Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

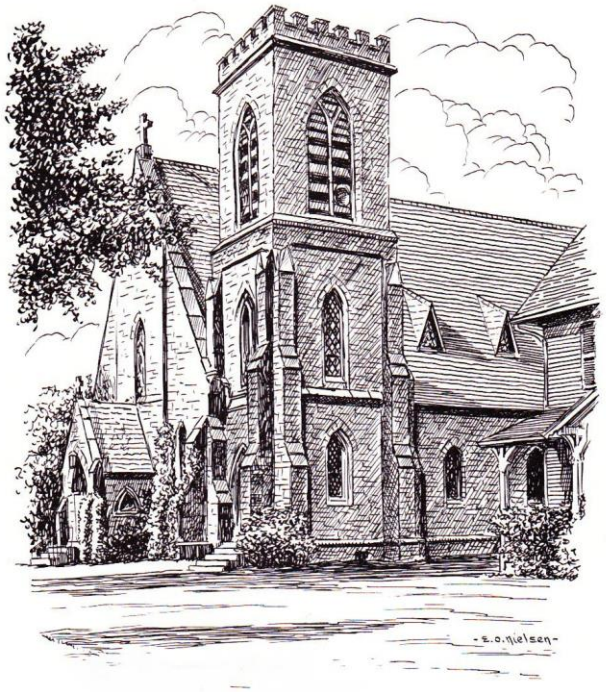
November 8th, 2026 10:00am

Grace Episcopal Church

Old Saybrook, CT

Online Service

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PRELUDE We Are Your Bride
by: Andy Park; arr. Bethany Hamill
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THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN #526 LET SAINTS ON EARTH IN CONCERT SING

Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King in heaven and earth are one.

One family we dwell in him, one Church, above, beneath,
though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God, to his command we bow;
part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now.

E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went before,
and greet the ever-living bands on the eternal shore.

Jesus, be thou our constant Guide; then, when the word is given,
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide, and bring us safe to heaven.

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
Hymn #S-280 *by: Robert Powell*

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

The congregation remains seated

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

WE WILL DANCE *by: David Ruis*

Verse 1: **Sing a song of celebration. Lift up a shout of praise**
for the Bridegroom will come, the glorious One.
And oh, we will look on His face. We'll go to a much better place.

Verse 2: **Dance with all your might. Lift up your hands and clap for joy,**
the time's drawing near when He will appear.
And oh, we will stand by His side. A strong pure, spotless Bride.

Chorus: **Oh, we will dance on the streets that are golden,**
the glorious Bride and the great Son of Man.
From every tongue and tribe and nation will join in the song of the Lamb.

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus 2x

…will join in the song of the Lamb.

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THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

P*eople* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 the Holy Land, 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 Earlene Bell, for whom the altar flowers are given... 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).

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

NEVER LOOK AWAY

by: Kevin Jones, The Emerging Sound

Lord we come with a psalm of our confession, lifting up our prayer to You.
Give us hearts of eager expectation that only long to be with You.

The saints of God will sing;
the praise of Christ will ring as the bride will turn her gaze.
The saints of God will see the returning of our King;
we will never look away.

We rejoice, and we stand with holy rev'rence. Christ the groom has met His bride.
No more waiting, no more sev'rence. Now she runs to join His side.

Love makes its way for the procession. There'll be a feast, and all will taste.
Ev'ry tribe, ev'ry tongue and ev'ry nation, ev'ry heart will cry Your name.

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THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION *The People stand and sing*

Doxology, *Old 100th*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC 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:

SANCTUS HOLY HOLY HOLY IS THE LORD OF HOSTS *by: Nolene Prince*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of His glory, the whole earth is full of His glory,
the whole earth is full of His glory, Holy is the Lord.

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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

JESUS HOW LOVELY YOU ARE *by: Dave Bolton*

Chorus: **Jesus, how lovely You are. You are so gentle, so pure and so kind.**
You shine as the morning star. Jesus, how lovely You are.

Hallelujah, Jesus is my Lord and King. Hallelujah, Jesus is my everything.
Hallelujah, Jesus died and rose again; Hallelujah, Jesus forgave all my sin. *(Chorus)*

Hallelujah, Jesus is meek and lowly; Hallelujah, Jesus is pure and holy.
Hallelujah, Jesus is the Bridegroom; Hallelujah, Jesus will take His Bride soon. *(Chorus)*

Jesus, how lovely You are.

