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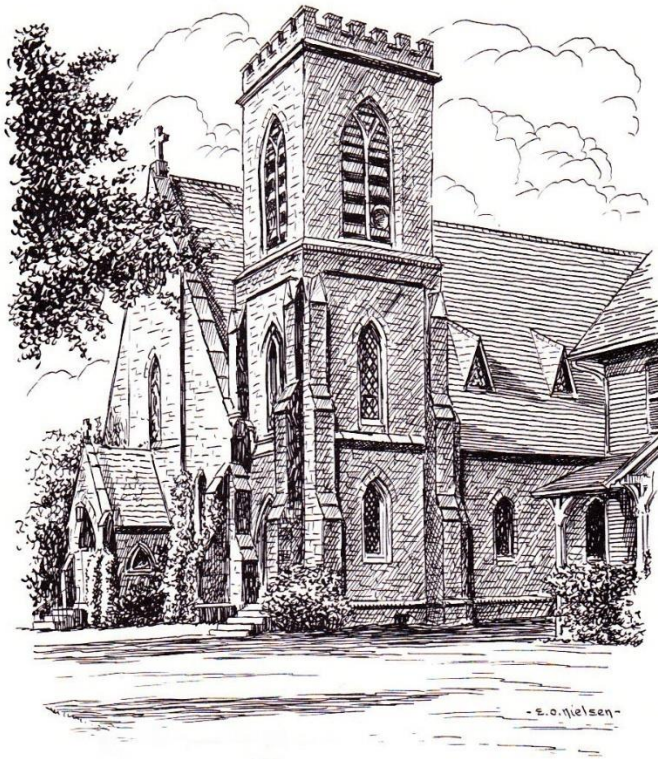
October 26, 2025 10:00am

Grace Episcopal Church

Old Saybrook, CT

Online Service

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PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision (In The Darkness)
*by: Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne,
Josh James, Justin Unger; arr. Bethany Hamill
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THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN:

HYMN #670

LORD, FOR EVER AT THY SIDE
*by: Sts.1 and 4, James Montgomery; sts.2-3, Charles P. Price; Monkland,
melody from Freylinghausen, adapt. John Antes, arr. John Bernard Wilkes*

Lord, for ever at thy side let my place and portion be,
strip me of the robe of pride, clothe me with humility.

When I come before thy Word, quiet my anxiety;
teach me thou alone art Lord, let my heart find rest in thee.

What thy Spirit doth reveal, that may I in faith receive;
though my doubts I sorely feel, thy sure promise I believe.

Israel, now and evermore in the Lord Almighty trust;
him, in all his ways, adore, wise, and wonderful and just.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

The Celebrant says:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria S-278

by: William Mathias

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD *of* GOD

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O Lord, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.
O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!
Thus says the Lord concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the Lord does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.
Have you completely rejected Judah?

Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.
We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.
Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.
Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O Lord our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-6

The congregation remains seated

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

THE EPISTLE:

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

BETTER IS ONE DAY

by: Matt Redman

**How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.**

Chorus: **Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.**

**One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells. (Chorus)**

**Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere.
(Chorus)**

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

Then, all still standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill

THE NICENE CREED *The congregation stands*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

Leader: Father we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons.

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for an end to racism; and for peace in Ukraine and Russia and all other areas where war and hostilities are occurring.

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. Please add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. (Silent Pause). We pray for those in need.

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: We remember those who have died, especially John Dennis Hamill, for whom the altar flowers were given, as well as Ruth Nuhn. Add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. (PAUSE) Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray, either out loud or in silence, for our own needs and those of others.

(The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

NO MORE MY GOD (I BOAST NO MORE)

by: Isaac Watts, Sandra McCracken

No more my God, I boast no more of all the duties I have done.

I quit the hopes I held before, to trust the merits of Thy Son.

Chorus: No more my God. No more my God. No more my God. I boast no more.

Now for the loss I bear His name. What was my gain I count my loss.

My former pride I call my shame, and nail my glory to His cross.

Yes, and I must, I will esteem all things but loss for Jesus' sake.

