



All Saints' Memorial Church

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***E-Messenger December 24, 2025***

*Come and worship*

*Rejoice in fellowship*

*Love and serve the Lord!*



Dear All Saints' Family,

I can not thank you enough for all the prayers, warm wishes and encouragement you have given me these past few days. Your caring really buoyed me in a time of pain. Thank you, Bishop Knisely for celebrating at All Saints' on Sunday and helping us through this. Thank you, Bob Wells and the Vestry for taking charge this week so that our Christmas festivities go forward smoothly. A warm thanks to Deirdre, Becky, and Sandy for finishing and copying the service programs and Musa for being present to help as well. Also, a warm thanks to Charlotte for her creative efforts with the flowers and greens around the church and all who helped with decorating the church on Sunday after the Service. Thank you, Bishop Wolf for stepping in to preside this evening. And thank you, Deacon Tom and Eric for helping with the Christmas Day Service. We are truly a family gathered in the name of Christ.

As we enter into this holy Christmas evening I share a reflection on Freedom by Br. James Koester SSJE:

*Freedom. All of us long for freedom. Mary, Joseph, and the people of Jerusalem and Bethlehem did. And freedom comes in the form of a baby born in a stable and laid in a manger. Freedom's name is Jesus. All we need to do is reach out and take hold of this tiny, helpless baby, and God's gift of forgiveness, healing, and love will be ours.*

Wishing you a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

In Hope,  
Julie





*Musical Notes*

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Phillips Brooks – Hmm, that sounds familiar. If you read *Forward Day by Day*, you will recognize him as the author of the prayer on the inside cover of the last page. Or perhaps you know that he preached a very famous sermon in Philadelphia on April 23, 1865, entitled “The Life and Death of Abraham Lincoln”, two weeks after his assassination. <https://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moa/ACK8574.0001.001?view=toc>. Or maybe you know that he is buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA. But did you know that in addition to being one of the most highly regarded Episcopal preachers of his day, he wrote the words to “O Little Town of Bethlehem”? Three years after a memorable trip to Bethlehem where he attended the Christmas Eve service at the Church of the Holy Nativity, he wrote the well-known verses. Because he wanted them to be sung by the Children’s Choir on Christmas Eve at his Philadelphia church, he asked his organist to write a simple tune that the children could learn easily. For days, the organist, Lewis Redner, who had no formal musical training, struggled to compose music to fit the lyrics. With Christmas quickly approaching, he still had nothing. The night before Christmas Eve, he tossed and turned. Late in the night an angel awakened him and whispered the tune in his ear. And that is what we sing each Christmas Eve, just as the children of Church of the Holy Trinity sang in 1868.

~Becky

All are welcome to join our Service of Holy Eucharist tonight at 7:00 PM (Music program at 6:30pm) in person, [by Zoom](#), or on facebook. You may find the Service Program [here](#)

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

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

**Christmas Preludes 6:30pm**

**Christmas Festival Eucharist 7:00pm**

Unique Zoom link is [here](#).

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

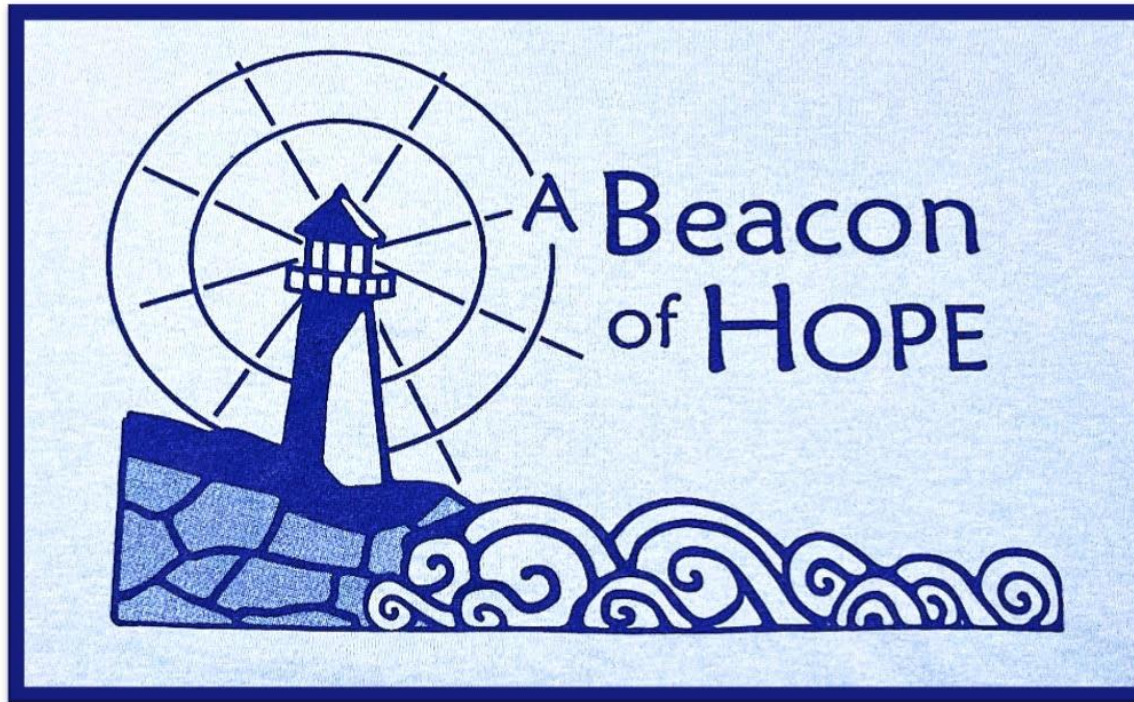
**Christmas Service of Holy Eucharist 9:30am**

***First Sunday after Christmas, December 28th***

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

***New Years Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 11:00pm Service***

**St. Luke's Pawtucket**



*Outreach Ministry*

*Thank you for your generous help with this ministry!*

**Monthly Food Collection:** We collect food monthly and distribute the donated food to Better Lives RI and Crossroads Family Center. We invite you to contribute any prepackaged food items or canned goods with flip tops. Food cards from various grocery stores are welcome as well. Thank you for your generosity!



*Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study begins again at noon in Rose Hall after the New Year.*

### **PRAYERS**

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Victor, Gloria, Mary, Lady Johnet, Kathy, Glenna, Gabby, and Kojo. We pray for Ariminty P. Cole, Charles Caranda, William Donahower, Garth Hirsch, Naida Thomas, Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Elizabeth Pacek, Karen, John Dunning, Togba Treah, Patty, Denise, Jefferson, and Lucinda.

We pray for all students, teachers, and staff in our schools and colleges. Holy God, source of all wisdom we ask that your blessing and guidance be upon Chimmy, Cora, Divine, Kodi, and Neb. May the blessing of your Holy Spirit be upon Anne Marie, Derrick, Sarah, KJ, and Sommie bringing them the fire of your love and wisdom as they engage in this academic year.

We pray for friends and loved ones departed especially Ella Cook and

Mukhammad Aziz Umurzokov. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

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 Ryan Mott, Neb Amaechina, and Francis Buwee.

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