

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023 10:00am

Online Service

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Grace Episcopal Church

336 Main St, Old Saybrook, CT

PRELUDE

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN #474

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

**When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died,
My riches gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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 (*sung*)

Matthias

**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, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,

and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

THE EPISTLE:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

HYMN #656

BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART

**Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King;**

**He to the lowly soul will still himself impart
And for his dwelling and his throne will choose the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Charles 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 Form II (pg. 385, BCP)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The celebrant says

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all
peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city Old Saybrook, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray
to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray
to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Michael Martin, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 360, BCP)

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

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 HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B (BCP pg. 367)

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Sanctus S 128

Mathias

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command O Father:

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 forever.

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

THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD *by: John Smith*
Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
Which shall never be removed and shall remain forever.

As the mountains are about, are about Jerusalem,
So the Lord is 'round about, 'round His people here.

Peace be on Israel, peace be on Israel,
Peace be on Israel, now and forevermore.

Alleluia, allelu, alleluia, allelu,
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

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BE THOU MY VISION

by: Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Tom Fettke

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.

High King of heaven my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys Bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
still be my vision O Ruler of all.

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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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (pg. 365, BCP)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN #437 TELL OUT MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD!

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!

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

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, Jennifer, Lisa, Janice, Nancy, Andrea, Lucinda, Hilda, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Laura & Tommy Urban, Dee Labelle, Thomas Burnham, Earlene Bell, Aurelia Knox, Sarah Craig, Joyce, Marjorie, Len Pass, Eugene Williams, James, Marguerite, Kay Hall, Frank Roman, Penny, Justin Iondo, Margie, Jordan Forest, Erin, Bill Ross, Emily, Valerie and Richard Beers, Mary, Doug Hamill, Honey, JJ Evola and family, Will, Derrick, Lois Connell, Marla, Sunny, Kay O'Day, Jane Hamill, Donna Crooks, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Donna, Kevin, Howard, Alicia Winalski and family, Bethany & Ben, Elizabeth Davey, Dianne Warley, Janet Viets, Michael, Amber, David, Jean, Mary Beth, Barbara Bowie, Tanya, Shelley, Phil, Patti, Melanie, Dick Watson, John, Carter, Judy Cowper and Linda.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Travis Board, Nathaniel Burnham, Todd Buroff, Tami Morgan, Adam Randle, Daniel Kronz and Branden Peace.

FOR OUR MINISTERS AND MISSIONS: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie 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, Boy Scout Troop 51, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; St. James', Farmington. And for Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministries in CT.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: Jan 29th– Feb 5th

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	AA Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	7:00 pm	AA Meeting: Open Discussion (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch
Thursday		
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (Folsom House)
	2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Saturday		
Sunday	9:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Grace Church Annual Meeting (Merrill Hall)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Church Office Hours:

Monday, Closed

Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Annual Meeting Sunday February 5th, 2023

ONE service at 9am with music and Holy Communion
Followed by Grace Church Annual Meeting in Merrill Hall

Ash Wednesday February 22nd, 2023

Two services with Ashes, music and Holy Communion
12 Noon & 7pm

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:		8 am
	Jason Howey	10 am
LECTOR:	Mary Matthews	10 am
USHERS:	Teri Sokolowski, Keith Coughlin	8 am
	Bill Passera, Clyde Auger	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Elaine Seaforth, Bunnie Lubs	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Barbara Harms	

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Rector, The Rev. Charlie Hamill
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Dale Schneider, Cherie Suhie,
Lisa DiStasio, Gretchen DiGiannantonio

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women of Grace (WOG) beginning new study on the book of James!

All Grace Church women are welcome. We meet at **10:00 a.m. on Friday mornings**. No personal invitations are necessary. For more information contact Kathy Bartus or Christy Burnham. Phone numbers and email addresses are in the church directory. OR speak to Kathy after the 8:00 a.m. service, or Christy after the 10:00 a.m. service. We are hoping to have some new members join us for lively conversation, prayer and most importantly sharing the importance of having Jesus as our guide in the modern world.

Grace Church Men's Discipleship. Next Meeting Feb 25th!

(The February meeting is on the 4th Saturday!)

Meeting in Merrill Hall at Grace Church 8am-10am on 3rd Saturdays

On the 3rd Saturdays (4th Saturday in February) of each month from 8am-10am, Pastor Charlie will gather with the men of Grace Church looking for fellowship and deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. The first hour we will gather for light breakfast and fellowship to get to know each other. During the second hour we will delve into some Scripture and readings from various Christian spiritual classics. 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 Barbara Bowie at coljim95@gmail.com or Betty Salldin at bettyalldin@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study now meeting on Fridays at 2pm on Zoom!

For more information on this Men's Bible Study please feel free to email Charley Bates at charley.bates@yahoo.com or go to our website to find info for the meeting. <https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study>. Currently the men are studying the Gospel of John.

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 Barbara Bowie). 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. We are so grateful to have this ministry active again. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God.

Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church

We continue to accept non-perishable food donations throughout the year. The basket can be found outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7. If you are curious as to what kind of food they are in need of most you can go to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries (SSKP) website. However, typical food needs include soup cans, peanut butter, canned vegetables, rice and cereal. 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!

“To Know Jesus...and To Make Him Known”

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook

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), and we offer a Healing Service with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands and Anointing on the First Wednesday of each month at 10am in the sanctuary.

**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 or get involved!

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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