Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

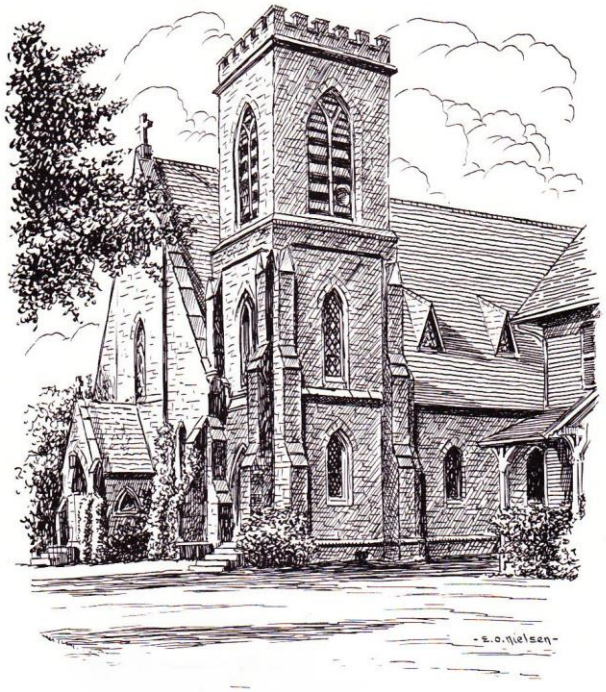
November 15th, 2026 10:00am

Grace Episcopal Church

Old Saybrook, CT

Online Service

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PRELUDE Psalm 90 (Satisfy Us With Your Love)
by: Shane Barnard; arr. Bethany Hamill
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THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN
HYMN #9 NOT HERE FOR HIGH AND HOLY THINGS

Not here for high and holy things we render thanks to thee,
but for the common things of earth, the purple pageantry
of dawning and of dying days, the splendor of the sea,

the royal robes of autumn moors, the golden gates of spring,
the velvet of soft summer nights, the silver glistering
of all the million million stars, the silent song they sing,

of faith and hope and love undimmed, undying still through death,
the resurrection of the world, what time there comes the breath
of dawn that rustles through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:

Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry
their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
see how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze,

to give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;
to spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
After the reading, the Lay Reader says
The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-12
The congregation remains seated
Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?

So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

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.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight.
Be Thou my armor and be Thou my might;
Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my high tow'r.
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

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

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's Sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

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, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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 William F. Kadlec Jr., 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

HERE AM I, SEND ME
by: Daniel March, J.C. Lenderman

Hark! the voice of Jesus calling, Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe the harvest waiting, Who will bear the sheaves away?

Loud and long the Master calleth, rich reward He offers free;
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me."

Let none hear you idly saying, There is nothing I can do;
While the souls of some are dying, and the Master calls for you.

Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me."

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

TO EVERY GENERATION (SHELTER) *by: Bill Batstone*

Chorus: **You have been a shelter, Lord, to every generation, to every generation.**
A sanctuary from the storm, to every generation, to every generation, Lord.
(Chorus)

Before the birth of the world's great wonders and lofty mountains high,
oh Lord, You were there; The Lord throughout all of time.

You've seen the years pass in untold numbers, as in a single night,
You've seen the lifetime of man fade quickly before the light. *(Chorus)*

Our years go by before Your eyes; You know our rebellious ways.
Make us wise to live holy lives in the balance of our days.

Chorus (2x)

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THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD
by: Jamie Owens-Collins

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land, The battle belongs to the Lord!
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand, The battle belongs to the Lord!

Chorus: **And we sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.**
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood, The battle belongs to the Lord!
He's raised up a standard, the pow'r of His blood, The battle belongs to the Lord! *(Chorus)*

When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear, The battle belongs to the Lord!
Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near, The battle belongs to the Lord!
(Chorus 2x)

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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 #680, vs.1-2,4-6 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

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 Belong To The Day

by: Michael Morrow; 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
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Elizabeth Davey	8 am
	Carly Trask-Kuchta	10 am
LECTOR:	Michelle Kapp	10 am
USHERS:	Michelle Briggs, Jacquelyn Mitchell	8 am
	Tom & Angela Larco	10 am
NURSERY:	Angel McDonough, Kyle Trask-Kuchta	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Matt Stosse	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	JoAnn Eaccarino, Cherie Suhie	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Angela Larco, Elaine Seaforth	

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

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Priest Associate: The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellendale Hoffman
Priest Associate: The Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Veinot
Music Director: Bethany Hamill
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Sexton: Sherry Schiavone

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: November 15th – November 22nd

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)
	7:00 pm	Grace Church Vestry 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	9:00-10am	Social Services Help Day and Food Bank
	10:00 am	Women of Grace (WOG) (Hudson Room)
	12 noon	Men's Bible Study (Parthenon Diner in Old Saybrook)
Saturday	10:00 am	Memorial Service for Erline Bell (Sanctuary)
	12 Noon	Reception for Erline Bell's Memorial (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
	11:30 am	Hoffmans' 50th Wedding Anniversary Luncheon (Merrill Hall)
	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 St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; St. James', Winsted; and for ministries with older adults.
For the Brotherhood of St. Andrew & the Daughters of the King.

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark: October-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.

GriefShare at Grace Church
A new GriefShare session will be starting soon for those who wish for some support to help grieve the death of a loved one. Sessions will be held weekly as follows:

In the Hudson Room at Grace Church
Tuesdays, September 15-November 24
3:00PM-4:30PM
Contact Jeannette Barone for more info
gracegriefshare@gmail.com

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.

Women of Grace (WOG) will begin a new study on Friday, November 20th. The study is titled "Practicing The Way" by John Mark Comer. This 8-week video study is an introduction to following Jesus in the modern era. 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.

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!

Chuck & Ellendale Hoffman's 50th Wedding Anniversary Luncheon
Sunday November 22nd following the 10am Worship Service
Please come join the Hoffmans to celebrate their Golden 50th Anniversary!
Chuck & Ellendale would love to have you join them for this joyful occasion.
This luncheon will be catered, for all parishioners & guests who are in attendance.
**** Please: Remember to sign up on the parish foyer bulletin board. ****
We want to make sure we have an accurate count for the caterer.
Bring your hearty appetites & joyful hearts!

Grace Church's Holiday Fair is coming to town!
Saturday Dec. 5th 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 9:30am-11:30am, and Wednesdays from 12pm-2pm in November.
Baked goods will be gladly accepted the evening before the sale on Dec. 4th, from 4pm-7pm or early on the morning of the sale (Dec 5th) from 8am-9am in order to allow time for pricing.
We will also need lots of helping hands the night before the sale to bring items from the basement up to the parish hall. If you can help, please come on Friday Dec 4th at 5pm; there will be pizza!
For more information or questions, text or call Kneen (860-908-0725) or Michelle (860-304-6284) or see us after church. 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 & 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

Upcoming Dates/Events

Grace Church Holiday Fair, Saturday Dec. 5th, 10am-2pm
Christmas Eve Service, Thursday Dec. 24th, 5pm
Christmas Day Service, Friday Dec. 25th, 10am

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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