



All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI

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E-Messenger, December 14th, 2023

*Come and worship
Rejoice in fellowship
Love and serve the Lord!*

Dear All Saints' Family,

I pass along an Advent reflection from our Faith Inquirers/Bible study:

It's the circle of life

*And it moves us all
Through despair and hope
Through faith and love
'Til we find our place
On the path unwinding
In the circle
The circle of life
Lyrics from The Lion King*

With Advent we join the circle, as we wait for the birth of Jesus. Others wait with us – for the excitement of children or grandchildren opening gifts; for children to come home from college; for it to be over, for those facing the first Christmas without a loved one.

Others joined the circle before us – spring bulbs (tulips, daffodils) have been waiting since late spring; plants, bushes, and trees since earlier in the fall; hibernating turtles deep in muck on the bottom of ponds – all wait for longer and warmer days, needing to stay alive until Spring.

We all wait for new beginnings and for new life to protect and care for. Until then, we rest, until it is time."

~Agnes and Becky



We had a Spirit-filled Advent Retreat on Saturday, led by Fr. Victor King. I share with you some thoughts from on the Joy, Peace, Hope and Love that Advent brings, a group collaboration. Rev. King spoke about each and then asked us some questions to ponder. Here are the thoughts of the various groups on Joy, Peace, Hope, and Love. If you were not able to join us on Saturday you might try to respond to each question on your own.

Peace: Name any five things you must do that will bring peace to the world.

For the peace that Christ brings we must:

1. Take our brain and surrender our perspective; return to our Source; reset our mind; this is an interior posture.

2. Interior/individual posture is not sufficient; peace includes movement to fix unequal distribution of resources and power in the community/world.
3. Remember the kindness of others. When one person does something horrific, consider for example the 17,000 people in Lewiston, Maine who did not; and the outpouring of thousands who responded with kindness.
4. “Let peace begin with me...” and **not** end with me.
5. Peace is not to “feel” better but to be an instrument of Christ’s Peace;

Love: Name any five things we must do in love to make the world a better place in 2024.

This group asked that each of us turn to someone next to us and say “I love you.” Here are the five things we must do in love:

1. Appreciate people around you – it is not what you give; it’s your thoughts
2. Love one another; in your church community; say hello
3. Communicate: call your out-of-state kids; in the house- get off your phone!
4. Pray together; share your time with others.
5. Share with those who do not have; remember the infinite love of Jesus. You may see a person in a wheelchair on the street who seems to have nothing. That person may be richer than you because that person knows the love of God.

Joy: Name any five things you will do to bring joy to your family and the church

1. Bless someone with anything – food/kindness
2. Notice someone outside of your family/community
3. Pay attention to needs of shut ins or bereaved
4. On bus or on the street – help an elder – it brings you joy
5. Greet people with a smile or hug – brings joy!

Hope: Name any of the five things that you hope for in 2024.

Group observation: Hope is intertwined with peace, joy, and love

1. For peace in the Middle East
2. Those in power (Congress) must use their voices to help the most vulnerable - they are not doing this now)
- 3,4,&5: Kindness towards everyone; get others' perspective: "You can't tell what someone is looking at until you look at what they are looking at."







Advent Peace,
Julie

**All are warmly welcome to join our Service of Holy Eucharist
on Sunday, December 17, the Third Sunday of Advent, 9:30am**

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFEc1FiUT09>

Service Program: You will find Sunday's program **here**.



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Preludes 6:30pm

Christmas Festival Eucharist 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Zoom Link:

<http://https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85255203640?pwd=bXFtNG1xdXBXU28wQoFvb3NUVXdWQT09>

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

Christmas Service of Holy Eucharist 9:30am

Christmas Day Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86812987040?pwd=WHJxbWRyMHU5a3c2NHJKVW5menBuUT09>

First Sunday after Christmas December 31st

Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist, 9:30am

Christmas Flowers

The church will be decorated for Christmas with poinsettias and other flowers. To give these flowers as memorials for loved ones who have died, or in thanksgiving for special persons or events in your life, you may fill out the form in Rose Hall or call/send an email to Nayellys at allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com. **The deadline for submitting flower memorials is Tuesday, December 19th. You may also drop the form in the offering plate by Sunday, December 17th.** Suggested donation for the flowers is **\$25-\$35**.

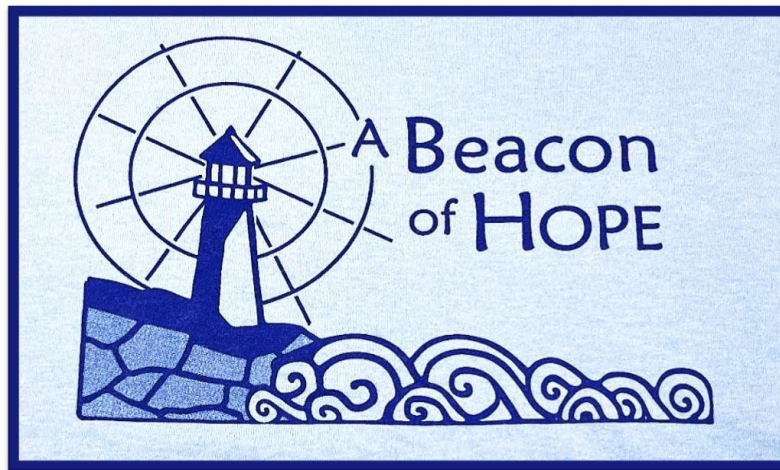
Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers/Bible Study

Join us next Wednesday for Noonday Prayer and our weekly Faith Inquirers/Bible Study. We meet in Rose Hall. We are reading Leviticus Chapter 26&27 for Wednesday.

We will not meet next Wednesday, December 27th.

Here is the Zoom link if you wish to join us from home:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=SigTzVFbTR4KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQTo9>



Outreach News

Thank you so much for your great generosity for the Angel Tree project!

Monthly Food Collection: This month we are collecting canned vegetables, although any non-perishable food items are most welcome.

Upcoming Events

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December 17th: Decorate the church after the Service

December 20: Choir Practice

December 20: Noonday Prayer/Faith Inquirers

Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Musa, Barry, Rosetta, Theo, and Gabby; for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Eva McBorrough, Jennifer, Carla, Sawyer L., Philletta Payne, Elizabeth Pacek, Frances Fisher

Taite, Joyce, Yonghee, Nancy Pollard, and Kerry DeLaGarza.

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Pattie Marshall, Sara Wilson, Sarah McBorrough, and Ryan Mott.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

December 17, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Gigi Fahnbulleh

Response: Psalm 126 Gigi Fahnbulleh

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 Lyndsey Wells

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Prayers of the People: Bob Wells

Chalice: Barbara Badio

Altar Guild: Felicia and Patricia



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