

# 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.

# A Guide to Our 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*

## 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*

### **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*

### **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*

### **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*

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# DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

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## MEDITATION

*A time to quiet your heart and mind in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.*

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## I. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GLORY

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### CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 33:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.  
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him the harp of ten strings!  
Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.  
For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

People: **He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

*With a word or short phrase, a prayer of praise may be offered out loud at this time when directed.*

### THE STEADFAST LOVE

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases  
His mercies never come to an end  
They are new every morning, new every morning  
Great is thy faithfulness O Lord,  
Great is thy faithfulness.**

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### COME THOU FOUNT, COME THOU KING

**Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**Chorus:  
Come Thou Fount come Thou King.  
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace.  
Hear Your bride to You we sing.  
Come Thou Fount of our blessing.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it - prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

**Chorus**

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## **II. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE**

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**HOLY HANDS**

**Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.**

**Chorus: These guilty hands are raised; filthy rags are all I bring;  
And I have come to hide beneath your wings.  
These holy hands are raised, washed in the fountain of your grace,  
And now I wear your righteousness.**

**Thy work alone O Christ can ease this weight of sin.  
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God can give me peace within;  
Thy love to me O God not mine O Lord to thee,  
Can rid me of this dark unrest and set my spirit free.**

### **Chorus**

**Thy grace alone O God to me can pardon speak.  
Thy power alone O Lamb of God can this sore bondage break.  
No other work save Thine, no other blood will do.  
No strength save that which is divine can bear me safely through.**

### **Chorus**

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## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

Our God and Savior, help us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb;  
we are in the foothills when we long to be on the heights.

We are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our  
sloth in the heavenly race, our sullied conscience, our wasted hours, our unspent  
opportunities.

We are blind while the light shines around us: take the scales from our eyes, grind to  
dust our heart of unbelief.

*With a word or short phrase, prayer of confession may be offered out loud at this time when  
directed.*

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love  
toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he  
removes our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:11-12)

 *If so desired, during the next song is a good time for children to leave for childcare.*

## 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.**

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## III. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S WORD

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Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-13  
New Testament: Hebrews 9:1-14 (sermon)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## MEDITATION

## SERMON

### **Our Guilty Conscience, Christ's Redemption, and the Great "Once-For-All"**

Rev. Craig Luekens

Hebrews 9:1-14

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. <sup>2</sup> For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. <sup>3</sup> Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, <sup>4</sup> having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. <sup>5</sup> Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

<sup>6</sup> These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, <sup>7</sup> but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. <sup>8</sup> By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing <sup>9</sup> (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, <sup>10</sup> but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

## 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](http://cpcnewhaven.org/sermons).*

**Takeaway:** Do you struggle with a guilty conscience? Does it seem as if people inside the church suffer from a guilty conscience more than those outside it? May it never be! Our passage today displays the wonderful “once-for-all” work of Christ as the guarantee that has purified our guilty conscience and secured our eternal redemption. With these wonderful promises, why do we still struggle with guilt or with still not believing we have access to God? We continue to focus on outward rules and customs to appear cleansed, when real, inward purification is offered in Christ. Consider Jesus, the perfect Savior of sinners - what would it mean to live a life free of a guilty conscience in order to worship the living God through access secured by him?

## MEDITATION

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## IV. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE

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*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

### BRINGING OUR LIFE TO GOD: COLLECTION & PRAYERS

*If there is a personal prayer related to your own experience of Christ in your life, please feel free to share this with us at this time publicly. In order for your prayer requests to be shared with the congregation in a weekly email, please submit them using the prayer request cards and place in the offering basket, the prayer basket located in the back of the sanctuary, or by email to [admin@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:admin@cpcnewhaven.org).*

As we initiate a new year, pray for gospel transformation through the ministries at CPC and all our plans for the upcoming year, including those represented at our tables in the foyer today: Music, Life Groups, School of Discipleship, Children's, Youth, College, Graduate, and 20/30s.

### 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.**

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

**Leader:** Christians, what do you believe?

**People:** **He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. (1 Timothy 3:16, 1st Century)**

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

## RECEIVING AND PRAYING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*All Christians are invited to come forward to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. For all Christians and non-communing participants desiring God's special intervention and blessing, gender-specific prayer teams are available during communion in the foyer. Please enter the Sanctuary for communion.*

*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.*

## COMMUNION SONG: LORD I BELIEVE

**Pity a helpless sinner, Lord,  
Who would believe Thy gracious Word.  
But, O! my heart with shame and grief,  
A sink of sin and unbelief.**

**Lord, in Thy house, I read there's room,  
And venturing hard, behold, I come.  
But can there, tell me, can there be  
Amongst Thy children room for me?**

**I eat the bread and drink the wine,  
But, O, my soul wants more than sign!  
I faint unless I feed on Thee,  
And drink the blood as shed for me.**

**Lord, I believe Thy grace is free.  
O, magnify that grace in me.**

**For sinners, Lord, Thou cam'st to bleed,  
And I'm a sinner vile, indeed.**

**Lord, I believe Thy grace is free.  
O magnify that grace in me.**

### **Chorus**

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### **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.

