

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.

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

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

MEDITATION

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

“Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither. . . .

“The longings which arise in us when we first fall in love, or first think of some foreign country, or first take up some subject that excites us, are longings which no marriage, no travel, no learning, can really satisfy. There was something we grasped at, in that first moment of longing, which just fades away in the reality. . . .

“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same.”

- CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

I. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GLORY

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him; bless His name.

People: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

In a word or short phrase, a prayer of praise may be offered out loud when directed.

COME AND REJOICE

**Come with rejoicing, the Father is calling,
Those who would worship in spirit and truth;
Come with your singing, come with thanksgiving,
Jesus, our Savior, has made all things new.
Come and rejoice, O holy nation,
Come and sing praises to him;
Come and bow down, worship before him,
Jesus, the King of all Kings,
Jesus, the King of all Kings.**

**Lord of creation is full of compassion,
Seated in splendor adorned with all grace;
Majestic and glorious, reigning victorious,
Now and forever enthroned on our praise.**

Chorus

**With the sound of the trumpet he summons the nations,
Calling a priesthood to go in His name;
To show forth His power to this generation,
To worship before him, a kingdom of praise.**

Chorus

II. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

**Blessed are the merciful
Blessed are the merciful
Blessed are the merciful
For they shall receive mercy mercy**

**Forgive us as we forgive
Those who sin against us**

**Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us
(Repeat)**

Mercy

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses.

Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543)

In a word or short phrase, prayer of confession may be offered out loud when directed.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: "The redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins declares the Lord." (Isaiah 59:20)

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

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**

**When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
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

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-4

New Testament: Hebrews 11:1-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

SERMON

Do We Live in Tents? Risky Faith in the Promises of God

Rev. Craig Luekens

Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** For by it the people of old received their commendation. **3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. **5** By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. **6** And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. **7** By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. **9** By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. **10** For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. **11** By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. **12** Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. **14** For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. **15** If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. **16** But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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.

MEDITATION

IV. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE



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 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 in the offering basket, the prayer basket located in the back of the sanctuary, or by email to admin@cpcnewhaven.org.

Leader: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty.

People: **All that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours, and you rule over all.**

DOXOLOGY (#733)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

As God knows the fuller context, in a word or short phrase you may voice your prayer of supplication when directed.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pray for Hope Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, Indiana, a Global Mission Anabaino Congregation dedicated to God's mission of healing the nations through the Gospel and the unification in Christ of all demographics and backgrounds.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: **That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully paid for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; moreover, that all things must work together for my salvation, and by His Holy Spirit, Christ also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live for Him.**

(Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1)

RECEIVING AND PRAYING

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: SATISFIED BY GRACE

**Once more, like children, we are come to banquet with our God;
May each one feel himself at home, and feast upon Your love.
While we receive the bread and wine, as emblems of Your death,
Lord, raise each soul above the sign, to feast on Christ by faith
We've come with starving hearts, and thirsty souls,
Satisfied by grace, Jesus, You've made us whole.
Jesus You've made us whole.**

**We would not come as strangers, Lord, who only see the sign,
But, as the objects of Christ's love, would feel were one in Him.
We've come with starving hearts, and thirsty souls,
Satisfied by grace, Jesus, You've made us whole.
Jesus You've made us whole.
And as we take and eat body and blood:
New! You're making us new, By Your Steadfast love,
Your steadfast love.**

**Like free-born sons, we would be free
From every legal chain.**

**Praise Him who brought our liberty,
And ever with Him reign. (Repeat)**

**We've come with starving hearts, and thirsty souls,
Satisfied by grace, Jesus, You've made us whole.
Jesus You've made us whole.**

**And as we take and eat body and blood:
New! You're making us new, By Your Steadfast love,
Your steadfast love.**

Words: W. Gadsby // Music and Refrain by: Bobby Krier & Justin Ruddy

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.

V. RESTORED IN CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

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.**

GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah three in One.
Singing glory, glory. Glory while eternal ages run.**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain.
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign.
Singing glory, glory. Glory to the Lamb who once was slain.**

**Glory to the King of Angels, Glory to the Church's King.
Glory to the King of nations, Heaven and earth your praises bring.
Singing glory, glory. Glory to the King of Nations bring.**

**Glory blessing praise eternal, Thus the choir of angels sings.
Honor riches power dominion, Thus its praise creation brings.
Singing glory, glory. Glory, glory to the King of Kings**

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BENEDICTION

Leader: “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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

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!

