

# 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](http://cpcnewhaven.org/live). You may also view a recorded version or listen to our sermons at [cpcnewhaven.org/sermons](http://cpcnewhaven.org/sermons). We do believe that there is a mystical communion of Christ in heaven with the body of Christ on earth by the Holy Spirit when you participate in person in worship.

# PROTOCOLS FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP

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**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 111:5-10

**Leader:** He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

**People:** **He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

**Leader:** The works of His hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

**People:** **They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

**Leader:** He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!

**People:** **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

## **ALL GLORY AND PRAISE**

**All glory and praise to the Ancient of Days,  
Who was born and was slain to redeem a lost race.**

**Salvation to God, Who carried our load,  
And purchased our lives with the price of His blood.**

**And shall He not have The lives which He gave  
Such an infinite ransom forever to save?**

**Yes, Lord, we are Thine,  
And gladly resign  
Our souls to be fill'd with the fulness Divine.  
Because Christ has died,  
Christ is Risen,  
Christ will come again**

**We yield Thee Thine own, we serve Thee alone,  
Thy will upon earth as in heaven be done.**

**How, when it shall be  
We cannot foresee;  
But oh! let us live, let us die unto Thee.  
Because Christ has died,  
Christ is Risen,  
Christ will come again**

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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*

## PEACE, LORD

**Peace, Lord  
Grant us your peace, Lord  
Peace, Lord  
Grant us your peace, Lord**

**Not as the world gives,  
But sure as your Son lives,  
So may we have his peace with us.**

**The peace of your Word, God  
We've read and we've heard, God  
So may we now know, deep down in our bones, your voice alone.  
Refrain**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

**Leader:** Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son.

**People:** **But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt.**

**Peace, Lord  
Grant us your peace, Lord  
Peace, Lord  
Grant us your peace, Lord**

**People: Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"In those days and in that time, declares the LORD, iniquity shall be sought in Israel, and there shall be none, and sin in Judah, and none shall be found, for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant." (Jeremiah 50:20)

**May the peace of Christ comfort our hearts, comfort our minds  
May the love of Christ move in our hands, move in our lives  
May the work of Christ lead us through death, lead unto life  
May the peace of Christ comfort our hearts, comfort our minds  
Peace, Lord  
Grant us your peace, Lord  
Peace, Lord  
Grant us your peace, Lord**

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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: Numbers 27:15-23

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 9:1-27

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

## SERMON

### Pastoral Calling: The Run for an Imperishable Wreath Rev. Preston Graham 1 Corinthians 9:1-27

<sup>1</sup> Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? <sup>2</sup> If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> This is my defense to those who would examine me. <sup>4</sup> Do we not have the right to eat and drink? <sup>5</sup> Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? <sup>6</sup> Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? <sup>7</sup> Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

<sup>8</sup> Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same? <sup>9</sup> For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? <sup>10</sup> Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop. <sup>11</sup> If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? <sup>12</sup> If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more?

Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? <sup>14</sup> In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

<sup>15</sup> But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting. <sup>16</sup> For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things

to all people, that by all means I might save some.<sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.<sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.<sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.<sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. (ESV)

## SERMON NOTES

*“The mode of filling is this: By the ministers to whom he has committed this office, and given grace to discharge it, he dispenses and distributes his gifts to the Church, and thus exhibits himself as in a manner actually present by exerting the energy of his Spirit in this his institution, so as to prevent it from being vain or fruitless.”*

John Calvin, *Institutes*, Book 4.3.2 (Calvin applies Eph. 4:10--Christ’s Ascension Into Heaven--and how he “fill all in all” unto the church in Eph 1.)

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## MEDITATION

## INSTALLATION OF REV. CRAIG LUEKENS AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

### Questions for Installation of Rev. Craig Luekens

1. Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

### Questions to Congregation

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Craig Luekens, whom you have called to be your pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

### PRAYER

### CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

### CHARGE TO THE PASTOR

### SONG OF THANKSGIVING

# 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](http://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 there is but one God only, the living and true God. And there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that we are justified as an act of God's free grace, wherein he forgives all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us and received by faith alone, and that we have a right to all the privileges of a child of God. I believe that believers are being renewed in the whole person after the image of God and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness, and at their death the souls of believers are made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory, and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection, and that at such day we are made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.**

(Taken from Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 5-6, 33-38)

## PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Dying you destroyed our death,  
Rising you restored our life.  
Ascending, you gave Christ as head over all things to the church,  
which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.