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## **V. RESTORED IN CHRIST’S SUPREMACY**

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### **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, gentleness, 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)

**People:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

Leader: And also with you.

## AWAKE, SWEET GRATITUDE, AND SING

**Awake, sweet gratitude and sing, th' ascended Savior's love;  
Sing how he lives to carry on, his people's cause above.  
With cries and tears he offered up his humble prayers below;  
But with authority he asks, enthroned in glory now;  
Awake, sweet gratitude,  
Awake sweet gratitude, and sing  
The ascended Savior's love.**

**For all that come to God by him, Salvation he demands;  
Their lives are held within his heart, and printed in his hands.  
His sweet atoning sacrifice gives sanction to his claim:  
"O Father, may my precious saints be with me where I am."  
Awake, sweet gratitude,  
Awake sweet gratitude, and sing  
The ascended Savior's love.**

**Eternal life, at his request, to every saint is given:  
Sweet peace on earth, and, after death, the plentitude of heaven.  
Ascended to the Father's side, in love to intercede;  
And now from your great throne of grace, Dear Lord, remember me;  
Awake, sweet gratitude,  
Awake sweet gratitude, and sing  
The ascended Savior's love.**

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## BENEDICTION

Leader: "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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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*You're invited to join us weekly before the first service at 8:30am for coffee, pastries, and fellowship in the foyer, or to stay after the second service for snacks and fellowship at the Well!*

## **Commissioning of Our Spiritual Leaders for the New Year**

Pray for all of our CPC leaders as they are commissioned to carry out all of our ministry plans this year: Elders, Women's Leadership Board, Servant Leader Board, Staff, Team Leaders, Sunday School Teachers, Life Group Facilitators and Coordinators.

## **Today 10:30-10:45: In-Between-Service Schedule**

- **Move-Up Sunday for Our Children's Sunday School Classes:** Kids, at 10:30am meet your new Sunday School teachers in the foyer to be introduced to your new classrooms and classmates for the year. Parents, head to the Fellowship Hall for a brief meeting. At 10:45am, teachers of classes grades 4 and down will lead kids to the Fellowship Hall to meet their parents, then join us for brunch on the lawn!
- **Meet Our Ministry Leaders in the Foyer:** Today is the last Sunday of our Ministry Fair! Please introduce yourself and meet our leaders. We'd love for you to learn more about our ministries and be involved. Visit the foyer to connect with: Music, Life Groups, School of Discipleship, Children's, Youth, College, Graduate, 20/30s.
- **Meeting for 20/30s Executive Team:** Meet in the Parlor.

## **Today 10:45am: Pancake Brunch on the Patio**

- Everyone is invited to enjoy our brunch as we kick off our two services this season.

# FILL OUT YOUR BULLETIN INSERT

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## **School of Discipleship Launches Next Week - Sign Up Now (See Next Page)!**

This year we have an exciting schedule of classes offered during our Adult Sunday Studies (begins 9/15) and during our Wednesday Night School of Discipleship (begins 9/18). **Check out the insert in your bulletin to sign-up or go online to [cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes](http://cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes).**

Sunday Studies happens in between our two services at 10:30am. Wednesday Night School of Discipleship is an affair for the whole family! Come at 6pm for a catered meal, then gather into groups based on our course offerings, Kid's Club for our elementary school kids (K-5 attend Kid's Club with Jr. High Leaders, Sr. High may help lead or attend adult studies), and nursery.

## Have You Found Your Life Group?

Make sure to check the front cover of the bulletin to connect with a Life Group! Each group acts as a church in miniature and has a Facilitator, Outreach Coordinator, Mercy Coordinator, and Shepherd Leader oversight. **See the bulletin insert for more info.**

## Interested in Joining Our Worship Prayer Team?

The prayer team is available to pray with people in the foyer during communion and after each service in the front of the Sanctuary (beginning 9/8). Training will be provided in September, and we are seeking more men and women to serve on a rotational basis. Contact Annie ([annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org)).

# SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

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*Sign-up online at [cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes](http://cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes).*

## **Adult Sunday Studies** | 10:30am Weekly

- **Proverbs Bible Study (9/15-10/27):** The Book of Proverbs offers timeless biblical wisdom for all parts of our practical life. It is also a book that can be difficult to interpret, with poetic style and ancient imagery. Join us this Fall as we engage the many real-life virtues that Proverbs teaches, gathered in age-specific groups meant to build relationships and foster deeper discussion.

