

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



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 111:1-4

Leader: Praise the Lord. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

People: **He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (#100)

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
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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

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: Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten.

People: **Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction.**

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

Leader: Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works.

People: **Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves.**

Lord have mercy on us / Show Your mercy through us

(Repeat)

Mercy

Leader: Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided.

People: Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Have mercy on us and make us whole in Christ who is our only hope. Amen.

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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

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.”

(Micah 7:18-19)

GRACE ALONE

**I was an orphan lost at the fall, / Running away when I'd hear you call
But Father you worked your will / I had no righteousness of my own,
I had no right to draw near your throne / But Father you loved me still
And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me up so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone**

**You left your home to seek out the lost / You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus your face was set / I worked my fingers down to the bone,
But nothing I did could ever atone / But Jesus you paid my debt
By Your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone**

**I was in darkness all of my life / I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit you made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own / Head full of rocks a heart made of stone
But Spirit you moved in me
And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone
So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone**

III. *Renewal in Christ's Word*

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

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

Old Testament: Psalm 103:8-12

New Testament: Matthew 18:21-35

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

The Gospel Absurdity of Holding an Unforgiving Grudge

Rev. Preston Graham Jr.

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." (ESV)

SERMON NOTES

If the forgiveness that we received at the cost of the blood of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, is so ineffective in our hearts that we are bent on holding unforgiving grudges and bitterness against someone... we don't cherish this forgiveness. We don't trust in this forgiveness. We don't embrace and treasure this forgiveness. We are hypocrites. We are just mouthing. We haven't ever felt the piercing, joyful wonder that God paid the life of his Son. I mean, how in the world could I hold a grudge against somebody when I have not been offended nearly like God has been offended — so highly that he has to pay the life of his Son in order for me to be forgiven? - John Piper

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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: Christians, what do you believe?

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

(Selections from Heidelberg Catechism)

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.)

WE ABIDE WE ABIDE IN YOU

**We are the vineyard You have planted
Tend our leaves and wild branches
We abide we abide in You
We abide we abide in You**

**Fruit growing from our strength and labor
Rain on us with grace and favor
We abide we abide in You
We abide we abide in You**

**Where can my soul find living water
Apart from You we bear no fruit
O plant my feet down by the river
We abide we abide in You**

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: Your death, O Christ, we proclaim.

Your resurrection we declare.

Your ascension we affirm.

Your coming we await.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

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

BEHOLD OUR GOD

**Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice
All creation rises to rejoice
Behold our God
Seated on his throne
Come let us adore him
Behold our King
Nothing can compare
Come let us adore him**

**Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?
Chorus**

**Who has felt the nails upon his hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign**

**God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign
Chorus**

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BENEDICTION

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word." Amen. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

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

Labor Day Lawn Party at CPC Hosted by the 20/30s Ministry

Come observe the New Haven Road Race (which includes Olympians competing in the 20k National Championship as well as some of our own CPCers) from the front lawn of CPC and enjoy coffee/breakfast provided by the 20/30s ministry. We will meet on Monday, September 6th at 9 a.m. in front of the church. Enter through the Bradley St. entrance because Whitney Ave. is on the race course. Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on. All are welcome!

CPC Key Leaders: Kick-Off Dessert This 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, followed by our meeting.

Grad Group Meet & Greet This Thursday 9/9 at 7:30pm at East Rock Brewery

Calling all graduate students, new and old, you're invited to our first night back in action! No agenda, no pressure, so bring friends and new students as we gather to (re-)connect before we start back with our regular time of prayer and study on 9/16. Join us at East Rock Brewery, 285 Nicoll St. at 7:30pm.

BOH Zoom Prayer Meeting This Thursday 9/9 at 7:00pm - 7:30pm

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

Men's Breakfast: Men and Boys Join us This 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).

College Students: Welcome Back!

Yale and SCSU students, we'd love to connect with you as you return for the start of the year. We have several events coming up on campus and at CPC, so please reach out to Jerry (jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org) or Craig (craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org) to learn more!

OVERNIGHT CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT OCT. 1 - 3 2021

You're Invited on "A Journey in Prayer"

Learning How to Align Your Faith with Your Life in Prayer



Register now for our first overnight church-wide retreat in 4 years! **See our brochure for all the info.** Whatever it takes, you will not want to miss this - especially don't let money be an issue: pay what you can and CPC's scholarship fund will take care of the rest. If you can contribute a little extra for someone else, we welcome that too! For any questions or help with registration call 203-777-6960 or email annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org.

Register online by 9/19 at cpcnewhaven.org/register or with the QR Code above.

NEW HERE?

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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).
4. **Subscribe to CPC Podcasts!** Take us with you wherever you are to listen to our School of Discipleship classes, the Sunday Sermon, Compline Homilies, and other inspiring conversations with our pastors. Visit cpcpodcasts.org or subscribe wherever you listen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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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** | 5:00pm | Fowler Rotary Pavilion, Milford

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. The service will be held at 5pm at the Fowler Rotary Pavilion (1 Shipyard Lane, Milford, CT 06460; behind the Milford Public Library). Potluck meal to follow.

September 18 | **Southern New England Presbytery Worship Service** | 12:30pm | Sanctuary
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, Deep River, CT
Join us Friday evening after dinner 10/1, through Sunday lunch 10/3, for a church-wide retreat at the Incarnation Center (253 Bushy Hill Rd, 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). Register online by 9/19 at cpcnewhaven.org/register. For any questions call 203-777-6960 or email Annie at annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org. See our brochure in the foyer!

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 9/16 | 7:30pm

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.

West Side 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!