

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 93

Leader: The Lord reigns, He is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

People: Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

People: Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!

Leader: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Chorus**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sins.
Chorus**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.
Chorus**

II. Rediscovering God's Grace

Entering God's presence naturally leads us to face our sin, yet in Christ we do so both mournfully and courageously, with the knowledge that his abundant mercy awaits. God makes it safe to be honest, real, and transparent about our moral failures and brokenness because we have nothing to prove or hide in Christ.

*Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals... "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."
Revelation 5:1-5*

GRANT US THY GRACE

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

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

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor.

People: We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." (Romans 10:9-10)

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

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III. *Renewal in Christ's Word*

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

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

Old Testament: Hosea 4:1-19

New Testament: 1 John 5:20-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Why Does the Land Mourn?

Rev. Jerry Ornelas

Hosea 4:1-19

¹ Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; ² there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. ³ Therefore the land mourns, and all who dwell in it languish, and also the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens, and even the fish of the sea are taken away. ⁴ Yet let no one contend, and let none accuse, for with you is my contention, O priest. ⁵ You shall stumble by day; the prophet also shall stumble with you by night; and I will destroy your mother. ⁶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. ⁷ The more they increased, the more they sinned against me; I will change their glory into shame. ⁸ They feed on the sin of my people; they are greedy for their iniquity. ⁹ And it shall be like people, like priest; I will punish them for their ways and repay them for their deeds. ¹⁰ They shall eat, but not be satisfied; they shall play the whore, but not multiply, because they have forsaken the LORD to cherish ¹¹ whoredom, wine, and new wine, which take away the understanding. ¹² My people inquire of a piece of wood, and their walking staff gives them oracles. For a spirit of whoredom has led them astray, and they have left their God to play the whore. ¹³ They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains and burn offerings on the hills, under oak, poplar, and terebinth, because their shade is good. Therefore your daughters play the whore, and your brides commit adultery. ¹⁴ I will not punish your daughters when they play the whore, nor your brides when they commit adultery; for the men themselves go aside with prostitutes and sacrifice with cult prostitutes, and a people without understanding shall come to ruin. ¹⁵ Though you play the whore, O Israel, let not Judah become guilty. Enter not into Gilgal, nor go up to Beth-aven, and swear not, "As the LORD lives." ¹⁶ Like a stubborn heifer, Israel is stubborn; can the LORD now feed them like a lamb in a broad pasture? ¹⁷ Ephraim is joined to idols; leave him alone. ¹⁸ When their drink is gone, they give themselves to whoring; their rulers dearly love shame. ¹⁹ A wind has wrapped them in its wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

SERMON NOTES

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

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

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: In all my distress and persecution, I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as Judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

(Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 52 & 56)

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain

People: to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

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.)

WOOD AND NAILS

**O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees
Look on your handiwork and build a house so you may dwell in Me
So you may dwell in Me**

**The work was done with nothing but wood and nails
In Your scar-borne hands
O show me how to work and praise
Trusting that I am Your instrument**

**O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face
O build a table that I too may join you in the father's place
Oh in the Father's place
Chorus**

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

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

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

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

Build My Life

**Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You**

**Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You**

**Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me**

**Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You
Chorus**

**I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken (Repeat)
Chorus**

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BENEDICTION

“May the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 5:10-11)

PRAYER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.

Covid precautions and notes about the retreat:

- Individuals, couples, and families will all have private rooms
- 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 at cpcnewhaven.org/register or with the QR Code above.
Wednesday 9/22 is the absolute last day to register.

HIGHLIGHTS

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.

Beginning This Week:

- **Sunday Studies for Adults 9:30am (begins 9/19)**
- **Sunday School for Children 9:30am (begins 9/19)**
- **Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 7pm (begins 9/22)**
- **Wednesday Night Compline 8pm (begins 9/22)**

Sing at Home with Our New YouTube Playlist: Enjoy the songs we regularly sing at CPC from home with our new YouTube playlist. Visit www.youtube.com/c/CPCNewHaven and select “Playlists” to find it (it’s called “CPC Sunday Morning Music”).



Young Moms & Dads Discipleship Groups: If you have a child age 12 or under and are desiring to grow in your faith then consider joining our young moms or our young dads discipleship group! For more information contact Jefferson Bennett (jefferson@cpcnewhaven.org) by 9/22.

Men’s Ultimate Frisbee This Saturday 9/25 10am-12pm in East Rock

Men and boys, if you enjoy Ultimate Frisbee join us Saturday (9/25) from 10am-12pm at the soccer fields by East Rock Park. Contact Jerry for more info at jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org.

Youth Group Crossroads Resumes Next Sunday 9/26 1pm-4pm

Next Sunday (9/26) the youth are invited to the first Crossroads event of the fall. We will meet at Karen Peck’s home. Bring bathing suits, a towel, and an appetite. Food and fun will be provided! Address: 5 Belmont Street, Milford 06460 (park on Belmont or around the corner in the spaces around the park and field).

Calling All Singers and Those Who Want to Learn

We are putting together a Christmas choir for this advent season. If you are interested, contact Josh within a week by next Sunday 9/26 (joshuatsanders@yahoo.com).

Wednesday 9/22 Is the Absolute Last Day to Register for the Church-Wide Retreat!
cpcnewhaven.org/register

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).
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 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.

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 | **Elder Emeritus Reception Lunch** | After Worship

We'll have 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.

Children's Sunday School: Resumes 9/19 at 9:30am! More info: cpcnewhaven.org/children

Adult Sunday Studies at 9:30am:

- **The Bible Project: A Journey Through the Bible -- Book by Book | Begins 9/19:** 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:** 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 at 6:30pm we gather for a time of fellowship and discussion of an article. Emails are sent out every Monday with info on time, location, and a link to the article. If you are interested in joining (and are not on the men's email 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 (7-8:30 pm) as we encourage, support and challenge one another in a small group setting. We are using the book *A Place to Belong* by Megan Hill. Please join us (in person with safe distancing or by Zoom) as we explore the beauty of the church and how we can delight in the "loveliness of Christ's gathered people." Contact Lisa (lisahgraham44@gmail.com) or Diane Miller (auntie.diane@comcast.net).

Young Moms & Dads Discipleship Groups: If you have a child age 12 or under and are desiring to grow in your faith then consider joining our young moms or our young dads discipleship group! For more information contact Jefferson Bennett (jefferson@cpcnewhaven.org) by 9/22.

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. Contact Pastor Jerry (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) or Craig (craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org) to learn more!

Going Deep@Yale | Fridays | 9am-10am | 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) for more details.

Graduate Student Small Group | Thursdays | 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.

Women's Book Club | Second Thursdays | 3pm | Zoom ID: 824 7985 2619

The Women's Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 3pm. Please contact JoAnn (thekupiecfamily@comcast.net) if you have any questions. Zoom 824 7985 2619.

- 10/14 "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens
- 11/11 "Martin Luther" by Eric Metaxas

LIFE GROUPS

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) 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!