

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 worshiping 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 cpcpodcasts.org. 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.

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

A PRAYER OF GOD'S PRESENCE

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.

PSALM 34 TASTE AND SEE

**Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever**

**I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from every fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed**

**This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them
Chorus**

**O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord O all you saints
He'll give you everything
He'll give you everything
Chorus**

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In a word or a phrase, lift up praises to the living God.

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

FRESH WIND

**Spirit sound rushing wind
Fire of God fall within
Holy Ghost breathe on us we pray
As we repent turn from sin
Revival embers smoldering
Breath of God fan us into flame**

**We need a fresh wind
The fragrance of heaven
Pour your spirit out
Pour your spirit out**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

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

People: **O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge unreservedly before your holy majesty that we are sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, and that in our depravity we transgress your holy commands without end or ceasing.**

**Spirit sound rushing wind
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Holy Ghost breathe on us we pray
As we repent turn from sin
Revival embers smoldering
Breath of God fan us into flame**

**We need a fresh wind
The fragrance of heaven
Pour your spirit out
Pour your spirit out
A holy anointing
The power of your presence
Pour your spirit out
Pour your spirit out**

**People: Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended you
and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance,
asking for your grace to relieve our distress.**

**We need a fresh wind
The fragrance of heaven
Pour your spirit out
Pour your spirit out
A holy anointing
The power of your presence
Pour your spirit out
Pour your spirit out**

**People: And as you blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us
day by day the grace of your Holy Spirit. Amen.** (Adapted from John
Calvin, Geneva 1542)

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

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Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

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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: Psalm 6:1-10

New Testament: John 12:20-36

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

Nothing Now Can be the Same: Judgment, Repentance, and the Glory of God

Rev. Craig Luekens

John 12:20-36

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

SERMON NOTES

Text SERMON QUESTION to 860-467-0010 and follow the prompts to submit your question, then the pastor will be in touch this week. You may also view a recorded version of the service or subscribe to our sermon podcast at cpcpodcasts.org.

For families worshiping 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 text GIVE or PRAY to 860-467-0010.

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: Christian, who do you trust?

People: Jesus Christ, as he is attested to us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

Leader: Christian, What is the extent of Christ's saving lordship?

People: As Jesus Christ is God's comforting pronouncement of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, with equal seriousness, he is also God's vigorous announcement of his claim upon our whole life. Through him there comes to us joyful liberation from the godless ties of this world for free, grateful service to his creatures.

Leader: Christian, what do you believe about the Church?

People: The Christian Church is the community of brethren in which, in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ acts in the present as Lord.... As the Church of pardoned sinners, it belongs to him alone and lives and may live by his comfort and under his direction alone, in expectation of his appearing.

(Taken From Barmen Declaration of 1934, Articles 1-3)

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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. (Pre-sealed elements of juice and wafer are also available.)

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

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**

BENEDICTION

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5-6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Praise for Ukraine Fund Gifts: After two weeks of encouraging us to give to denominational missionaries in Ukraine, our Shepherd Leaders are happy to announce that we are giving a total of \$4,026! These funds will encourage them in their mission, based in Lviv, and go directly toward the dire needs they are facing amidst the crisis. Please continue to pray for the conflict there, that the gospel would be clearly proclaimed as our only hope in the face of suffering and death. For ongoing updates, go to mtw.org/ukraine-crisis.

Saturday 4/9 | Spring Work Day with Breakfast Hosted by the Men's Ministry: Enjoy a hearty breakfast at 8am hosted by the Men's Ministry, followed by spring cleaning at 9am! This is the second of only two work days each year, projects available for all skill levels and sizes of hands.

Look for an email this week with volunteer opportunities for Easter Sunday!