## 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.)*

## **NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS**

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**For my cleansing this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my pardon this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Glory, glory thus I sing, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
All my praise for this I bring, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

## 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.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Leader:** "I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

(Ephesians 4:1-3)

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

# V. Restored In Christ's Supremacy

From the throne of heaven, God's power and grace is with us. In reverence and awe, we worship an exalted King and receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken, going forth in his immeasurable power working within us.

*...and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures... numbering myriads of myriads... saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*  
Revelation 5:10-13

## **KING OF THE NATIONS**

**Come, let us worship Jesus, King of nations, Lord of all,  
Magnificent and glorious, just and merciful  
Jesus, King of the nations. Jesus, Lord of all.  
Jesus, King of the nations. Lord of all.**

**Lavish our heart's affection, deepest love and highest praise.  
Voice, race and language blending, all the world amazed.  
Chorus**

**Bring tributes from the nations, come in joyful cavalcades.  
One thund'rous acclamation, one banner raised.  
Chorus**

**Come, Lord, and fill your temple, glorify your dwelling place;  
Till nations see your splendor and seek your face.  
Chorus**

**Fear God and give him glory for his hour of judgment comes.  
Creator, Lord Almighty, worship him alone.  
Jesus, King of the nations. Jesus, Lord of all.  
Jesus, King of the nations. Worship Him alone.**

## BENEDICTION

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. Amen." (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

## PRAYER

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Commissioners and Participants

TE Preston Graham (convener)

TE Jefferson Bennett

TE Jeremiah Ornelas

RE John Kinsky

RE Chris Andre

RE Rob Hawkes

RE George Levesque

RE David Taylor

RE Alan Tweed

# HIGHLIGHTS

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**Commissioning Our New Leaders!** As we begin our new ministry year, we are thankful for many willing to serve the body of Christ. We have a new crop of Servant Leader Board members (Colleen Rice, Elena Gerard, Anna Graham, and Kaitlyn Jessee). We also pray for all of our Key Leaders at this time: Shepherd Leaders, Staff, Sunday School leaders and Life Group leaders.

## Today after Worship:

- **Move Up Sunday** | For our Sunday School kids, this is a brief time (about 15 minutes) for children to “move up” to their new Sunday School class, meet their teacher and fellow students, and get acquainted with their new room. See details in the foyer.
  - **Ages 2.5 - 4’s Class:** Reading Room off Fellowship Hall
  - **Pre-K - K Grade Class:** Basement Study Center
  - **1st - 3rd Grade Class:** 1st Floor, Lecture Room
  - **4th - 6th Grade Class:** 2nd Floor, Associate Pastor’s Study
  - **7th - 8th Grade Class:** 2nd Floor, Senior Pastor’s Study
  - **High School Class:** 2nd Floor, Youth 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. Fill out the interest form or visit [cpcnewhaven.org/ministries](http://cpcnewhaven.org/ministries).
- **Welcome Picnic and Celebration** | Let’s enjoy lunch and fellowship together outside, along with celebrating the installation of Associate Pastor Craig Luekens!

## Special Services:

- **CPC Milford Commissioning Service Tonight at 5:00pm at Fowler Rotary Pavilion in Milford:** All are invited to attend and encourage our sister congregation. 5pm at the Fowler Rotary Pavilion (1 Shipyard Lane, Milford, CT 06460; behind the Milford Public Library). Potluck meal to follow.
- **Southern New England Presbytery Worship Service This Saturday at 12:30pm:** This coming Saturday 9/18 at 12:30pm all are invited to attend a service of worship with our Southern New England Presbytery hosted here at CPC New Haven.

## School of Discipleship:

- **School of Discipleship Begins Next Sunday at 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). For class info see the “School of Discipleship” section, adults will be studying *The Bible Project: A Journey Through the Bible -- Book by Book*.

# OVERNIGHT CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT OCT. 1 - 3 2021

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## 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](mailto:annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org).

#### Friday 10/1

- **6pm-7pm:** Check-in
- **7pm:** Session 1
- **6pm:** Dinner
- **7pm:** Session 4
- **9pm:** Evening Fun

#### Saturday 10/2

- **8am:** Breakfast
- **9:30am:** Session 2
- **11:30am:** Lunch Break
- **2pm:** Session 3
- **3pm:** Afternoon Break

#### Sunday 10/3

- **8am:** Breakfast
- **9:30am:** Worship
- **11am:** Break
- **12pm:** Lunch

- Individuals, couples, and families will all have private rooms (across three different buildings).
- Bathrooms are shared by several rooms.
- Our group is the only group using our dining and meeting space (there is one smaller group that will be staying in their own space too).
- Masks are required in the dining room, but may be removed once seated. You may also bring food outside.
- All staff at the Incarnation Center are vaccinated and will wear masks.
- We will either meet in our 100 person meeting room, or meet spread out in the gym.
- Nursery will be available during the main sessions.
- Youth programming will be available during the main sessions

Register online by 9/19 at [cpcnewhaven.org/register](https://cpcnewhaven.org/register) or with the QR Code above.