Grant Applications Due ASAP for Your Evangelistic Social Outreach Ideas

Life Groups, Ministry Groups, or ad hoc groups of at least four people are invited to take the lead and help plan fellowship/outreach events that encourage our friends and neighbors to interact with the body of Christ! Applications are preferably due this week so that designations may be given on Missions Sunday 2/23. The application can be found online at cpcnewhaven.org/forms-and-handbooks.

Join Us Next Week for Missions Sunday on February 23rd at 10:30am

Curious about the missions that CPC supports? Join us during Sunday Studies on 2/23 to learn about our local and global missions, Mission Anabaino, Impact Week, and upcoming projects!

Are You Interested in Membership at CPC New Haven?

After the ancient ritual of celebrating Easter with Christian Baptisms and Church Memberships, we will present everyone who has joined CPC since last Easter together with those who will join this Easter for a **Special Easter Service Celebration** on Easter Sunday. In anticipation, we are entering a season of prayer asking God to work in the lives of those needing the fullness of Christ through church membership including our covenant children as they discern in the process of communicant membership their own assurance of salvation. In preparation for our Easter Celebration of New Members, we invite everyone who has joined since last Easter, and all who might be interested, to participate in a special **New Members Class** (Friday evening 2/28 - Saturday morning 2/29) where you'll learn about the church, membership, and the local body. *To RSVP and begin the process, email Annie (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org).*

Reminder → Check www.cpcnewhaven.org/cancellations for updates regarding weather.

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Sign-Up online at cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes.

Spiritual Gifts in the Life of the Church

Sunday Studies at 10:30am (1/12/20 - 3/22/20; no class 2/23)

“Every believer has been assigned by the Holy Spirit to specific positions and activities of service, small and large, short-term and long-term. These ministry assignments have been given by the Holy Spirit to individual believers and, in turn, these individuals in their ministries have been given as gifts to the church. God deeply desires that his glory be declared to the world through the community he has brought together by his grace, a community that Paul often refers to as the body of Christ.” - Kenneth Berding

In an age of experts it can be hard to feel necessary or useful; and in an age of entertainment, it can be tempting to sit back and let others do the work. This class will explore all the ways you were created (and re-created in Christ!) to bless the body of Christ and receive blessings from others. Back by popular demand, we will explore this topic in demographic groups! Course handouts and schedule are available online: cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes.

- **20/30s:** Lead by Doug B. and Diane M. | Meet in the Parlor
- **Young Family:** Lead by George L. and Jennifer C./Lisa H. | Meet in the 2nd Floor Library Extension (across from the copy room)
- **40s/Middle Family:** Lead by Alan T. and Meg B. | Meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room (across from the Sr. Pastor’s Study)
- **50+:** Lead by Alan P. and Stacy R. | Meet in the Fellowship Hall

The Christ of History: The Early Church and the Kingdom of God

Wednesdays at 6:00pm (1/15/20 - 4/15/20; no class 2/5, 3/4, 3/18, and 4/1)

This course explores how the early church discovered their place in the Kingdom of God, from their Jewish roots and the Law, the meaning of Jesus Christ’s life, ministry, death, and resurrection, as well as God’s revelation in history and nature. This study will show the early Christian’s experience in their many writings, art and architecture, interaction with a variety of pagans in the Roman Empire, and ecumenical gatherings with Christians from a variety of cultures. (Dinner at 6pm, followed by Kid’s Club and teaching at 6:30pm, Compline at 8pm.) Course handouts and schedule are available online: cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 23 | **Missions Sunday** | During Sunday Studies | Sanctuary

Join us to learn about the local and global missions that CPC supports, the current work of Mission Anabaino, Impact Week, and upcoming projects!

February 26 | **Ash Wednesday** | Special Service of Compline | 8pm

Join us for a special service of Compline as we observe Ash Wednesday.

February 28-29 | **New Member Reception and Class** | Friday Evening and Saturday Morning

Come join the local body of Christ in New Haven! In anticipation of our membership joining service on Easter Sunday, we're holding a special New Members Class (Friday evening 2/28 - Saturday morning 2/29) where you'll learn about the church, membership, and the local body. To RSVP and begin the process, email Annie (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org).

March 6 | **First Friday** | 6pm | Fellowship Hall

Refresh. Connect. Encourage. The only agenda is to enjoy one another's company. Here's a chance to relax and not have to prepare a meal! Dinner is provided, kids are welcome.

March 6 | **Youth Fellowship Lunch** | Follows Second Service | Fellowship Hall

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch! Pick-up is at 1:15pm. Contact Aaron Rathbun (aaron.rathbun@cpcnewhaven.org).