Monday 4/11 - Sunday 4/17 | Easter at CPC: Read Details Under "Upcoming Events" Section

- **Holy Week Evening Prayer Services** | Mon. 4/11 - Thurs. 4/14 | 9pm-9:30pm | Zoom
- **Good Friday Service** | Friday 4/15 | 7pm | CPC Sanctuary
- **Kids Easter Egg Hunt** | Saturday 4/16 | 11am | Edgewood Field (Westville)
- **Easter Sunday Worship** | Sunday 4/17 | 11am | Edgewood Field (Westville)

Saturday 4/23 | Duckpin Bowling Outreach & Fellowship at 1pm: Join us and invite your friends & family for a time of church fun over a historic New England game—duckpin bowling! (Trust us—it's more fun than regular bowling!) We'll be at Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling (240 Platt Ave, West Haven) from 1pm-4pm. Pizza will be provided! Cost is \$15 per person, \$30 max per family.

Sunday 4/24 | Congregational Meeting at 9:30am: Join us before worship (during Sunday Studies) for a congregational meeting - all are invited, though members are especially encouraged to attend. Children's Sunday School is canceled this day, though children will be invited to participate in a program led by Jerry Ornelas. Nursery will not be available.

Sign Photo in Foyer for Arnie: As many of you know, our long-time Building Manager, Arnie Monahan, has been transitioning to serve with our CPC Milford congregation. In appreciation of the many years of his faithful labors and service we would like to present him with a signed photo of our building. Please add your personal messages and signatures this Sunday.

Text these keywords to [860-467-0010](tel:860-467-0010) and follow the prompts. PRAY: To submit prayer requests to be prayed for weekly by staff and sent out to the congregation in our weekly prayer email. **PASTORCONSULT:** Confidentially set up a meeting with one of our pastor.

PROTOCOLS FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP

Covid-19 Re-Opening as of 03/07/22: Consistent with New Haven policy, masks will now be optional at CPC for everyone regardless of vaccination status (including children). The Downstairs Sanctuary is reserved for those who would like to wear a mask during Sunday worship (you may also choose to wear one upstairs of course). In the spirit of Christian charity, please respect each others' choices and each others' safety in the event that you are experiencing symptoms.

SAVE CPC'S TEXT NUMBER: 860-467-0010

1. **Receive Broadcast Messages from CPC:** this is a one-way-only text where you will receive updates or important messages from CPC (this is not a group chat). To activate this, by law, you must opt-in first by texting us before we are able to text you (you can opt-out at any time). To get started simply text **HELLO** to **860-467-0010** and follow the prompts.
2. **Give In-Text:** Text **GIVE** to us at **860-467-0010** and you'll be prompted to set up an account to securely store your credit card information so that you only need to enter it this first time. After this, you will be able to give solely through interactions in your text app (i.e. by texting in your donation amount, and selecting funds and frequency.).
3. **Take Action:** Text these keywords to **860-467-0010** and follow the prompts.
 - **PRAY:** Submit prayer requests to be prayed for weekly by staff and sent out to the congregation in our weekly prayer email.
 - **PASTORCONSULT:** Set up a meeting with one of our pastors to discuss anything from a spiritual issue to interest in membership.
 - **SERMONQUESTION:** Send the pastors your sermon questions and they'll be back in touch with an answer.

Keep in mind, this is only our text number, our landline still exists at 203-777-6960 if you'd like to make a voice call. Opt-in today: Text **HELLO** to **860-467-0010**

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9 | **Spring Work Day with Breakfast Hosted by the Men's Ministry** | 8am B'fast/9am Work

Enjoy a hearty breakfast at 8am hosted by the Men's Ministry at CPC. Then join us for the morning to spring clean at 9am! This is the second of only two work days each year. There will be projects available for all skill levels and sizes of hands.

April 11 - April 14 | **Holy Week Evening Prayer Services** | 9pm-9:30pm | Virtual on Zoom

Monday - Thursday evening during Holy Week, join us nightly for a pastor-led prayer service via Zoom at 9pm-9:30pm (Meeting ID: 861 0755 4970, Passcode: 2022).

