

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.

When I wake up in the war
And I try to feel You near me
When my mind begins to scorn
All those promises You made me
All my feelings are not friends
In this loneliness around me
How can I grieve?
With the words of my enemy, killing me

Hope is precious
And I cannot live without it
Hope is Jesus
And I'll always find that light lit

Here in the darkness, I just can't forget
Even the shadows, show me that light lit

Ask away my faith to see
I can't find You in the questions
And I struggle to believe
There is living resurrection
But inside, You wait for me
And I find You like the treasure
Hidden deep beneath the dream
You become the only answer, I can see

- Justin Jarvis, from the song, "Hope is Precious"

I. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GLORY

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 107:8,22

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

People: **And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!**

I WILL EXTOL YOU (PSALM 145)

**I will extol you, my God, my King
Forever and ever
Let every creature rise up and sing
Forever and ever**

**The Lord is great and will be praised
Let anthems of his love be raised
With might you lead us to proclaim
The blessings of your holy name
Chorus**

**The Lord will rule with his kind hand
His kingdom will forever stand
Your mighty acts and wondrous deeds
From age to age your works repeat
Chorus**

**The Lord upholds all men who fall
Our God is near to those who call
Lord you are strong to help the weak
Let all who know your glory speak
Chorus**

Words: Robbie Bell & Tim Nicholson; from Psalm 145 © 2015 TF Nicholson Music: Tim Nicholson

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

II. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE

BE THOU MY VISION

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

Traditional Irish Melody; Ancient Irish Poem, trans. by Mary Byrne, versified by Eleanor Hull

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Our great and everlasting God, we ask for your forgiveness even as we acknowledge that we are without excuse. For although we have known you, we have not honored you as God or given you thanks, but we have become futile in our thinking, and our senseless minds have been darkened. Claiming to be wise, we have become fools.

We most joyfully confess that You have proven your love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Forgive our sins, we pray, through Him who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Amen.

(Based on Romans 1 and Romans 5)

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: "The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned." (Psalm 34:22)

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

OH GIVE THANKS

**We were wand'ring in the desert
With our souls so starved and weak
We were hungry for a homeland
We did not know how to seek
But we lifted up our voices
To the only One who hears
And the God of mercy came and brought us near**

Chorus:

**Oh give thanks to the Lord
For His love endures forever
We were wandering and lost
And our Father brought us home
To a safe dwelling place
To a feast of joy and laughter
Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good**

**We were locked out of the garden
And our backs bend down with pain
In the shadow of death's darkness
We were slaves to sin and blame
Then we cried out in our labor
To the only One who hears
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears**

Chorus

**We were fools in our rebellion
With our hunger strike of pride
We were sick and growing closer
To the death we should have died
Then He heard of our condition**

**And He called us by our names
And the God of glory took away our shame
Chorus**

**We were far out on the ocean
Making wealth and chasing dreams
But the waves of great destruction
Brought us trembling to our knees
And we cried like drunken sailors
To the only One who hears
And the God of comfort took away our fears
Chorus**

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III. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S WORD

Old Testament: Genesis 22:9-14
New Testament: Hebrews 11:17-40

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

MEDITATION

SERMON

Of What Story Are You Worthy?

Rev. Craig Luekens
Hebrews 11:17-40

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph,

bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two,[a] they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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 New Hope Church in Haiti, a Global Mission Anabaino Congregation.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

People: I believe that our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. I believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that God, out of his mere good pleasure from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, to deliver them out of sin and misery and to bring them into salvation by our redeemer, Jesus Christ. I believe in the life everlasting, where the souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the final resurrection and the full enjoyment of God to all eternity. (Selections from Westminster Standards)

RECEIVING AND PRAYING

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

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: IN THE NAME OF GOD THE FATHER

**In the Name of God the Father, In the Name of God the Son,
In the Name of God the Spirit, One in Three, and Three in One;
In the Name which highest Angels speak not ere they veil their face,
Crying, Holy, Holy, Holy," come we to this sacred place.**

**Lo, in wondrous condescension, Jesus seeks His altar-throne;
Though in lowly symbols hidden, faith and love His Presence own.
When the Lord His temple visits, let the listening earth be still;
May the Spirit's sweet indwelling each believing heart fulfill.**

