



# All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI

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*E-Messenger, January 5, 2023*

*Come and worship*

*Rejoice in fellowship*

*Love and serve the Lord!*



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Dear All Saints' Family,

Yesterday as we were about to start our monthly Healing Service, Becky played some Christmas hymns on the flute. I requested one of my favorite hymns - *Once in royal David's city*. It was beautiful. Here is a **link to a video on our web page** if you would like to listen. Scroll down the page a bit to find the recording.

We are coming to the end of our Christmas celebrations. I always have a twinge of sadness as we start to take Christmas decorations down and pack them away for next year. At the same time, the joy of Christmas continues. The Love continues. The Light of Christ shines brightly among us. As the hymn goes,

*"We like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display heaven's Word, the world's creator, cradled there on Christmas Day, yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another."*

Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, our celebration of God made manifest to all people in Jesus. Epiphany commemorates the astrologers' visit to Jesus after his birth, an encounter of overwhelming joy and awe manifesting God's presence in Jesus. This visit changed the astrologers' path as it can change our path.

We often talk about an epiphany as one of those lightbulb moments of great realization and not necessarily a spiritual moment. When we talk about epiphany in a spiritual sense, we are also talking about a moment of illumination and transformation. Jesus illuminates the heart of God in this world. Christ's presence among us changes us as the hymn says - *brought us love for one another.*

There are so many ways to bring love to one another. Music is one way. I can not thank Barry and the choir enough for the beautiful music they brought to us this Christmas season - Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Lessons and Carols, and the impromptu music during yesterday's Healing Service.

The beauty of our church during Christmas season was another gift of love from those who helped decorate the church and now are packing the decorations up for another year. Thank you especially to Dan, Gloria, and Sandy.

And finally, one more way we can think about the gift of love. I had a bit of an epiphany last week. I took a little quiz in the *New York Times*: *What's the best way to reduce emissions?* I had to guess whether an action has a small, moderate, or large effect on reducing greenhouse emissions. My guesses were mostly wrong.

Turns out most Americans *underestimate* the effects of actions that are harder to take such as flying less, or adopting a plant-based diet, or switching to clean energy, while *overestimating* the reduction in emissions by recycling and using energy efficient appliances.

A few days later I read a report on food waste in the US (*New York Times*). This report was another surprise to me. I learned that food waste

is responsible for twice as many greenhouse emissions as commercial aviation. Moreover, households in the US account for 39% of that food waste, more than restaurants, grocery stores, or farms.

Both of these articles prompt me to tweak my strategy to reduce emissions. A step towards reducing greenhouse emissions - whether small or big, easy or the most difficult of activities - is an act of love for God's creation, an act of love for each other, a Light in the world in the name of Jesus, *God-with us*.

May we carry the Light of Christ illuminating God's abiding love and goodness in our world today.

Epiphany blessings,  
Julie

### **Litany of the Magi**

As the Magi of old followed the star:

*Help us, O God to follow the leading of your Spirit.*

As they were led to the Savior:

*Lead us, O God, to bring the gifts of faith and hope and love to the world.*

As they fell down and worshiped the Child;

*Inspire us, O God, to serve you every moment of our lives.*

As Herod was kept from doing the child harm:

*Keep us, O God, from doing violence to his Name by thought or word or deed.*

As Mary kept all things and pondered them in her heart:

*Enable us, O God to remember and to love.*

As Christ shines forever as the Light of the world:

*Shine forth in us, O God, that we may be lights of the world in our generation.*

Holy Jesus, come from God:

*Fill us now and always with your light. Amen.*

(From Elmer N. Witt, *Help it All Make Sense, Lord* )

**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday, January 8, 2023**

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

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFEclFiUTo9>

Service Program Link:

[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service\\_bulletin\\_the\\_baptism\\_of\\_our\\_lord\\_january\\_8\\_2023.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_the_baptism_of_our_lord_january_8_2023.pdf)



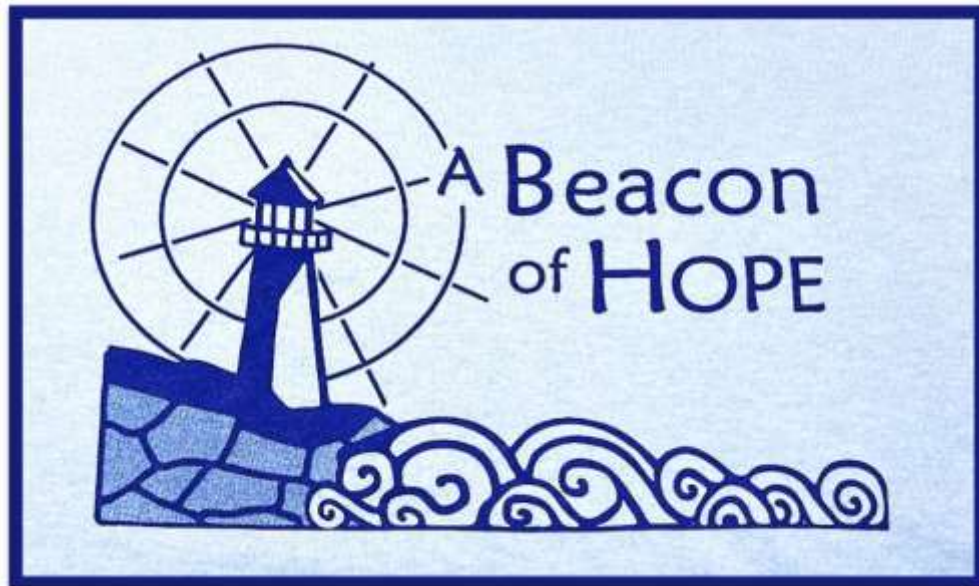
*Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith  
Inquirers Discussion*

Join us next Wednesday, January 11 for Noonday Prayer. We decided to read *Isaiah* next (Chapters 1-4). This is a great time to join the discussion since we are beginning a new book of the Bible.

We meet in Rose Hall. You may also join us via Zoom:

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

*Outreach News*



**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!

- January: Canned Pasta
- February: Peanut butter

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### *Upcoming Events*

**January 11:** Morning Prayer followed by Faith Inquirers



Discussion 12:30, Rose Hall

**January 11:** Choir Practice 7:00-8:30, choir room

**January 16:** Vestry Meeting 7:00pm

**January 29:** Annual Meeting following the 9:30am Service

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## *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, and Ed.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week.

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces, especially Hannah Makuch.

## *Share All Saints' With Friends*



### SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

#### ***January 8, 2023***

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 April Donahower

Response: Psalm 29 April Donahower

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Prayers of the People:

Chalice: Eric Hirsch

Altar Guild: Kardi and Lydia

Coffee Hour: Deirdre and Trish

#### ***January 15, 2023***

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 Rosetta Evans

Response: Psalm 40:1-12 Janelle Evans

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Gigi Fahnbulleh

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Prayers of the People: Monika Kraemer

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Altar Guild: Felicia & Patricia

Coffee Hour: Deidre and Trish

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