April 15 | **Good Friday Service** | 7pm | CPC Sanctuary

Join us in person for our Good Friday service. Traditionally this is a contemplative service intent on considering the weight of Christ's death and our part in it. Nursery will be provided during the service, and it is followed by a light meal. To join online, text LIVE to (860) 467-0010.

April 16 | **Kids Easter Egg Hunt** | 11am | Edgewood Field (Westville)

We will be offering a community Easter egg hunt at Edgewood Field in Edgewood Park in Westville (at the corner of Yale Ave. and Edgewood Ave., across from Edgewood School). There will be a craft, a game and a hunt! Kids (age 10 and under) are invited to join the egg hunt. Kids (age 11+) are invited to arrive 15 minutes early to help hide the eggs and there will be a game and some candy for them. This will be an excellent event to invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends with children to!

April 17 | **Easter Sunday Worship & Lunch** | 11am | Edgewood Field (Westville)

We hope that you will participate in-person on Easter Sunday with us, and bring a friend. We want everyone to feel free to worship with us on Easter, and to invite anyone they know, so we are going outdoors!

- **Time:** 11am
- **Location:** Edgewood Field at Edgewood Park in Westville (at the corner of Yale Ave. and Edgewood Ave., across from Edgewood School). Bring your own outdoor chairs and picnic blankets.
- **Parking:** Across the street from the field, at Edgewood School.
- **Rain Plan:** In the event of inclement weather, we will make the call by 8am that morning and post any updates online at cpcnewhaven.org/cancellations. If it rains we will have our normal service at CPC indoors and online at 11am.

- **Invitations:** Look for hard copy invitations in the foyer.
- **Lunch:** Stay outside afterwards to enjoy lunch hosted by CPC! We'll have food trucks on-site, though you are welcome to bring your own or food for kiddos.

On Easter Sunday, those who have become members of CPC throughout the past year, and those becoming members this day, will be presented in front of the congregation to join in the taking of membership vows. Those seeking to pursue membership contact Annie (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org). There will be no service on-site at CPC, though you may watch live on YouTube ([cpcnewhaven.org/live](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpcnewhaven.org/live)), and a recording will be available after the service (see the link for archived services under "After the Worship Service").

April 23 | **Duckpin Bowling Outreach & Fellowship** | 1pm | Woodlawn Duckpin (West Haven)
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April 24 | **Congregational Meeting** | 9:30am | During Sunday Studies
Join us before worship for a congregational meeting - all are invited, though members are especially encouraged to attend. Children's Sunday School is canceled this day, though children will be invited to participate in a program lead by Jerry Ornelas. Nursery will not be available.

June 27 - July 1 | **Impact Week** | Save the date!

ONGOING WEEKLY

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 or text PASTORCONSULT to 860-467-0010.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal at 7pm: Join us for a light meal before Compline in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Compline at 8pm (In-Person and 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 (in-person or online at cpcnewhaven.org/live) from 9/22/21 - 12/8/21 (except Thanksgiving week on 11/24/21) and 1/19/22 - 4/6/22.

Thursday Live Podcast Recording at 1pm: Recorded at New Haven’s The Owl Shop, the Smokin’ Theologians Podcast is a long form conversation hosted by curious layman, Alex Gonzalez, and learned Theologian, Rev. Dr. Preston Graham, in which the two discuss plaguing theological questions and today’s societal concerns. Smokin’ Theologians is an answer to questions that don’t always get addressed. This audio video podcast will be available on YouTube Live, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts. *All are invited to attend the live recording every Thursday at 1pm at The Owl Shop in downtown New Haven (268 College St, New Haven, CT 06510). Also visit cpcpodcasts.org.*

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!

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. Or you can text CONNECT to 860-467-0010 to get connected.
2. **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).
3. **Learn about Membership!** We consider the church an essential element of the gospel, so joining CPC as a member is a way to truly join the body of Christ, in all its blessings and with all its flaws! Before joining, you'll listen to an online membership seminar, meet with a pastor, and discuss how you've come to know Christ with the Shepherd Leaders.