O may my soul be found in Him, and of His righteousness partake, Amen.

The best obedience of my hands dares not appear before Thy throne.

But faith can answer Thy demands by pleading what my Lord has done.

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THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION *The People stand and sing*

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

by: Jimmy Owens

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above you heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting

life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD (SANCTUS)

arr. by: Jack Schrader

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are filled with your glory: Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION SONGS

O COME TO THE ALTAR

by: Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Wade Joye, Mack Brock

**Are you hurting and broken within,
overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself,
do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.**

Chorus: **O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;
From the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling.

Chorus: O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.
Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen. (2x)

(Chorus)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

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GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME, vs.1, 3-6
by: Richard Redhead, Christopher Miner

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse O cleanse me from my sin.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgement just;
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to Thee;
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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WE FALL DOWN

by: Chris Tomlin

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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PRAYER of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those unable to receive communion today)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN #552 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT WITH ALL THY MIGHT
by: John Samuel Benley Monsell; Duke Street, John Hatton

Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

THE DISMISSAL

After the Recessional the Priest or Deacon says

Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Celebrant and People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

We've Come To Praise You
*by: Amy Grant, Beverly Darnall, Gary Chapman,
John Darnall; arr. Bethany Hamill
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OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

PREACHER/CELEBRANT:	The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill	8 & 10 am
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Bethany Hamill	10 am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Bill Sheahan	8 am
	Jason Howey	10 am
LECTOR:	Barbara Zakhar	10 am
USHERS:	Keith Coughlin, Nick Iacovelli	8 am
	Fred Kmietek, Bill Passera	10 am
NURSERY:	Angel McDonough, Betty Jo Stosse	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Ken Soudan	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Fred & Karen Kmietek	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Angela Larco, Elaine Seaforth	

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Rector, The Rev. Charlie Hamill
Priest Associate, The Rev. Dr. Charles “Chuck” Hoffman
Priest Associate, The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellendale Hoffman
Priest Associate, The Rev. Dr. William “Bill” Veinot
Music Director, Bethany Hamill
Parish Administrator, Kate McKinney
Sexton, Sherry Schiavone

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

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Junior Warden, Skip Fiorelli
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THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: October 26th—November 2nd

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) w/music
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
	12:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (Parthenon Diner, Old Saybrook)
	7:00 pm	Con Brio Choral Society Rehearsal (Merrill Hall)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study Group (Hudson Room)
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch (Merrill Hall)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday		
Friday	12:00 pm	Women of Grace Book Study (Hudson Room)
Saturday		
Sunday	8:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:00 am	All Saints' Day, ONE Service w/Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

All Saint's Day - Sunday, November 2nd at 9:00 am (ONE service)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Either during the service or during prayer time at home, please keep the prayers of Grace Church and the people going! Please keep us up to date on names to add and remove.

WE PRAY FOR: Kate, Myra, Lisa, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Deidra & George Labelle, Earlene Bell, Aurelia Knox, Sarah, Len Pass, James, Penny, Bill Ross, Emily, Mary, Doug Hamill, JJ Evola and family, Jane Hamill, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Alicia Winalski and family, Marilyn, Dean, Barbara Bowie, Dick Watson, Judy Cowper, Alan, The Benways, Jim Donahue, Carol Wilson, Kate, Coral, Kirsten, Joyce Brinley, Daniella, Curtis, Annaliese Harms, Marlena, Linda, Don, the Igelbrinks, Carol, Rory, Yvonne, Jim Nordren, Chuck Hoffman, Gianna Porcelli, Gabby and Jennifer Jaramillo.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Travis Board, Todd Buroff, Tami Morgan, Adam Randle, Susan Eaccarino and Madeline Sheahan.

FOR OUR MINISTERS AND MISSIONS: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie, Ellen and Bill, our priests; and for: Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Common Good Gardens, Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, Early Head Start, the AA groups that meet at Grace Church, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; and for Diocesan Episcopal Church Women & Diocesan Altar Guild; for local ECW chapters & parish altar guilds.

