

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Grace Episcopal Church

Old Saybrook, CT

February 1, 2026 9:00am

Online Service

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PRELUDE:

The Beatitudes

by: Chase Wagner, Tyler Howell; arr. Bethany Hamill

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THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)**OPENING HYMN**

HYMN #440

BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD

Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
By thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded;
Thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.

Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

*People***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***The Celebrant says:*

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

Hymn #S-236, Canticle 13

Setting: John Rutter

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever. (Glory to you!).

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 #554

““TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE”

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free,
‘tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
‘twill be in the valley of the love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed,
to turn, turn, will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round right.

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free,
‘tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
‘twill be in the valley of the love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed,
to turn, turn, will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round right. (2x)

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 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

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 Bishops, 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, 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.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor....

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.**

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

BE THOU MY VISION
by: Eleanor H. Hull, Slane; arr. Richard Shephard

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 and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heav'n's joys, O heav'n's bright Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION

The People stand and sing

DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
*by: Isaac Watts, William Keathe, Thomas Ken, John Hatton,
George Coles, Roberta Martin*

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus HYMN #S-130

by: Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

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

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 the blessed Virgin Mary and 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

MICAH 6:8

by: Bob Sklar

He has shown you, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you; (2x)

But to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

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HYMN #560

REMEMBER YOUR SERVANTS, LORD

Remember your servants, Lord, when you come in your kingly power.

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

Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake;
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are you when the world reviles you and persecutes you;
and utters all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake:**

Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven.

Remember your servants, Lord, when you come in your kingly power.

HOW BLESSED ARE YOU

by: the Taizé Community

How blessed are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours,
how blessed are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours.

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.

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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN #556

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART! (*vs. 1 – 3, 7*)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. *(Refrain)*

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
While answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. *(Refrain)*

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high the cross of Christ your King. *(Refrain)*

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: Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing (Hymn #686)
by: Robert Robinson, Nettleton; arr. Bethany Hamill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

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

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

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

FOR OUR MINISTERS AND MISSIONS: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie, Bill, Chuck and Ellendale, 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, Russ & Heidi Smith in Chile, and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. John's, Essex; St.Paul's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington; and for the Hispanic Ministry Network & Latino/Hispanic ministries in Connecticut.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: February 1st — February 8th

Today	8:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:00 am	ONE SERVICE: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) w/music
	10:30am	Grace Church Annual Meeting (Merrill Hall)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
	2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (ZOOM)
	7:00 pm	Con Brio Choral Rehearsal (Merrill Hall)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study (Hudson Room)
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	12 noon	Shoreline Soup Kitchen Community Lunch (Merrill Hall)
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Thursday		
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (WOG) Bible Study (Hudson Room)
Saturday		
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)

Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES

Ash Wednesday February 18th

Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
12 Noon & 7pm

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

CELEBRANT/PREACHER:	The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill	9 am
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Bethany Hamill	9 am
CHOIR:	Joe & Jeannette Barone, Jenn & Bill Benway, JoAnn Eaccarino, Meredith Hall, Dick Mason, Bob Mulvihill, Bill Passera, Bill Peace	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:	Carly Trask-Kuchta	9 am
LECTOR:	Barbara Harms	9 am
USHERS:	Fred Kmietek, Bill Passera	9 am
NURSERY:	NO NURSERY	9 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Steve North	9 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Skip Fiorelli, Linda Santangelo	9 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Cathy Auger, Elaine Seaforth	

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
Junior Warden, Skip Fiorelli
Treasurer, David Condren
Clerk, Julie Peace
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Mary Matthews, Bob Mulvihill

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GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY!

GRACE CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday February 1, 2026

ONE Service with music and Holy Eucharist @ 9:00AM

Followed by our Annual Parish Meeting in Merrill Hall at 10:30am(ish)

The Annual Meeting includes: coffee, tea and continental breakfast, voting on new Vestry members and Diocesan reps, & the presentation of a 2026 Budget Update on Pastor Charlie's 2027 Sabbatical.

For questions or more info contact the church at **860-388-0895** or by email at gracechurcholdsaybrook@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study is meeting via ZOOM beginning in January.

For more information on this Men's Bible Study please feel free to email Charley Bates at charley.bates@yahoo.com or you can go to our website:

<https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study>

Currently the men are studying Exodus.

Grace Church Men's Discipleship:

Meeting in Merrill Hall at Grace Church 8am-10am

NEXT Gathering: TBD

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

The Women of Grace (WOG) Bible Study are starting a 12-week study by Douglas O'Donnell on Psalms **Friday mornings at 10am** in Grace Church's Hudson Room. For more information you can check our website:
[https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/womens-bible-study.](https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/womens-bible-study)

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 ease 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 at <https://www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org>. In addition you can always make a cash donation to SSKP. Thank you for your ongoing donations to feed those in need along the shoreline!

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line

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

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

“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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