CPC ONLINE

Subscribe to CPC Podcasts: Listen to our School of Discipleship classes, the Sunday Sermon, Compline Homilies, Smokin' Theologians, and other inspiring conversations with our pastors. Visit cpcpodcasts.org or subscribe wherever you listen.



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.



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



Apply for a Social Outreach Grant: Life Groups, Ministry Groups, or ad hoc groups of at least four people may plan fellowship/outreach events that encourage friends and neighbors to interact with the body of Christ! We have a designated amount of money to grant and applications will be accepted and granted on a rolling basis. Scan here to apply or visit cpcnewhaven.org/forms-and-handbooks.



SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

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

Children's Sunday School at 9:30am: More info in the foyer or at cpcnewhaven.org/children.

Adult Sunday Studies at 9:30am:

- **Pilgrim's Progress | Fellowship Hall** | We need encouragement to persevere in the faith! With so many distractions and sins in our lives, what a great time to read and pray through a Christian classic that is the 2nd best selling book of all time, after the Bible, *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. We'll tackle topics like the cost of discipleship, despair, prayer, doubt, greed, battles we face in walking the road of faith, and many more! Read along with us if you'd like, but not necessary.
- **Just Prayer | Parlor** | 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 3rd 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 via Zoom (meeting #812 2180 7643) as we explore the beauty of the church and how we can delight in the "loveliness of Christ's gathered people." Contact Lisa Graham (lisahgraham44@gmail.com) or Diane Miller (auntie.diane@comcast.net).

Young Moms & Young Dads: If you have a child age 12 or under and are desiring to grow in your faith contact Jefferson Bennett (jefferson@cpcnewhaven.org).

Young at Heart 60+ Group: This group meets at 10:30am on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall. We are using the book "Trusting God." If you are interested contact Alan Phillips (phillipsalanr@gmail.com) or Stacy Roney (mrsprofdoc@icloud.com).

MINISTRY GROUPS

Youth Group Crossroads | 2nd and 4th Sundays 12:30pm-1:30pm | CPC

“Crossroads” is our bi-monthly youth gathering on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at CPC. 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).

Digging Deep@Yale | Wednesdays | 12:00-1:00pm | Schwartzman Commons Elm Cafe

Calling all Yale undergrads! We love good questions and real theology here, so let’s discuss the big topics together. This semester we’re looking at key ideas in the New Testament. We’ll meet at the Schwartzman Commons Underground Cafe. Email Craig (Craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org) for more details.

Graduate Student Small Group | [some] Thursdays | 7:30pm | CPC Fellowship Hall

We’re excited for our 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. We will attend Compline on Wednesdays (8pm) throughout March, and meet as Grad students on Thursdays at 7:30pm beginning in April (except for Holy Week). 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.

- April 14 - "1984" and "Animal Farm" by George Orwell
- May 12 - "Lilith" by George MacDonald

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. We meet weekly on Thursdays at 7pm but location varies from week to week. Text Tyler Rice at 863-255-5138 or email tylerarice@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

East Rock Life Group: The East Rock Life Group usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, either mid or late afternoon, 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 generally meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th 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*. 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 twice monthly: Once on Sunday at 1:00pm for a delicious lunch, fellowship and a time of prayer together, and the other time on a weeknight at 7:30pm for "Bible & Life," using Zoom to disciple one another through discussion of the sermon, the Word, or other resources. Please contact Jennifer (203-675-3268, jenandjen@att.net) with any questions or if you'd like to join us. We'd love to have you!

Trumbull Life Group: We meet the second Sunday of each month from 5-6:30 PM in Trumbull for a time of teaching and sharing of prayer requests followed by a meal. All are welcome to join us. Contact Heather Woolbert at 203-494-4805 for more information.

West Side Life Group: 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. We meet the second Sunday of the month at 4pm. Contact Cyndi Taylor at cynthiastaylor@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us!