ And I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals when she burned offerings to them and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry, and went after her lovers and forgot me, declares the LORD. ¹⁴ "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. ¹⁵ And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁶ "And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal.' ¹⁷ For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. ¹⁸ And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down

in safety. ¹⁹ And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. ²⁰ I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

²¹ "And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth, ²² and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel, ²³ and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'" (ESV)

SERMON NOTES

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring that I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within. Feeding on the filth around me til my strength was almost gone. Longed my soul for something better only still to hunger on. Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved! Jesus satisfies all my longings through his blood I now am saved.

Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy, but the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry. Well of water ever springing, bread of life so rich and free! Untold wealth that never faileth my Redeemer is to me! Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved! Jesus satisfies all my longings through his blood I now am saved.

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.

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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*



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

COLLECTION AND PRAYERS:

If you have a personal prayer request that you would like to be shared with the congregation in a weekly email, please submit them using the prayer request cards and place them in the offering basket as it is passed, or the basket located in the back of the sanctuary.

You may virtually submit a prayer request or give toward the collection at cpcnewhaven.org/live, or you may use this QR code to donate.



MEDITATION

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully paid for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; moreover, that all things must work together for my salvation, and by His Holy Spirit, Christ also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live for Him.

(Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1)

COMING FORWARD TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

Downstairs Sanctuary: Please come to the Upstairs Sanctuary to receive communion.

Upstairs Sanctuary: 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. There is also an option to receive the sealed combination bread (not gluten-free) and juice.

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

You are my strength when I am weak.

You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel.

Lord to give up I'd be a fool.

You are my all in all.

Taking my sin, my cross my shame.

Rising again I bless your name.

You are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up.

When I am dry, you fill my cup.

You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God. Worthy is Your name.

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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.

THANKSGIVING

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

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

Leader: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name--

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

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**

**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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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.

BENEDICTION

“God has highly exalted [Jesus] and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.”

(Philippians 2:9–11, 4:23)

PRAYER

If you would like to pray with a shepherd leader please send a text to 203-800-7689.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

This Saturday: Volunteer at “I Heart New Haven Day” Saturday August 21

Come serve alongside believers from many different churches and love our city! I Heart New Haven Day returns with a service event on Saturday, August 21 from 9am to 1pm! Worship will kick off at Edgewood Park (near the corner of Ella T Grasso Blvd and Edgewood Ave) from 9-10am. People will then move to their service sites and may just go directly to their sites at 10am if they are uncomfortable with a large gathering. Most of the projects will be outdoors and many will be family friendly. Sign up today at bridgesnewhaven.org!

Next Sunday: Indoor Worship & Sunday Funday 8/22 at CPC 135 Whitney Ave., New Haven

What is a funday? Well besides the obvious, think, all kinds of outdoor games for kids, bounce house, food, face painting, crafts. Make sure to save the date and to invite a friend or two or twenty! If you'd like to serve in a 30 minute time slot on the day, please email our Assistant Pastor Jefferson Bennett (jefferson@cpcnewhaven.org) by August 16.

Save the Date: Church-Wide Overnight Retreat 10/1-10/3

Come join us Friday evening after dinner, through Sunday lunch, for a church-wide retreat at the Incarnation Center in Deep River, CT with special guest speaker John Smed for "A Journey in Prayer: Learning How to Align Your Faith with Your Life in Prayer." A Time to Refresh. A Time to Rebuild. A Time to Regroup. A Time to ReFriend. A time to make new friends! All of our CPC family and friends, of all ages and demographics, are invited as we learn to "Journey in Prayer" together. There will also be opportunities for fellowship throughout the weekend to enjoy the outdoors (canoe, hike, etc.), or for indoor activities. More details and registration coming soon! Prior to the retreat, we encourage everyone to read Smed's very short book "Journey in Prayer" (available on Amazon or coming soon to our CPC bookstore).

Women's Lake Day Saturday 8/28 1pm-4pm in Trumbull

Join the women of CPC for a day at the lake as we enjoy the final days of summer before heading into fall. We will meet at the Phillips' house, 162 Driftwood Lane, Trumbull from 1-4 on August 28th. Bring your suit, a chair and perhaps a snack to share. All ages welcome.

Worship Time Change Begins Labor Day Weekend: Worship begins at 10:30am starting 9/5!

