



All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI

www.allsaintsmemorial.org

E-Messenger, February 2, 2023

Come and worship

Rejoice in fellowship

Love and serve the Lord!



Dear All Saints' Family,

We are readying Rose Hall for this Sunday's Service of Holy Eucharist. You heard at the Annual Meeting that we are having boiler issues. Unfortunately as we head into a freezing cold weekend those issues continue until a new part arrives. We have set up space heaters in Rose Hall. Please enter through the Office entrance. Church doors will not be open. Wear a warm jacket! We will Zoom the service from Rose Hall.

Meanwhile, as we struggle with winter issues Snowdrops or Candlemas Bells are poking up between the leaves outside our kitchen door. What a delight to find them yesterday even as it snowed. They are just about to bloom - always a sign of hope and new beginnings this time of year right

around Candlemas.



Today, February 2, the church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, also known as the Feast of the Purification and Candlemas. This celebration falls on the 40th day after Jesus' birth, when he was presented in the Temple and Mary was purified in accordance with Jewish Law.

The name Candlemas comes to us from England and refers to the church tradition of the blessing of candles that will be used in the church during the year at services on the Feast of the Presentation or Candlemas.

At one point in the early Christian church this Feast day was called the *Hypapante* or 'Meeting', referring to the joyful meeting of the infant Jesus with Simeon and the prophet Anna when both recognized Jesus as the awaited Messiah.



Presentation of Jesus in the Temple by Giovanni Bellini, Wikimedia Commons

May we meet and recognize Christ the Light in whatever we are doing this day.

*Hear us, never-fading Light, Lord our God,
our only Light, Fountain of light,
Light of your angels,
thrones, dominions, principalities, powers,
and of all intelligent beings.
You created the light of your saints.
May our souls be your lamps,
kindled and enlightened by you.
May they shine and burn with the truth,
and never go out in darkness and ashes.
May we be your house,
shining from you, shining in you.*

*May we shine without fail.
May we ever worship you.
In you may we be kindled and not be extinguished.
Being filled with the splendor
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
may we shine forth inwardly.
May the gloom of sins be cleared away,
and the light of constant faith abide within us. Amen.
(Mozarabic Sacramentary, 7th Century)*

On a different note, I will be out of town next Thursday, February 9 - Tuesday February 14. Rev. Bill Locke will be serving as our celebrant on Sunday, February 12. Emergency pastoral coverage will be available in my absence.

Epiphany Blessings and Peace,

Julie

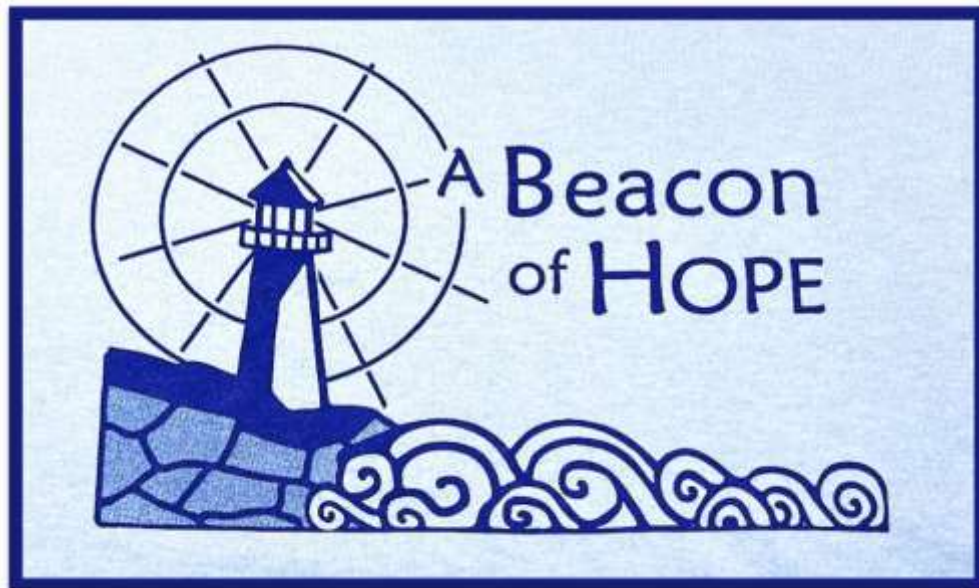
**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday, February 5, 2023
Service of Holy Eucharist, 9:30am**

[Zoom Link](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUT09>

Service Program: You will find Sunday's program here: <http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org>

Outreach News



Outreach Meeting: February 12th after the Service

Collecting White Socks - Final Call

There is still time to donate white socks for Crossroads. Please leave the socks in the basket in Rose Hall. Outreach will deliver the socks to

Crossroads next week. Thank you so much for your help with this essential clothing item.

Project Undercover

Outreach has a new community partner: All Saints' has connected with the nearby John Hope Settlement House to work together in meeting the needs of kids and families in our neighborhood through Project Undercover. Starting in March, Outreach will be collecting diapers, wipes, and children's socks & underwear for children newborn to age 5. Please consider bringing some of these much needed items to place in the basket at the front of the church. If you have a neighbor in need please help spread the word about Project Undercover as we share God's Love and Hope with the world. Outreach will drop these items at John Hope House on a monthly basis. For more about the John Hope Settlement House visit johnhope.org.

Outreach 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 Fish



Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers Discussion

Our discussion of *Isaiah* will continue on Wednesday, February 8 following Noonday Prayer. Reading for Feb. 8: Skim Chapters 13-25. We will meet in Rose Hall. You may also join us via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=Si9tTzVFbTR4KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQT09>

Upcoming Events

February 5: Confirmation class following the 9:30am Service

February 5: Healing Prayer Ministry at the 9:30am Service

February 8: Choir Practice 7:00-8:30pm

February 8: Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers 12:00pm
in Rose Hall

February 12: Outreach meeting after the Service

Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, and Theo. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Victor, Phil, John Flinton, Fontella, James, John Dunning, Peter Thoits, Lee, Ed, Rachael, and Zo.

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 Selena Evans and Robert Wells.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

February 5, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9A Raheem Dabre

Response: Psalm 112:1-9 Chimmy Amaechina

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Nnenna Amaechina

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Prayers of the People: Barbara Badio

Chalice: Marybeth Hanavan

Altar Guild: Pattie, Sandy & Julie

Coffee Hour: Roselyn & Rosetta

February 12, 2023

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Andrea Hutnak

Response: Psalm 119:1-8 Andrea Hutnak

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Lyndsey Wells

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

Prayers of the People: Bob Wells

Chalice: Marybeth Hanavan

Altar Guild: Felicia and Patricia

Coffee Hour: Roselyn and Rosetta



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