

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.

29 August 2021 | 10 AM

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, now is a good time for children to leave for childcare.

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 108:1-5

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make melody with all my being.

People: Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing of you among the nations.

People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

GOD IS GOOD

**God is good all of the time
All of the time God is good
God is good all of the time God is good**

**Even when it seems the answer's no
The promises of God all find their yes
In Christ who worked the Father's will below
That all who run to Him would find their rest
And even when it seems He hides His face
And darkness seems to be our only friend
We look to Christ who suffered in our place
That one day all our suffering would end
Chorus**

**And even when it seems He pays no mind
We have a guarantee of His great love
In Christ who came and left His crown behind
That one day we would reign with Him above
Chorus**

**Lord we believe but help our unbelief
Lord we believe but help our hearts to sing (repeat)**

**You are good all of the time
All of the time You are good
You are good all of the time You are good**

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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

INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

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

People: Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." (Acts 2:38-39)

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Crossan Cooper (profession of faith)

Seth Greer (reaffirmation of faith)

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of welcoming and supporting these Christian brothers in love within the sacred fellowship of this church?

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Crossan Cooper

Lillian Alston Silverglate (parents Cameron and Allie Silverglate)

Vera Rae Hauser (parents George and Christine Hauser)

Parental Vows

- 1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?*
- 3. Do you now unreservedly consecrate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

PRAYER FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

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**

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 3:1-5

New Testament: Luke 7:36-50

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

The Surprising Gospel Rev. Craig Luekens Hosea 3:1-5

SERMON NOTES

"Is it possible, I wonder, to say that it is only when you hear the Gospel as a wild and marvelous joke that you really hear it at all? Heard as anything else, the Gospel is the church's thing, the preacher's thing, the lecturer's thing. Heard as a joke—high and unbidden and ringing with laughter—it can only be God's thing." - Frederick Buechner, Telling the Truth

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.

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

MEDITATION

IV. *Renewal in Christ's Presence*

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

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



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

COLLECTION AND PRAYERS:

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

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!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

People: I believe that our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. I believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that God, out of his mere good pleasure from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, to deliver them out of sin and misery and to bring them into salvation by our redeemer, Jesus Christ. I believe in the life everlasting, where the souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the final resurrection and the full enjoyment of God to all eternity. (Selections from Westminster Standards)

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. (The Downstairs Sanctuary will serve pre-sealed elements of juice and wafer.)

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.**

**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

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: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ is ascended
Christ will come again!**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: "I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and 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

LET US BE KNOWN BY OUR LOVE

**Let us be known by our love
In every word in every deed honor the Son
Let our light shine in every eye
Let us be known by our love
 For the glory of the Father
 For the glory of the Son
 For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our love**

**Let us be known by our joy
In every home in every heart sing to the Lord
Let our life show goodness and hope
Let us be known by our joy
 For the glory of the Father
 For the glory of the Son
 For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our joy**

**Let us be known by our peace
In every town in every tribe Jesus is king
Let us go forth heal and restore
Let us be known by our peace**

**For the glory of the Father
For the glory of the Son
For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our peace**

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BENEDICTION

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” Amen. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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

10:30am Worship Time Begins Next Sunday

Worship begins at 10:30am starting 9/5

CPC Key Leaders: Kick-Off Dessert Wednesday 9/8 at 7pm at CPC

All Key Leaders (Elders, WLB, SLB, Sunday School Teachers, Discipleship and Life Group Facilitators, Outreach Coordinators, Mercy Coordinators, Team Leaders, Staff) are invited to attend the Key Leader Kick-Off. Join us for dessert at 7pm on the patio.

Men's Breakfast: Men and Boys Join us Saturday 9/11 at 8am

Men of CPC--if you like a warm meal, hot coffee and sweet fellowship, an enriching devotion from one of our pastors and a time of prayer, please join us on Saturday (9/11) from 8am-10am in the Fellowship Hall for just that! Bring your sons and spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Please let us know you are coming, so we know how much food to prepare, by RSVPing with the link in the event details at cpcnewhaven.org/events (or in the CPC Weekly email).

Overnight Church-Wide Retreat 10/1-10/3: Registration Opens Next Week

Keep your eye on your inbox for more information about the retreat and links to register this coming week! Join us Friday evening after dinner 10/1, through Sunday lunch 10/3, 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." All of our CPC family and friends, of all ages and demographics, are invited to refresh, rebuild, regroup, and refriend. There will be main sessions and ample time for fellowship, including time to enjoy the outdoors (canoe, hike, etc.). Prior to the retreat, we encourage everyone to read Smed's very short book "Journey in Prayer" (available on Amazon or now in our CPC bookstore).

