



All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI

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***E-Messenger December 18, 2024***

*Come and worship*

*Rejoice in fellowship*

*Love and serve the Lord!*

Dear All Saints' Family,

**Advent Reflection, December 18, 2024**

**Three meditations on God's wonderful mysteries**

1. The *Magnificat*...literally means My Soul Rejoices

Do our souls rejoice?

It is related to the Song of Hannah as well.

2. The Angel come to Joseph and says "...*Do not be afraid to take Mary for your wife*

*into your home..."*

When he awoke he did as the angel commanded. He had no relations with her until he bore a son and he named him Jesus.

Are we not afraid?

3. Mary had 108 names that were ascribed to her.

For example,

Mother of God, Queen of Peace, Mother of Mercy, Queen of Heaven and in the Hail Mary Prayer she was called "Full of Grace..."

What name do you give to her ?

Do we have the courage to say to God everyday, "*May it be done unto me according to your word.*"

Do we say "Yes" to God to try and follow his will for us daily?

Just thoughts to ponder on this most special time.

~ Tom Hobin

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist in-person, on Facebook, or via zoom at 9:30 am.

Here is the Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKek0rMGVzMFZEclFiUT09>

The Service Program may be found [here](#).

We will be decorating the church after the Service. Please join us in this festive activity!

Rev. Professor Maggi Dawn led us on a thoughtful and peace-filled Advent retreat on Saturday. Thanks to St. Luke's for hosting. And a special thanks to Bishop Knisely for helping us fund the retreat.



***Prayer from our Advent Retreat***

*when we wish we could see you but we can't see your presence  
when we try towards you, but our feet are stuck on the floor*

Now and Always

**Our times are in your hands.**

*when we are surprised by joy  
when we remember what we have*

Now and Always

**Our times are in your hands.**

when we hear your voice clearly and your calling,  
or when we don't know where we are going

Now and always

**Our times are in your hands.**

when the world seems out of control,  
and we fear what might happen next

Now and always

**Our times are in your hands.**

when we are confident and sure of ourselves  
or when we are frightened and perplexed, and can't see the future

Now and always

**Our times are in your hands.**

Advent Peace,  
Julie



Meditative artwork from the Advent Retreat



***Wednesday Noonday Prayer Today  
at Noon in Rose Hall***



If you wish to join us via Zoom, here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=Si9tTzVFbTR4K0ZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQT09>

Discussion of the *Angels* book (Chapter 22) begins at 12:15 in Rose Hall.



## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

***Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>***

**Christmas Preludes 6:30pm**

**Christmas Festival Eucharist 7:00pm**

Unique Zoom Link:

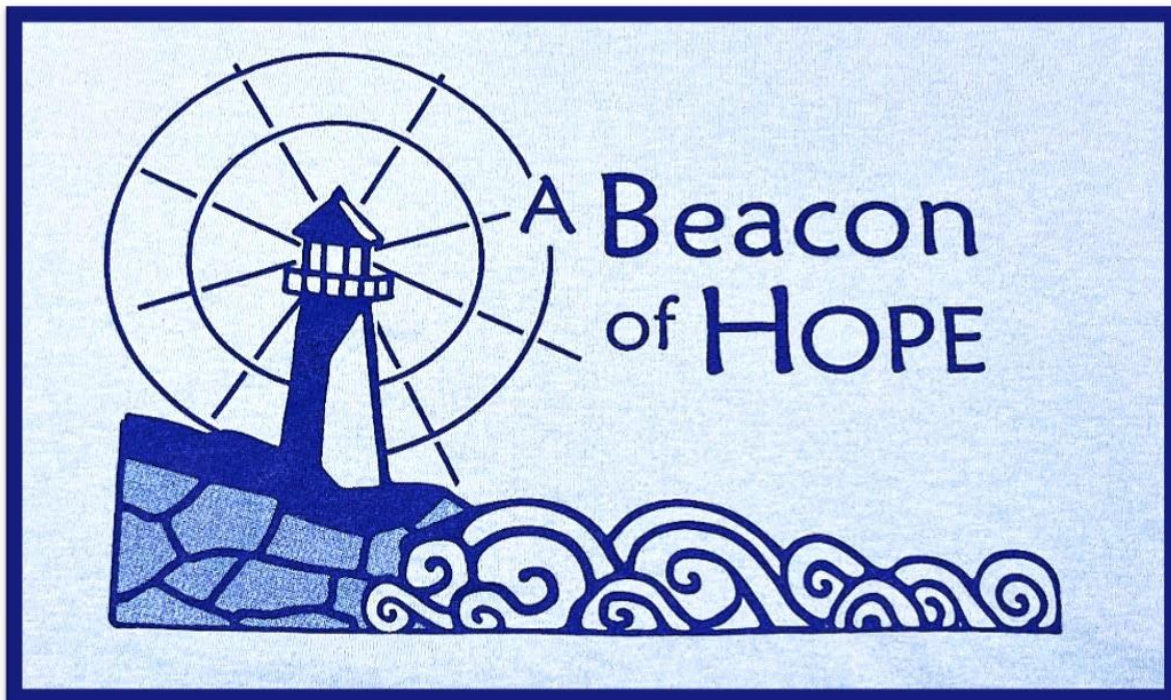
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***Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>***

**Christmas Service of Holy Eucharist 9:30am**

**First Sunday after Christmas, December 29th**

**Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist 9:30am**



*Outreach News*

**Monthly Food Collection:** We welcome donations of canned vegetables in December although any non-perishable food items are most welcome. Thank you for your generosity!

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### **Worship Ministry**

**First Reading:** Micah 5:2-5a Deirdre Greelish

**Response:** Canticle 15

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10 Bob Wells

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

**Prayers of the People:** Lyndsey Wells

**Altar Guild:** Dan and Kathy

**Chalice:** Barbara Badio

### ***Upcoming Events***

**December 18:** Noonday Prayer and *Angels* book discussion, Rose Hall

**December 18:** Choir practice

**December 22:** Decorate the church following the Service

**December 24:** Bannister Service, 3:30

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Service

-Christmas Preludes, 6:30 PM

-Christmas Eve Service, 7:00PM

**December 25:** Christmas Day Service, 9:30am

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### ***Prayers***

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Victor, Gloria, Wilmar, Mary, Susan, Bill, and Angela. We pray for Dawn, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Naida Thomas, Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Elizabeth Pacek, John Dunning, Karen, Clara Hutchins, Billy, Togba Treah, Sharita, Muriel, and Emile.



We pray for friends and loved ones departed especially Henrietta Bush Brewer, Barbara Bush Mason, and Rufus Kennedy. May they rejoice in the fullness of your presence and your glory. May the Lord comfort those who mourn with a sense of his goodness; lift his countenance upon them; and give them peace.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays next week especially Neb Amaechina.

O God our heavenly Father whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go. Preserve all those who travel this week. Surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

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

We pray for young adults in our congregation – Willcia and Joyce now college graduates, Victor, Roma, Kojo, Anne Marie, Sarah, Fatima, Sommie, Derrick, Natalya, and Raheem; may they know the Lord's steadfast presence and love in all that they do.

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