

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

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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

MEDITATION

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

Let's be honest: the ascension of Jesus is weird. It is the story of a man who appears to be taken up into the clouds. I remember reading the story with a friend who is not a Christian. She looked at me with pity as if to say, 'You don't really believe this sort of wacky stuff, do you?' I was about to object to her unspoken accusation when I thought, 'Yes, actually, this is pretty weird'. . . . It can also feel a bit disappointing. Wouldn't evangelism be a whole lot easier if Jesus was still on earth? . . . The ascension seems a bad strategy. It removes the key piece of evidence that substantiates the claims of Christianity. It's as if our best player by far was substituted just as the game was beginning.

In fact, the ascension is good news. There could be no salvation and no mission without it. . . . What was the immediate impact of the ascension event on the first disciples? *'Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.'* (Luke 24:52-53) Worship, joy and praise. Their Lord and friend had been taken from them, but they understood enough of what had happened for it to produce in them worship, joy and praise.

More than that, Jesus says His physical absence is better for us than His continued physical presence. 'But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.' (John 16:7) When He meets Mary Magdalene shortly after His resurrection, He says: 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father' (John 20:17). As we understand the ascension, we will discover that it brings us great comfort. Diplomats and reporters sometimes talk about 'our man in Washington' or 'our man in Tokyo.' For Christians Jesus is 'our man in heaven.' He is there for us and on our behalf. He is our representative in heaven, securing our salvation by His presence.

But we will also discover that the ascension is a great challenge. The ascension is the enthronement of Jesus. He receives all authority and sends us out to declare that authority to the world. The ascension is the beginning of mission.

~ Tim Chester, *The Ascension: Humanity in the Presence of God*

I. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GLORY

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103:1

All **Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**
Sing: **Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. (Repeat)**

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

PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly fore'er we adore him.**

II. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE

COME YE SINNERS

**Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.**

**Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.**

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we

acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you.

And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

(Adapted from John Knox's Liturgy of 1560)

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader “For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will
: gather you. In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,” says the Lord, your Redeemer. (Isaiah 54:7-8)



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

HIS MERCY IS MORE

**Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more**

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
Chorus**

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
Chorus**

**What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
Chorus**

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III. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S WORD

Old Testament: Genesis 28:10-17
New Testament: Ephesians 4:1-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People:

Thanks be to God.

People:

MEDITATION

SERMON

What Does It Mean?

Rev. Jeff Hutchinson

Ephesians 4:1-16

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love

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.

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.**

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 CPC Missions, that the Spirit would encourage and embolden us for the glory of Christ in our city and world.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader Christians, what do you believe?

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People I believe in the one eternal God, Creator and Lord of the world, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who governs all things according to the purpose of His will. I believe that God has been calling out from the world a people for Himself, the church, and sending His people back into the world to be His servants and witnesses for the extension of His Kingdom and for His glory. I believe in the divine inspiration, truthfulness and authority of both the Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written word of God, and in the power of God's word to accomplish His purpose of salvation. I believe that there is only one Savior, Jesus Christ, and that He will return personally and visibly, in power and glory, to consummate His salvation and His judgment. I believe in the Holy Spirit whom the Father has sent to bear witness to His Son, believing that conviction of sin, faith in Christ, new birth, and Christian growth are all His work. (Adapted from The Lausanne Covenant, 1974)

RECEIVING AND PRAYING

Leader Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

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People Therefore, let us keep the feast.

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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: BREAD OF THE WORLD IN MERCY BROKEN

**Bread of the world, in mercy broken
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed
By Whom the words of life were spoken
And in Whose death our sins are dead**

**Look on the heart by sorrow broken
Look on the tears by sinners shed
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed**

**Have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us**

**Here is mercy, here is mercy
Here is mercy for us**

**So let us come to the feast of Jesus
Let us eat of the Bread of Life
Let us drink of the wine, His blood
To talk and dine with Jesus Christ**

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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.

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.

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BECAUSE WE BELIEVE

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Christ the Son
We believe in the Holy Spirit

**We are the Church and we stand as one
Holy holy holy is our God
Worthy worthy worthy is our King
All glory and honor are His to receive
To Jesus we sing because we believe**

**We believe in the Holy Bible
We believe in the virgin birth
We believe in the resurrection
That Christ one day will return to earth
Chorus**

**We believe in the blood of Jesus
We believe in eternal life
We believe in the blood that frees us
To become the bride of Christ
Chorus**

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BENEDICTION

Leader: “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

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!

TODAY

Join Us Today for Missions Sunday During Sunday Studies at 10:30am

Curious about the missions that CPC supports? Join us during Sunday Studies today to learn about our local and global missions, Mission Anabaino, Impact Week, and upcoming projects! In anticipation of our 2021 Mission Trip to Ethiopia, light snacks are provided in the foyer.

TODAY! Crossroads Youth Group at 5pm-7pm

Teens are invited to join us this evening for food, fun, faith, and fellowship at five o'clock! For more information contact aaron.rathbun@cpcnewhaven.org.

THIS WEEK

Ash Wednesday Is This Week - Join Us for a Special Service of Compline at 8pm

Join us this Wednesday at 8pm for a special service of Compline in celebration of Ash Wednesday. Come early at 6pm to catch dinner, School of Discipleship, and Kid's Club!

Join Our Membership Class This Friday 6pm-8:30pm and Saturday 8:30am-1pm

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, we invite all who have joined since last Easter, and all who are interested, to join our **Membership Class** (Friday evening 2/28 - Saturday morning 2/29) where you'll learn about the church, membership, and the local body. *To RSVP email Annie (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org).*

Next Sunday 3/1 Whitney Ave. Closed for Road Race

The ShamRock & Roll Road Race is next Sunday 3/1 along Whitney Ave. (which will be

closed - along with the entrance to our church via Whitney Ave. and the two Yale parking lots we utilize). Please consider an alternate route to church and parking options (side street parking, Audobon garage parking). Runners will pass by around 8:55am-9:45am. The road may be clear again in time for the 11:30am service.

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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 8 | **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.

April 3 | **Youth Bonanza** | Time TBA | CPC Fellowship Hall

Invite your friends to join us! We'll be doing laser-tag, enjoying pizza, playing group games, and more! It's one of the most fun events of the year together. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Aaron (aaron.rathbun@cpcnewhaven.org).

April 4 | **Work Day** | 9am-12pm | CPC Grounds and Building

Join us for a morning to spring clean! This is the second of only two work days each year. There will be projects available for all skill levels and sizes of hands.

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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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)