March 27-28 | **CPC S. CT Men's Retreat March** | Ivoryton, CT

More details to come - but get this date on your calendar for our once-every-three-years men's retreat, this year in conjunction with our brothers from all our local congregations and at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT.

LIFE GROUPS

Women's Life Group: We will be reading through J.I. Packer's book, *A Passion for Faithfulness: Wisdom from the Book of Nehemiah*. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. at Emily Boyer's home (40 Maplewood Road, New Haven). Please contact Juan Wang (jwangusa@icloud.com).

Men's Life Group: We meet once a month on a Tuesday night from 6 to 8 in downtown New Haven (typically at Cask Republic). The book "*Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics and Romance Became our New Religion and What to Do About it*" guides our discussion but you do not have to read it. Our goal is to build fellowship and create a space where non-Christian colleagues could engage the Gospel. Contact Doug (rdouglasbruce@mac.com).

Co-Ed 50+ Life Group: We are a group of men and women that meet in the CPC Parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 11:00 am. We are studying Jerry Bridges "*the Practice of Godliness*", which has been a great blessing to us thus far. We welcome all who would like to join with us in this stage of life. Contact Alan Phillips at 718-687-8325.

Trumbull Life Group: We meet the second Sunday of each month at Steve and Heather Woolbert's home at 4 Windmill Lane in Trumbull at 5 pm. We will be starting Sinclair Ferguson's "*The Whole Christ*" lecture series and follow our meetings with a meal at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join with us. Contact Heather Woolbert at 203-494-4805.

Central New Haven Life Group: We meet the second, third, and fourth Friday's from 6pm-7:30pm. Beginning on 9/27 at CPC, we will discuss God's steadfast love, mercy, and faithfulness as demonstrated in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. If interested please contact Von Jessee (vfjessee@gmail.com) or Kevin Kehe (312-508-3588).

East Rock Life Group: We meet on the last Sunday of every month 5pm-7pm (at the same time as Crossroads Youth Group) for a study at the Billings' home in East Rock. On the second Sunday of the month there is generally a social outing (lunch, bowling, etc). Contact Susan White (susankeilwhite@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.

Shoreline Saturday Life Group: We generally meet on the second Saturday of each month from 4:30 – 7:30pm for a time of fellowship, bible study and dinner. This year we will be studying the book of 2 Corinthians. Our next meeting is October 12 at 4:30 pm, place TBD. Please contact Cliff Bogue (Clifford.bogue@me.com) or Lisa Tweed (hatwik@aol.com).

Shoreline Sunday Life Group: We meet once a month on the third Sunday (typically, but not exclusively) after the second service at various homes from New Haven to Guilford. We enjoy a tasty potluck meal, lots of sweet fellowship, a robust sermon discussion and time of prayer together. Please contact Jennifer (203-675-3268, jenandjen@att.net) or Joanne (860-395-0827, j.e.donovan@att.net) if you'd like to join us!

Westville Life Group: We meet twice a month at Keri Cocchiola's house (2 Maplewood Road, New Haven), usually on the second and fourth Saturdays at 6pm-8pm, with either snacks or a potluck dinner. The emphasis of our time together is fellowship and prayer support, with a discussion-based Bible Study once per month, and a "game night" or "Reading" or some such for our other meeting. Please contact Megan Paek (cmpaek@gmail.com) if you'd like to come!

Hamden/Cheshire Life Group: The Hamden/Cheshire group has members from Hamden, Westville and Cheshire and meets at 175 Whittier Rd, New Haven, CT. We meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays every month at 2 pm and are going through John Piper's book "Desiring God." Our goal is to flesh out the first question of the Westminster Catechism and find joy in God our Savior.

MINISTRIES

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.

College Students | "Digging Deep" Group at Yale | Fridays 11:30 | Branford Dining Hall

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 theological questions. Contact Pastor Craig, craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org.

College Students | Discipleship on Campus

We love engaging college students on campus and off. If you're new to our church or want to engage activity at Yale/SCSU, contact Pastor Craig, craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org, to plug in.

Graduate Student Small Group | Thursdays 7pm | CPC 2nd Fl. Youth Room

We're excited for 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.

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First Service

Kristina Muth (team leader)

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Jeff Knight (helper)

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Stevie Walker (team leader)

Karin Nagano (helper)

Peggy Keabian (on call)

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Megan Paek (team leader)

Jane Meditz (helper)

Kaitlyn Jessee (on call)