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IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL
by: Horatio Gates Spafford, Philip Paul Bliss

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: **It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
let this blest assurance control;
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed His own blood for my soul. *(Refrain)*

My sin– O, the bliss of this glorious tho't–
my sin– not in part, but the whole;
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *(Refrain)*

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so"– it is well with my soul. *(Refrain 2x)*

SANCTUARY
by: John W. Thompson, Randy Scruggs

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

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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 #68 REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS
by: Laurentius Laurenti; tr. Sarah B. Findlater; Morning Light: George James Webb

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
Up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
Rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, and ever be with 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

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Traditional, arr. Bethany Hamill

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

PREACHER/CELEBRANT:	The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill	8 & 10 am
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Bethany Hamill	10 am
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	John Klages	8 am
	Tom Larco	10 am
LECTOR:	Barbara Zakhar	10 am
USHERS:	Keith Coughlin, Peter Knox	8 am
	Penny Coleman, Fred Kmietek	10 am
NURSERY:	Christina Gleason, Meredith Hall	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Kyle Trask-Kuchta	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Bob & Karen Mulvihill	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Kathy Bartus, Melissa Culbert	

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Rector: The Very 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

Senior Warden: Jason Howey
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THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: November 8th – November 15th

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) w/music
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
	6:30 pm	Con Brio Choral Group (Merrill Hall)
	7:00 pm	Healing Ministry Bible Study (Hudson Room)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Senior Strings music practice (Merrill Hall)
	3:00 pm	GriefShare (Hudson Room)
	5:30 pm	Grace Church Officers Meeting (Hudson Room)
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	10:30am	Rector's Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark (Hudson Room)
	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch (Merrill Hall)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday	6:30 pm	Rector's Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark (Hudson Room)
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (WOG) (Hudson Room)
	12 noon	Men's Bible Study (Parthenon Diner in Old Saybrook)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Discipleship Gathering (Merrill Hall)
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) w/music
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

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: Myra, Lisa, Bryan, Barbara & Jon Zakhar, Deidra & George Labelle, Aurelia Knox, Sarah, Len Pass, James, Penny, Emily, Mary, Doug Hamill, JJ Evola & family, Jane Hamill, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Alicia Winalski and family, Marilyn, Dean, Barbara Bowie, Dick & Suzanne Watson, Judy & Clive Cowper, Alan, The Benways, Carol Wilson, Kate, Coral, Kirsten, Joyce Brinley, Curtis, Annaliese Harms, the Igelbrinks, Carol, Rory, Gianna Porcelli, Jan, Mike DeLisa, Patti & Missy Matto, Elizabeth Davey, Faith Drechsler, Josh, Walt, John, Collen, Laura and Julie Parker.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Travis Board, Todd Buroff, Adam Randle, Susan Eaccarino, Madeline Sheahan, Matthew Auger, Eve Inglis and Will Featherstone.

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 Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; St. Matthew's, Wilton; and for military chaplains & all who serve this country.

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark: October and November
Join Pastor Charlie in October and November in the Hudson Room for an 8-week study on the Gospel of Mark beginning on Wednesday October 7 (or Thursday October 8). There will be TWO options for study running at the same time: Wednesdays 10:30am-12pm OR Thursdays 6:30pm-8pm.
Each option will look at two chapters a week focusing on the Gospel of Mark and seeking to ask, "Who is Jesus?". There will be coffee and tea and cookies at both options but NO meals will be served. The Wednesday study group is invited to stay for the 12pm SSKP lunch. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please sign-up in the church entryway for ONE of the two options, either Wednesday or Thursday. If during the study you need to switch days, that is fine. For more info, please talk to Pastor Charlie.

Women of Grace (WOG) began a new study on Friday, September 25 at 10:00am. We will be studying the Bible book Song of Songs. This is a 7 week video Bible Study by Lisa Harper. Through relatable stories and gut-level honest teaching, you'll discover how intimacy with Jesus isn't based on our deservedness or lack thereof. It's about letting our guards down and leaning into the unconditional love He initiates with us. All Grace Church women are welcome. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday mornings in the Hudson Room. No personal invitations are necessary. 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.

Men's Bible Study is NOW meeting in-person at the Parthenon Diner in Old Saybrook on Fridays at 12noon.
For more information you can email Charley Bates: **charley.bates@yahoo.com** or go to our website: **https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study.**
Currently the men are studying the book of Hebrews.

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 **bettysalldin@gmail.com**.

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 **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 Prayer Line
Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley & Penny Coleman). Use your directory or call the church office for contact info. Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins! The Prayer Line is available to receive requests from **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

Grace Church's Holiday Fair is coming to town!
Saturday Dec. 5 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, we're hoping for nicer items! Donations can be brought to the church undercroft after Sunday services or during the week on Mondays from 930am-11:30am and Wednesdays from 12pm-2pm in November. Baked goods will be gladly accepted the evening before the sale on Dec. 4th from 4-7 PM or early the morning of the sale (Dec 5th) from 8-9 AM allow time for pricing. We will also need lots of hands the night before the sale to bring items from the basement to the parish hall. If you can help, please come on Friday Dec 4th at about 4/5pm, there will be pizza! For more information or questions, text or call Kneen Hensarling or Michelle Peckham (both in the directory!) or see us after church. Or you can call the church at 860-388-0895 for more info as well. We look forward to another successful Fair and most importantly spreading the Word that Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

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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