## **Wednesday Night School of Discipleship** | 6pm Meal | 6:30pm Classes, Kid's Club, Nursery

- **Bible Interpretation (9/18-11/20):** An introduction to reading, understanding, and applying scripture. This is a very important course we only teach every 5 or so years, especially for key leaders and teachers.
- **Sonship (9/18-11/20):** Many of us understand faith intellectually, but our hearts have not quite kept up with our heads. Sonship is a course designed to help Christians experience the gospel and its implications for our identity as sons and daughters of God.

## **Proctored Small Group Class** | Various Times and Locations

- **Confessional Theology:** Rather than doing theology from scratch, we utilize the rich tradition of interpretation found throughout church history and expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith. This course involves readings, online videos, and small group discussion, and is offered based on the availability of those who express interest in participating.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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*Our official calendar can be found at [cpcnewhaven.org/calendar](http://cpcnewhaven.org/calendar).*

September 15 | **Sunday School Begins** | 10:30am Between Services

Children's Sunday School and Adult Sunday Studies launch this weekend. Children's curriculum and class locations are available in the foyer.

September 18 | **Wednesday Night School of Discipleship Begins** | 6pm

*See the previous pages for more info.*

September 21 | **Men's B-3 Event** | 11am | 56 Roger Road, New Haven

All men, boys, and friends are invited. Football Tailgate and grilled lunch at 11am at the home of Pastor Graham (56 Roger Road, New Haven) before walking to the Yale vs. Holy Cross game with kick-off at 1pm. This is a great time of fellowship and fun, and an opportunity for new CPC arrivals to make friends and get connected.

October 4 | **First Friday** | 6pm | CPC Fellowship Hall

TGIF! "But I'm tired and I'm NOT looking forward to making dinner." Good news - You don't have to! Refresh. Connect. Fellowship. This is an evening together with no agenda except to enjoy one another's company. With many of us exhausted once Friday comes around, here's a chance to relax and not have to prepare a meal. Come to eat, greet, and pray with your brothers and sisters. Dinner will be provided, kids are welcome.

October 5 | **Women's Event** | Time and Location TBA

Save the date!

October 19 | **Kid's Fall Festival** | 10am | CPC Lawn

This is an opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to a seasonal event for children and parents. Please invite your friends!

October 27 | **CPC S. CT Ascension Service** | 5-7pm | CPC Fairfield (3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport)

This is a service of praise and prayer for all of our CPC Southern CT congregations in celebration of Christ's ascension ministry today. Nursery is provided during the service, and dinner follows.

# MINISTRIES

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## **Youth Group Crossroads: Last Sunday of the Month | 5pm | CPC Fellowship Hall**

Crossroads Youth Group meets the last Sunday of each month to share food, fun, faith, and fellowship, for junior and senior high students. Contact [aaron.rathbun@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:aaron.rathbun@cpcnewhaven.org).

## **College Students | Theology Group at Yale | Mondays 5pm @ Branford Pit**

Starting 9/9, all college students are invited to a foundational course, walking through key beliefs of the Christian church. In a lecture and discussion style, led by a pastor, we will dig deep into questions like, “how do I know which biblical interpretation is correct?”, “is salvation really free and gracious?” and everyone’s favorite, “what about predestination and free will?”. Contact Pastor Craig, [craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org), to plug in.

## **College Students | Discipleship on Campus**

We love engaging college students on campus and off. If you’re new to our church or want to engage activity at Yale and SCSU, contact Pastor Craig, [craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org).

## **Graduate Student Small Group | Thursdays 7pm | CPC Parlor**

We’re excited to begin our weekly Small Group with graduate students (and significant others!) to discuss Scripture, pray for each other, and build relationships during this unique time of life. Some weeks we will hang out together afterwards, in addition to other social events.

# ARE YOU NEW TO CPC OR NEW HAVEN?

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## **Visit the Welcome Bar**

Please visit our CPC Welcome Bar in the foyer for coffee and to pick up our welcome materials. Also, fill out a **Welcome Card**, located in each pew, and return it to the Welcome Bar or basket in the back of the sanctuary. You’ll receive our weekly e-newsletter to stay up to date.

## **Join Us Online**

CPC uses Church Community Builder (CCB) to connect our congregation through groups, team serving schedules, and with a directory. To sign in, visit [cpcnewhaven.org](http://cpcnewhaven.org) and click the link for CCB on the bottom left hand corner of the homepage.

## **Receive Our Weekly Newsletter**

Each week we send an e-newsletter out to the congregation with information regarding upcoming events, our Sunday Schedule, announcements, and other helpful links (to groups, Sunday Studies classes, etc). To sign up to receive the newsletter, visit our website **[cpcnewhaven.org](http://cpcnewhaven.org)** and click the sign-up link on the bottom left hand corner of the homepage.