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Women of Grace (WOG) Bible Study are starting a 7-week study by Lisa Harper called “A Jesus Shaped Life” meeting **Friday mornings at 10am** in Grace Church’s Hudson Room. For more information you can check our website:
<https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/womens-bible-study>.

**Men’s Bible Study is meeting IN-PERSON on Mondays at 12 Noon!
at the Parthenon Diner in Old Saybrook**

For more information on this Men’s Bible Study please feel free to email Charley Bates at **charley.bates@yahoo.com** or you can go to our website:
<https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study>. Currently the men are studying Exodus.

**Grace Church Men’s Discipleship:
Meeting in Merrill Hall at Grace Church 8am-10am
NEXT Gathering: Saturday, November 15th**

Once a month from 8am-10am Pastor Charlie gathers with the men of Grace Church looking for fellowship and deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. The first hour we gather for light breakfast and fellowship to get to know each other. During the second hour we delve into some Scripture and readings from various Christian spiritual classics. Currently we are reading Thomas Merton’s *No Man is an Island*. Through the readings and asking questions, we are hoping to strengthen our walk with Jesus, grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and learn to support one another as brothers in Christ. For more info contact Pastor Charlie at **gracechurchrector@gmail.com**.

Altar Flower Memorials

The Altar Guild is always accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to “Grace Church Altar Guild” in memory or in celebration of loved ones. For more information please contact Betty Salldin at **bettyssalldin@gmail.com**.

Grace Church's Holiday Fair is coming to town!

Saturday Dec. 6 from 10am-2pm!

Please gather your treasures: dinnerware, antiques, toys, jewelry, handmade crafts, artwork, pottery, gift cards, items for silent auction, and other unique items to donate. **Note: THIS IS NOT A TAG SALE.**

Your donations can be brought to the church undercroft after Sunday services or during the week on Tuesdays & Thursdays 4-6 PM beginning in November.

Baked goods will be gladly accepted the evening before the sale 4-7 PM, or early on the morning of the sale 8-9 AM, to allow time for pricing.

Helping Hands will be greatly needed, on Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning on November 4th, to sort and price the donated items.

For more information or questions, text/call **JoAnn (860-961-9832)** or **Cherie (860-388-8106)** or see us after church.

Stay tuned for more information as the date comes closer.

We look forward to another successful fair, and most importantly spreading the Word that Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line

Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley and Penny Coleman). Either use your directory or call the church office for their contact info.

Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. The Chairperson will pass the prayer on to a Prayer Team member, who will pass it to the next Prayer Team member, and so on. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins! The Prayer Line is available to receive requests **9:00am to 8:30pm**. Typically the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God.

Feeding the hungry one donation at a time...

SSKP Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church

Grace Church is always accepting non-perishable food donations throughout the year. A basket is present outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7 to place donations in, or you can bring donations into the church entryway by the patio and place them in the colored bins. If you are curious as to what kind of foods they are in need of most you can go to their website at <https://www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org>. In addition you can always make a cash donation to SSKP. Thank you for your ongoing donations to feed those in need along the shoreline!

Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook

We are a community of faith, rooted in Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, following God's call to feed the hungry in both body and spirit.

Our intention is to know Jesus and to make Him known.

You are welcome regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey.

Currently our in-person worship services are Sundays at 8am and 10am with Holy Communion (the 10am is also live-streamed onto Facebook and YouTube). Go to our website graceoldsaybrook.org for more info and for bulletins to download for the 10am live-stream service.

Whether you are just exploring a new spiritual direction, curious about the Episcopal Church, or are ready to find a new church home, feel free to fill out a welcome card and place it in the collection plate, sign our guest book, or contact the church by phone or email for more info.

Grace Church is a close-knit community called by God to share the healing love of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are also engaged in the greater local and regional community in various outreach ministries as well. If interested, ask us how you can get involved in what Christ is doing at Grace, in Old Saybrook and Connecticut!! Or better yet, tell us where you find God at work in your life, and tell us how we can help!

If you have any questions feel free to call, email or Facebook us.

We hope your visit to Grace was Spirit-filled, welcoming and meaningful.

In Christ,

The Rev. Charlie Hamill, Rector, and the People of Grace Church

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