Today: An opportunity for serving is available to those who would like to join the Food Hospitality Team. We help plan and serve food at various functions throughout the church year. A meeting to discuss the September schedule will be held after church today in the Fellowship Hall today at 11:30 AM. Please join us.

NEW HERE?

1. **Submit a Welcome Card!** We want 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. You may also include a prayer request on the reverse side to be prayed for during the week.
2. **Receive Our Weekly Newsletter!** Go to 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.
3. **Check Out a Life Group!** See the last page in this bulletin for a list of all of our Life Groups and when they are meeting. If you would like help discerning which group may be a good fit, contact our Director of Ministries Associate Pastor Craig Luekens (craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org or 203-500-7115).

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Mentor Applications Are Open for Bridges of Hope Tutoring Program This Fall

Bridges of Hope is looking for volunteers to serve as mentors for the 2021-22 school year. Volunteers should be college-age or older and have a heart for kids from low-income families. Because of the current make-up of our student population, there is a particular need for women who are available to serve from 5-7 pm on a Tuesday or Thursday night. Mentors are assigned one student to work with all year. Duties include helping with homework, discussing a brief devotion, participating in recreational activities and building a relationship of trust. Interested persons should go to bridgesnewhaven.org and click on the link to fill out an application.

FALL PREVIEW

Sundays

- 10:30am Sunday Worship Begins 9/5
- 9:30am Children's Sunday School/Adult Sunday Studies Begins 9/19 (In-Person Only)

Wednesdays

- 6:30pm School of Discipleship & Dinner Begins 9/22 (In-Person/Online)
- 8:00pm Compline Begins 9/22 (In-Person/Online)

Events

- Key Leader Kick-Off Dessert at 7pm Wed. 9/8
- Men's Breakfast (rescheduled from summer) at 8am Sat. 9/11
- Congregational Meeting at 9:30am before Worship Sun. 9/12
- Associate Pastor Installation Service during Worship Sun. 9/12
- Welcome Picnic and Ministry Fair following Worship Sun. 9/12
- CPC Milford Evening Commissioning Service in Milford Sun. 9/12
- Presbytery Worship Service Sat. 9/18
- Church Wide Retreat Fri. After Dinner 10/1 - Sun. Lunch 10/3
- Fellowship Lunch following Worship Sun. 10/24
- Kid's Fall Festival Sat. 10/30
- Women's Coffee Connect (Online Only) Sat. 11/6
- Marriage Enrichment Night at 6pm Fri. 11/12

ONGOING WEEKLY

Study Center Open: The Study Center and church building are open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am-4pm, and Monday and Thursday by appointment with staff. Drop-ins are welcome!

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 sign-up confidentially at cpcnewhaven.org/pastoral-counseling.

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

See resources from all of our classes at cpcnewhaven.org/all-classes.

Adults Classes and **Children's Sunday School** will resume in the fall.

Men's Discipleship Group: Every Thursday evening at 7:00pm we gather for a time of fellowship and discussion over an article. 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 (jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org).

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. Contact Lisa (lisahgraham@comcast.net) or Diane Miller (auntie.diane@comcast.net).

MINISTRY GROUPS

Youth Group Crossroads | Resume in the Fall

Crossroads Youth Group resumes in the fall to share food, fun, faith, and fellowship, for junior and senior high students. Contact jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org.

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.

Graduating Students + College Summer Bible Study

Let's study James! If you are a high school graduate or are currently in college and home for the summer and are interested in a bible study please contact Rev. Jerry Ornelas at jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org for more information. Once we have a core group we can together decide the best day and time to meet.

Graduate Student Small Group | Resumes in the Fall

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.

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 (thought we will not meet in July or August). Please contact JoAnn (thekupiecfamily@comcast.net) if you have any questions. Zoom 304 773 8548.

- We will not meet in July and August
- Thursday, September 9th at 3pm - *Diary of a Country Priest* by Georges Bernanos

LIFE GROUPS

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 (or later), outdoors as the weather permits and often with food or a meal. We seek to embody the fellowship of believers in a smaller, more intimate community of CPC through discussion, activities, and prayer. Contact Trey Billings (203-606-0366, treybillings@gmail.com) and Kaitlyn Jessee (617-620-2101, kaijessee@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us.

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: We meet the second Sunday of each month from 4-5:30 PM in Trumbull for a time of teaching and sharing of prayer requests. When things begin to open up more, we will follow our meetings with a meal. All are welcome to join us in person or via Zoom. Contact Heather Woolbert at 203-494-4805 for more information.

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!

