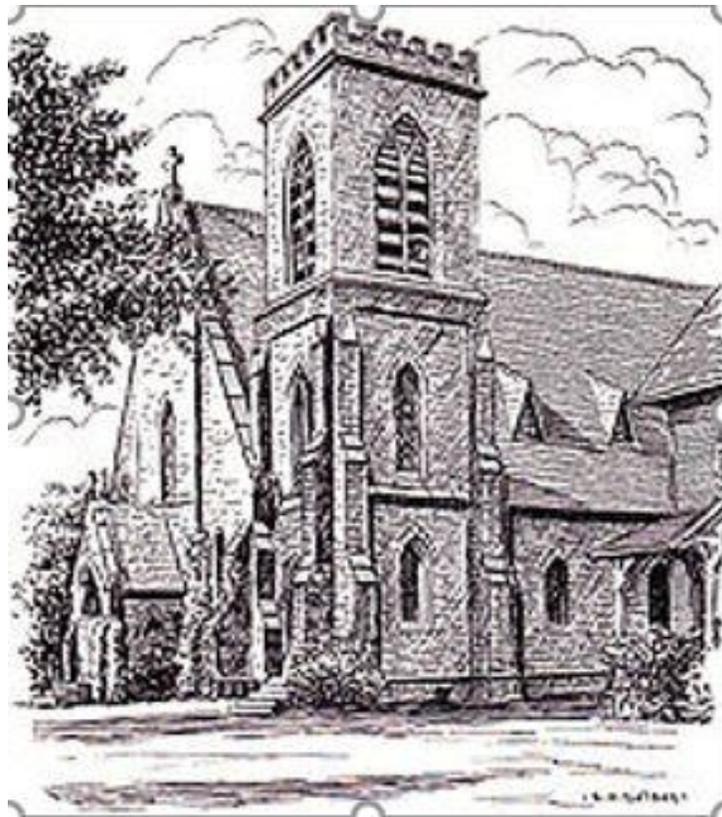


First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021 10:00am
Online Service
Facebook/YouTube



PRELUDE

O Lamb Of God, Pure And Holy

Johann Pachelbel

THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN 691

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

Olivet

**My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away;
O, let me from this day be wholly thine**

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

***People* His mercy endures for ever.**

The celebrant reads

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

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

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

congregation stands and says

Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT *of the DAY*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD *of GOD*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE EPISTLE:

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

I LIFT UP MY SOUL

Tim Manion

**To You, Yahweh, I lift up my soul, O my God.
To You Yahweh, I lift up my soul, O my God.**

**Yahweh, show Your ways to me.
Teach me Your paths
And keep me in the ways of Your truth,
For You are the God that saves me.**

**To You, Yahweh, I lift up my soul, O my God.
To You Yahweh, I lift up my soul, O my God.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

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

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

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Charles B.W. 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

Deacon or other leader

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer: We pray especially for Kate, Kent, Chad, Myra, Mark, Jennifer, Lisa, Janice, Nancy, Cassidy, Andrea, Lucinda, Hilda, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhari, Laura & Tommy Urban, Dee Labelle, Lennart Nicholson, Thomas Burnham, Earlene Bell, Fran Tarrío, Aurelia Knox, Sarah Craig, Joyce, Marjorie, Len Pass, Eugene Williams, James, Marguerite, Kay Hall, Mike Trask, Meredith, Frank Roman, Penny, Justin Iondo, Margie, Jordan Forest, Tom, Bjorn, Laura, AJ, Tony, Michelle, Nathaniel and Tanya Burnham, Erin, Jim Donahue, Brian, Sandee, Sue, Veronica, Beth, Billy, Rosalie Isele, Emily, Patrick Roderick, Ray, Bob Antoniac, Cam, Nina, Reina, Shaine, Jessica, Ed Courtney, Cathy Auger, Valerie and Richard Beers, Dennis Dwyer, Coral, Mary, Julie, Peggy, Bill, Kendra, Molly, Doug Hamill, Honey, JJ Evola and family, Missy, Will, Bill, Priscilla, Derrick, Buddy, and Ken. Please add your own petitions..(Pause)...for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Joseph Earl Kennedy ... and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

***People:* To you, O Lord our God.**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Have Thine Own Way

Charles Kirby

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way.

Thou art the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after Thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way.

Search me and try me, Master, today,

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now

As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way.

Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.

Power, all power, surely is Thine;

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way.
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with Thy Spirit 'til all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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 *all say*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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

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

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command O Father:

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The following may be said

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, **grant us your peace.**

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.

PRAYER of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those unable to receive communion today)

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (pg. 365, BCP)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 143

THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

Erhalt uns, Herr

**The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, through whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.**

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

Fugue in G minor

by Jean

CONTINUING PRAYERS

We ask your continuing prayers for others in our diocese and for those in our parish family who are serving in the armed forces. Please prayer for:

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for: St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich. Prison ministry and prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network.