TODAY

Sign Up to Volunteer in the Nursery: Please read a very important message regarding the nursery in your bulletin insert and let us know if you can serve.

Impact Week Slideshow: See a recap of our week of service this summer doing mercy projects, at the kid's Performing Arts Camp, Theology Camp, and evenings of refreshment!

Sunday Funday after Worship: What is a funday? Well besides the obvious, think, all kinds of outdoor games for kids, bounce house, food, face painting, crafts. Join us outside!

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).

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8 | **Key Leader Kick Off** | 7:00pm

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September 12 | **Ministry Year Kick Off Day**

- **9:30am:**
 - **Congregational Meeting** | All are invited to attend, and members are especially encouraged to join us, for a look at this year's ministry plan and budget, a review of last year, and presentation of leadership. Pastor Jerry will lead a program for the youth.

- **10:30am:**
 - **Installation Service** | Celebrate with us as Pastor Craig is installed as Associate Pastor of CPC during this special service.
- **After Worship:**
 - **Move Up Sunday** | Due to the Congregational Meeting before worship, we'll hold Move Up Sunday after the service. This is a brief time (about 15 minutes) for children in Sunday School to "move up" to their new Sunday School class, meet their teacher and fellow students, and get acquainted with their new room.
 - **Connection Sunday** | Get to know all of our ministries here at CPC New Haven by visiting their tables on the lawn after worship. You'll have a chance to meet ministry leaders and get connected.
 - **Welcome Picnic** | Enjoy lunch and fellowship together outside!

September 12 | **CPC Milford Commissioning Service** | Time and Location TBD

A special serve for Rev. Curran Bishop and the congregation of Christ Presbyterian Church Milford. All are invited to attend and encourage our sister congregation.

September 18 | **Southern New England Presbytery Worship Service** | 12:30pm

All are invited to attend a service of worship with our Southern New England Presbytery hosted here at CPC New Haven.

September 19 | **Children's Sunday School & Adult Sunday Studies Begin** | 9:30am

Join us for Adult Sunday Studies in the Fellowship Hall, while our children attend Sunday School (class information will be available at the children's table in the foyer).

September 22 | **Wednesday Night School of Discipleship** | 6:30pm | In-Person & Livestream

A light meal will be served at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall, with our fall course beginning at 6:45pm. Stay for Compline after!

September 22 | **Compline Begins** | 8:00pm | In-Person & Livestream

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 meets Wednesday at 8:00pm during the academic year from 9/22/21 - 12/8/21 (except Thanksgiving week on 11/24/21) and 1/19/22 - 4/6/22.

September 25 | **Men's Ultimate Frisbee** | 10am-12pm | Soccer Fields at East Rock Park
Men, If you enjoy Ultimate Frisbee please join us Saturday (9/25) from 10am-12pm at the soccer fields by East Rock Park. Contact Jerry Ornelas for more information at jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org.

October 1 - 3 | **Overnight Church-Wide Retreat** | Incarnation Center
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October 24 | **Service Sunday and Elder Emeritus Reception Lunch** | After Worship
At Connection Sunday in September you were introduced to all of our ministries and their opportunities for involvement. Now, at Service Sunday, learn about all of the teams that make up the body of Christ here at CPC New Haven and how your gifts can serve alongside our various members. We'll also be having a special lunch in honor of Elder Emeritus Alan Phillips, in recognition of his service on the Session.

Save the Dates!

- October 30 | **Kids Fall Festival** | 10am
- November 6 | **Women's Coffee Connect** | 9am (Online Only)
- November 12 | **Marriage Enrichment Night** | 6pm

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 | 2nd & 4th Sundays | Resumes 9/26 | 1:00pm-4:00pm

“Crossroads” is our bi-monthly youth gathering on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. On the 2nd Sunday we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. On the 4th Sunday we will meet at the home of one of the youths. Each meeting has a shared meal, fun games, and music. During the summer and fall months, outdoor activities such as playing at a nearby park or swimming in the pool are activities to be enjoyed. These meetings will take place from 1-4pm. Contact Pastor Jerry (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.

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 (though in September it will be the second Thursday). Please contact JoAnn (thekupiecfamily@comcast.net) if you have any questions. Zoom 304 773 8548.

- 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.

Westside 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!