**Here, in Figure represented, see the Passion once again;
Here behold the Lamb most Holy, as for our redemption slain;
Here the Savior's Body broken, here the Blood which Jesus shed,
Now the offer of communion, Into lasting joy be led.**

**Here shall highest praise be offered, here shall meekest prayer be poured,
Here, with body, soul, and spirit, God Incarnate be adored.
Holy Jesus, for Thy coming may Thy love our hearts prepare;
Thine we pray would have them wholly, enter, Lord, and tarry there.**

Words: Henry Allon, 1863 | Music: The Ironsides

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.**

GOLDEN HARPS ARE SOUNDING

**Golden harps are sounding, angel voices ring,
Pearly gates are opened, opened for the King:
Christ, the King of glory, Jesus King of love,
Is gone up in triumph to his throne above.**

Refrain:

**All his work is ended, joyfully we sing:
Jesus hath ascended: Glory to our King!**

**He who came to save us, he who bled and died,
Now is crowned with glory at his Father's side.
Never more to suffer, never more to die,
Jesus, King of glory, is gone up on high.**

Refrain

**Praying for his children in that blessed place,
Calling them to glory, sending them his grace;
His bright home preparing, faithful ones for you;
Jesus ever liveth, ever loveth too.**

Refrain

Words: Frances Havergal | Music: Bruce Benedict

BENEDICTION

Leader: “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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!

Registration for the CPC S. CT Men's Retreat is Open - Deadline Next Sunday!

CPC S. CT Men's Retreat "Strong For Others: Imaging God by using our power for the good of others" takes place March 27 and 28 at the Incarnation Center (253 Bushy Hill Rd., Deep River, CT) with all of our CPC Congregations! Our Guest Speaker is Pastor Matt Grimsley, a Mission Anabaino church planter from Resurrection Madison in Madison, WI. All meals are included on Saturday (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Arrive Friday after dinner at 7pm, and depart Saturday after dinner at about 7pm. The cost is \$100 (or \$120 with linens provided). Register at cpcnewhaven.org/register by 3/15.

Considering Church Membership but Missed the Class?

On Easter Sunday we will present all those who have joined the church since last Easter, and welcome those taking new vows. If you'd like to learn about church membership but missed our seminar last weekend, you can view the course online at cpcnewhaven.org/membership (click the seminar link on the left side navigation). Once reviewed, if you are interested in pursuing membership please contact annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org to set up a pastoral visit and then a session interview (covenant children please review the course with your parents). These must be done by Easter (4/12) so please consider soon and reach out.

Youth Fellowship Lunch Today!

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and fellowship together! Pick-up is at 1:15pm.

"CPC Outdoors" Meets Next Sunday 3/15

An exploratory meeting for a potential new social outreach, "CPC Outdoors," will hold its first organizational meeting on Sunday, March 15 at 1 pm (or just after the second service). All are welcome. Please bring your ideas for outdoor group activities/events for this year and your favorite scripture readings on the Lord's blessings and gifts to be seen and experienced outdoors. Questions? Contact pat.clendenen@gmail.com.

Building Our Team to Plan the Kid's Easter Party

Some of our most popular and successful outreach events that we've done at CPC have been our children's seasonal parties! We're building a leadership team for the Kid's Easter Party on 4/11. We can't do it without a team! Contact Katherine (kfonofrio@gmail.com) to get involved.

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

View our full calendar of events at cpcnewhaven.org/calendar.

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** | Incarnation Center | Deep River, CT
Read more under "Highlights."

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.

April 10 | **Good Friday** | 6pm
Join us for a time of remembering Christ's death, in anticipation of His resurrection. The service will be followed by a light meal of soup and bread. Childcare will be provided.

April 11 | **Kid's Easter Party** | 10am-12pm
This is an opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors, and family to a seasonal event for children and parents. Contact Katherine to help (kfonofrio@gmail.com).

April 12 | **Easter Sunday Membership Joining and Baptisms** | During Worship
To begin the membership process contact Annie (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org).

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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NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

First Service

Leah Phinney (team leader)

Betty Graca (helper)

Tyler Rice (helper)

Second Service

Miranda Healy (team leader)

Pat Clendenen (helper)

David Boyer (on call)

SS

Peter Chuchta (team leader)

Emily Boyer (helper)