

***“Higher Power Hopes” sung to the tune “High Hopes” by Frank Sinatra***

1. Just what makes a long standing church, Think they can help folks left in the lurch?  
Everyone knows small church, can't, help out folks in the lurch!

**But we've got high hopes, We've got high hopes,  
We've got... God-by-our-side as we tr--y hopes.  
So when you're feeling kind of low, 'stead of letting go, just remember our church.**

Whoops, there goes another family fed...  
Whoops, there goes the backpacks shared and spread...  
Whoops, there goes all others served in Christ's stead.

2. Just what makes a little church band, Think of new plans for its building and land?  
Anyone knows a band, can't, do new things with its land.

**But we've got high hopes, We've got high hopes,  
We've got... God-by-our-side as we tr--y hopes.  
So when you're feeling kind of low, 'stead of letting go, just remember God's band.**

Whoops, there goes another renter in...  
Whoops, there goes another a training giv'n...  
Whoops, there goes another idea for a win.

3. Just what makes our boys and our girls, Think they'll have fun and help heal the world?  
Anyone know those churls, can't, help the needs of the world.

**But they've got high hopes, They've got high hopes,  
They've got... God-by-our-side as we tr--y hopes.  
So when you're feeling kind of low, 'stead of letting go, just remember those “churls.”**

Whoops, they've welcomed youth who've come and played...  
Whoops, they set the Pride booth up and stayed...  
Whoops, another service project they made.

4. Just what makes some brave people dare, Think they can change the world with their prayer?  
Anyone knows that prayer, can't, change the world that's out there!

**But we've got high hopes, We've got high hopes,  
We've got God-by-our-side as we try hopes.  
So when you're feeling kind of low, 'stead of letting go, just remember our prayers.**

Whoops, here comes a presence when we're scared...

## FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Holy Hilarity Sunday:** This is an old medieval tradition where churches would laugh, tell jokes in worship and celebrate joy. The service was held on Easter evening or on the last Sunday before Lent like Mardi Gras or Carnival. Lent is a serious, contemplative season of repentance so before we get there, let's laugh and lift up all the joyous things in life.



**February 18th Ash Wednesday, 6pm:** Ash Wednesday starts the season of Lent. We commit to examining our lives and honestly seeking to change. This contemplative service invites all to Lent's 40 days of seeking God and seeking Christ's way for our future. If you can not attend the 6pm service but still wish to receive ashes, please

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Combined Prudential & Leadership - Sunday February 15 @ 11am in the Chapel  
Book Study Group - Thursday, February 19 @ 7:00pm on zoom

**Lent Devotionals are available now!** You may pick up a copy in the back of the church or down-

### Prayer Shawls

We are always happy to give a prayer shawl to anyone you think is in need of our prayers. We give it to them free of charge along with a prayer card.

Contact Deb in the office if you would like to give a shawl to someone in your life. If you would like to knit a shawl or two, you can use the pattern below. We will bless the shawls at a future worship service.

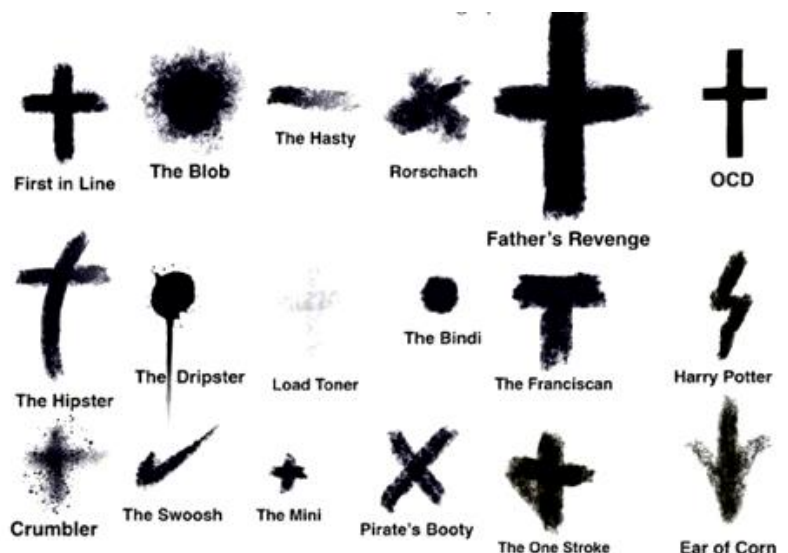


**Prayer Shawl Pattern** - Use #11 Circular needles ~ Need 3 skeins of yarn

Cast on 57 Stitches

First row: knit 3, pearl 3

2<sup>nd</sup> row: Start with the opposite stitch from what you ended on.  
(ie if it was a knit then do a pearl)



**You are dust, and you will  
return to dust...  
That's why I don't dust, it  
could be someone I know.**