The leaders of the nations, for those in the service of our country: Travis Board, J.C. Glick, Dornn Harris, Christopher Parham, Joshua Rinier, Nathaniel Burnham, Daniel Martin, Christian White, Todd Buroff, Tami Morgan, Adam Randal, Daniel Kronz, Tom Cote, Branden Peace and John Christensen and crew.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: Feb 21– Feb 28

Today 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (sanctuary)
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (sanctuary)
 4:00 pm AA Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Monday OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday 6:00 pm AA Meeting: Open Discussion (Merrill Hall)

Wednesday 12:00-1pm Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch: TO-GO Food Only!

Thursday 7:00 pm AA Meeting: Working the Steps (Merrill Hall)

Friday 12:00 pm Men’s Bible Study (Zoom)
 2:00 pm Women of Grace (Zoom)

Saturday 4:00 pm Evening Prayer (sanctuary)

Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (sanctuary)
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (sanctuary)
 4:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Church Offices Hours:

Monday- Closed, Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 AM– 2:00 PM

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Kathy Bartus	8 am
	Pete Ross	10 am
LECTOR:	Devin Carney	10 am
USHERS:	Al Buroff, Keith Coughlin	8 am
	Elaine Seaforth, Clyde Auger	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Kyle Trask-Kuchta	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Karen Newton, Angela Larco	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Betty Jo Stosse	

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Joseph Earl Kennedy.*

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Joan Trzcinski, Robert Mulvihill, Cherie Suhie

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Toiletry Drive for the Shoreline Soup Kitchens Saybrook Pantry!

Recently SSKP (Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries) sent out their monthly newsletter. In the newsletter they update the community with their monthly and yearly donations, as well as their ongoing needs. Each month or so they list the top food needs for their pantries, which you can read more about in our “food donation basket” blurb. But this month they also noted a need for some basic toiletries as well. So for the next few weeks, we at Grace Church would like to do a Toiletry Drive to benefit the Old Saybrook Pantry.

Please note the basic needs are simple...please DO NOT empty your bathroom cabinet! If you have extra NEW containers (PLEASE NO USED CONTAINERS) of any of these 3 items to donate, or want to buy some next time you are at the store, here are the SPECIFIC needs they asked for:

Bar Soap

Shampoo (human not pet!)

Toothpaste (they didn't say brushes, but we will take those as well)

If you are able to donate any of these specific toiletries in the next few weeks, feel free to drop them in the basket outside the church door where food donations are placed, bring them to church with you (we will also have an indoor toiletry donation box, or call the office to drop off with Liz, the office administrator.

Women of Grace Invitation to New Book Study in Lent 2021

Beginning on February 12th, the Women of Grace began a Lenten book study reading *The Lord is Our Salvation* by Katie Dawson.. The group will be meeting on Zoom (online) at 2pm on Fridays until the weather warms up again. For more information and questions, contact Kathy Bartus by email bartuskab53@aol.com or Christina Burnham at whh1773@rocketmail.com. Or you can contact the church office for more info at **860-388-0895**.

Study and material resource needs!?

If you need any resources either for prayer, study or even material resources, please contact Pastor Charlie at the office, **860-388-0895**, or go to our website, GraceOldSaybrook.org and click on the “COVID19” button for more updated info and resources.

Altar Flower Memorials

Just a reminder that though we haven't had in-person, in-sanctuary worship together in a long time, the Altar Guild is still accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to "Grace Church Altar Guild" in memory of loved ones. For more information, please contact Barbara Bowie by email at coljim95@gmail.com or Betty Salldin at bettysalldin@sbcglobal.net

Sunday and Holiday Sermon CD's and Grace Church Newsletters...

If you are interested in sharing or hearing the sermons again, you can order a CD with any Sunday's Sermon from our Digital Media Communications Director, Kate McKinney. In addition to our CD ministry, would you like to receive an email (digital) version of our monthly newsletter with updated events and pastoral notes and letters? For more info on the getting on the newsletter email list or to order CD's with the Sunday Sermons, email Kate at katmckey@gmail.com, leave a message for her at the church phone, **860-388-0895**, or catch her after the 10am service on most Sundays.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line is back!

We have a wonderful heritage of prayer. In the 70s, a Prayer Line was established at Grace. Now, after a few years' hiatus, the Prayer Line is up and running and again. Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley and Barbara Bowie). Either use your directory or call the church office for their contact info.

Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. The Chairperson will pass the prayer on to a Prayer Team member, who will pass it to the next Prayer Team member, and so on. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins!

The Prayer Line is available to receive requests **9:00 am to 8:30 pm**. Typically, the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00 pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately.

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

Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church

We will continue to accept non-perishable food donations throughout the fall and winter. The basket will remain outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7. If you are curious as to what kind of food they are in need of most you can go to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries (SSKP) website. However, current food needs include Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce (no glass jars, please) Jelly or Jam, Juice and Oatmeal. 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!