E-Messenger, February 24, 2022

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

Dear All Saints' Family,

Why are we here? As a life-long church musician it's something I have given a great deal of thought. As we begin the season of Lent, let's think about the choir as it begins to work itself back into the week-to-week life of ASM church. We sing because it is an act of faithful devotion to God. We sing because we are loyal to the choir and the other singers (who are our friends).

More to the point, I would like to paraphrase the words of Cambridge composer Daniel Pinkham. He said that we are all part of a great tradition going back thousands of years. To those of us in the here and
now, there are two tasks: to persevere and give life to the music that has been handed down to us by the generations before us, and to create new music and traditions that we will pass on to the generations that will follow us.

Sunday March 6th is both the beginning Sunday in Lent, and the first annual Sunday honoring the women who have contributed to our musical tradition. Florence Price (composer) and Christina Rosetti (poet) have not been given anywhere near the credit they should have been given. Please join me in adding their artistic praise of God to the canon of the Christian church.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Barry Turley
Organist and Choir Director

A warm welcome to our supply priest Rev. Michael Pearson. He will be
presiding for eucharist this Sunday and the next. Additionally, a welcome to Rev. Bill Locke who will be presiding for Ash Wednesday.

All Saints' latest mask policy:
-Masks in the church are not required for those who are fully vaccinated. We want to encourage anyone who wishes to wear a mask to do so. You may prefer to continue wearing a mask in the church for many reasons.
-Masks are still required for everyone downstairs including on the stairs, in the elevator, in Rose Hall, the offices, the choir room, and the rest rooms.
-In early March we will review Covid data once again. As long as cases and indicators are stable or trending downward, we plan to lift the mask requirement in Rose Hall on March 9th, at which time Wednesday choir practice in the Choir room may resume along with Coffee Hour.

All are invited and warmly welcomed to our Service of Holy Eucharist Sunday, February 27th at 9:30 am and on Ash Wednesday at 7:00pm in-person or on Zoom. *Please note separate link for Ash Wednesday*

**Zoom link:**
https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFEclFiUT09
Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164
Password: 674674

Service Program Link:

Ash Wednesday Zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84373451347?pwd=d3F1dlJxOXE4TTZGa3V6aFIxMHkzUT09

Ash Wednesday Service Program Link:

Our Services are also live streamed through our Facebook page.
Continuing a thirst for knowledge at The Village at Willow Crossings

Ernie Hirsch and Sharon Nery read and discuss books and plan and lead a bi-monthly event together. Read article below.

Notes from the Music Program

You are invited to attend:

Morehouse College Glee Club Concert
Director: Dr. David Morrow
March 9, 2022
7:00 PM (Doors Open at 6:00PM)
The First Unitarian Church, 1 Benevolent Street, Providence, RI 02906
Protocol: Audience is expected to be vaccinated and to be masked.
Questions: Dr. Christopher D. Hunter, Morehouse College Alumnus. (cjhunter96@gmail.com) or 401.218.5870,
Free-Will Offering
Outreach News

The next Outreach meeting is Sunday, March 20th in the church following the 9:30 am Service. You may join in-person or Zoom. If you wish to participate via Zoom, simply remain on Zoom after the Service.
All Saints' Snow Policy

If the city of Providence declares a parking ban or the State of RI declares a weather emergency urging people to stay off the roads, our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service will be canceled.

We will post a cancellation notification on our website and our Facebook page.
Our Wednesday Bible Study is on pause until March when we will begin a Lenten Book, *The Hope of Glory* by Jon Meacham. Linda still has a few copies in the office if you'd like one.

In the meantime, we have decided on name change for the Bible Study. As you can see from the above book, our focus is not exclusively the Bible although we will spend a lot of time with scripture.

We decided that "Faith Inquirers" is most expressive of us as we delve more deeply into Holy Scripture and take up other readings. We see our weekly reading and discussions as a shared inquiry and exploration of our faith as we seek to deepen our relationship with God, in Christ, and with
one another. We invite you to join us on Wednesdays at noon. You may wish to participate in-person or via Zoom. We resume weekly discussions on Wednesday, March 23.

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**Food Collection**

Each week All Saints’ collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- February: Peanut Butter
- March: Tuna
March 2: Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Eucharist
7:00pm

March 6: Sunday school resumes for lent in Rose Hall with Ms. Jill

March 9: Morehouse College Glee Club Concert, The First Unitarian Church, 1 Benevolent St, Providence.

February 18 through March 18:
While Rev. Julie is on medical leave, we have engaged supply clergy for those weeks including clergy available for emergency pastoral care.

If an emergency pastoral need arises while Rev. Julie is on medical leave, please call or text our Senior Warden Musa Goll (401-265-4866) or Junior Warden Chip Smith (401-556-0036). Musa or Chip will connect you with the clergy person on call. You may also call our parish administrator Linda Moss (401-751-1747) during office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9am-12pm).

PRAYERS
We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Marisa, Susan, Pam and Gloria.
We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Mary Tryforos, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, David, Frank, Lusaynie Sirleaf and Rev. Julie.
We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces.
We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 27, 2022
First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35 April Donahower
Response: Psalm 99
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Janelle Evans
Prayers: Rosetta Evans

**March 2, 2022**
*Ash Wednesday*
First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12 Monika Kraemer
Response: Psalm 103:8-14 Cora Nagle
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Barbara Badio
Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Rev Bill Locke

**March 6, 2022**
First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11  Nnenna Amaechina
Response: Psalm 91:1-2,9-16  Nnenna Amaechina
Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13  Chimmie Amaechina
Prayers: Ed Boyer

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