## NEW HERE?

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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://cpcpodcasts.org) or subscribe wherever you listen.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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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 Fellowship Meal** | 7pm | Fellowship Hall

A light meal will be served at 7pm for fellowship before Compline!

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](mailto: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](https://cpcnewhaven.org/register). For any questions call 203-777-6960 or email Annie at [annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto: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.

# SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

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*See resources from all of our classes at [cpcnewhaven.org/all-classes](http://cpcnewhaven.org/all-classes).*

**Children’s Sunday School:** Resumes 9/19 at 9:30am! More info: [cpcnewhaven.org/children](http://cpcnewhaven.org/children)

## **Adult Sunday Studies:**

- **The Bible Project: A Journey Through the Bible -- Book by Book | Begins 9/19 at 9:30am:** Have you ever tried to read the Bible and get lost in the weeds? Try to read from cover to cover and don’t make it past Exodus? Ever wonder what the main points of each book are about? Join us Sunday Mornings as we discuss a different book of the Bible each week in order. In order to become biblically literate and to fall more in love with God and His Word, we have to understand the bigger picture of God’s redemption. We’ll be using the popular and easily digested “Bible Project” videos each week to kick off our discussions. The Psalmist exclaims, “I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil” (Ps. 119:162). Let’s mine the treasures together! 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Just Prayer | Begins 10/10 at 9:30am:** Not “just” prayer, or prayer about justice, but prayer alone! Inspired by our church-wide retreat, we want to be a church that depends on God and works for results that only God can provide, as opposed to ones that we can manufacture. So let’s do this together - no program, no agenda, just a commitment to pray kingdom prayers together according to the command of Christ, for the glory of Christ, and the building up of His Church!

**Men’s Discipleship Group:** Every 1st and 2nd Thursday evening starting at 6:30pm we gather for a time of fellowship and discussion over an article that is distributed via email early in the week. Emails are sent out every Monday with information on time, location, and a link to the article. If you are interested in joining and you are not on the men’s emailing list, contact Jerry Ornelas ([jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org)).

**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](mailto:lisahgraham@comcast.net)) or Diane Miller ([auntie.diane@comcast.net](mailto:auntie.diane@comcast.net)).

# MINISTRY GROUPS

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## **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](mailto:jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org)).

## **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](mailto:jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org)) or Craig ([craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org)) to learn more!

## **Going Deep @Yale | Fridays | Begins 9/17 | Time TBD | Cross Campus**

Calling all Yale undergrads! We love good questions and real theology here, so let’s discuss the big topics together. With the indoor restrictions as they are now, let’s plan to meet outside on cross campus for now. Email Craig ([Craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:Craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org)) for more details.

## **Graduate Student Small Group | Thursdays | Begins 9/16 | 7:30pm | CPC Fellowship Hall**

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

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

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

# LIFE GROUPS

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**Downtown New Haven:** Newly formed, the vision of this group is to reach and serve those that live in and around Downtown New Haven. Contact Tyler Rice ([tylerarice@gmail.com](mailto:tylerarice@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining.

**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, kajjessee@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 generally meet once to twice a month on Sundays at 4 pm at different members' homes. This semester we are studying Rosaria Butterfield's book, *The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in our Post-Christian World*. The next meeting is 4 pm Sunday September 19 at Pete and Patty Chuchta's home at 525 Ridge Rd in Hamden. For more information about this and upcoming meetings, contact Julie Walker: walkerfj@comcast.net.

**Shoreline Saturday Life Group:** We generally meet on the second Saturday of each month from 4:30 – 7:30pm for a time of fellowship and dinner. We are currently meeting in person. Please contact Cliff Bogue (Clifford.bogue@me.com) or Lisa Tweed (hatwik@aol.com) if you are interested in joining us! If we need to move to meeting remotely, we will use Zoom ID 99720453539.

**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:** Newly formed, this group will serve the greater Westville/Orange/Woodbridge/West Haven area with an emphasis on fellowship and prayer support, accompanied by a discussion-based Bible Study. Additional details including the meeting schedule will be provided after the September 19th meeting. Contact Ken Healy at kenhealy@gmail.com or (203) 725-6894 if you are interested in joining us!