



## All Saints' Memorial Church

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*E-Messenger, November 9, 2023*

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

Dear All Saints' Family,

A statement from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:



You may know me as the pastor who is always talking about love, and I am. But today I am mindful that the urgency of love—true, sacrificial love that respects all of humanity—is not just a good feeling, and it is not easy.

We are called to a love that demands much from us. We are called to a love that tells the truth.

Today I raise my voice for love because more than 10,000 people have died in Gaza, including more than 4,000 children.

The violence is horrific, and the geopolitics are complex, but my call to love is simple: Stop the killing. Stop all of it. Stop it today.

We will not be silent while an entire population is denied food, water, electricity, and fuel needed to run hospitals. We cannot stand by while thousands of civilians die. Our partners in the region tell us they live in terror—that they feel they have died even while alive. They feel that the international community is tacitly sanctioning the killing of civilians and the bombing of schools, hospitals, and refugee camps.

Staying quiet in this moment would be a stain upon our souls and would

deepen our complicity.

U.S. leadership must tell Israel to stop bombing civilian areas and allow access for full humanitarian aid to flow freely into Gaza.

Every human child of God—Palestinian and Israeli—deserves safety and security. We need to stop the killing. Today.

Vengeance will not bring back the dead. Retaliation will not repair the harms and the hurt. We are called to love, even and especially when it seems impossible.

We must stop the next 10,000 from being killed. As Episcopalians, we must call upon our leaders—President Biden, members of Congress, and others—to be unequivocal that we need to stop the killing. Today. This is clearly what love demands of us.

A prayer offered by Bishop Knisely:

*Holy One, we are in anguish witnessing the violence and suffering happening in the Holy Land. The scenes and the accounts are heart wrenching. Today we implore you to soften, to heal, the hearts of those consumed with anger and revenge. We pray for a cease-fire, we pray a for humanitarian response, and we pray for the diplomats working*

*night and day to make both happen. We pray for our friends, and we pray for our enemies. We pray in the hope that by your grace, a new path might be possible. We pray this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

In Peace,  
Julie

All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist  
November 12, 9:30am:

**ZoomLink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUTo9>**

**Service Program:**

You will find Sunday's program **here**.

*A Prayer for Veterans*

*Dear Lord,*

*We honor our veterans who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.*

*We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.*

*Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made.*

*We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.*

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## *Stewardship*

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).*

Dear All Saints' Family,

As we look ahead to 2024, we have high hopes for All Saints'. We look forward to lively and engaged worship, the amazing Kingdom building work of our ongoing ministries, and the fellowship that we love through all our activities and programs. We look forward as well, to the ways the Holy Spirit will lead us through new adventures and projects and to new and deeper relationship with each other and our neighbors.

Our campaign this year, "What's Next?" draws on the Acts account of

Jesus' Ascension. The disciples stood "gazing toward heaven" no doubt with the question, "Where is the Risen Lord leading us?" Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit will provide us power in any whatever "What Next?" situation we find ourselves.

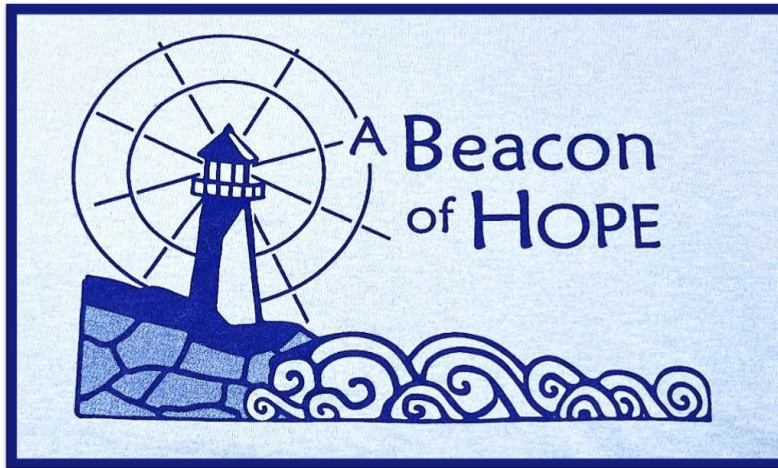
We can trust that the Lord is near in all encounters and questions of our times, and in our relationships. Our Stewardship campaign asks us to focus on the theme, "What's Next?" This question anticipates and welcomes the action of the Holy Spirit in our life together at All Saints'. Your support is vital to this effort.

We ask that you participate in our 2024 Stewardship campaign by making a pledge. Your gifts of wealth, works, and wisdom will go towards our ministry and mission.

Please complete a pledge card and return it to All Saints' on or before November 19<sup>th</sup>. This will enable our Vestry to plan the 2024 budget. Thank you for your deep generosity.

In the Spirit of Love,

Charles M. Smith, III  
Stewardship Chair and Junior Warden



## *Outreach News*

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, November 12th after the Service.

**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!

- November: Macaroni and cheese



## *Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers*

All are welcome to join Noonday Prayer at 12:00 pm followed by Faith Inquirers/bible discussion. We are reading *Leviticus* Chapters 19& 23:1-14.

You may participate via Zoom if you wish. Here is the zoom link:

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

This Wednesday we will have a pot luck lunch as we celebrate Deirde's and Ruby's birthdays.



*Musical Notes*



Our Offertory Anthem on Sunday ("Eternal Father, Strong to Save") is widely known in this country as "The Navy Hymn" and uniquely associated with that branch of our military service. But its story began in England and since has been adopted and adapted by many branches of the military service in both Britain and the United States. Author of the original words was Anglican clergyman William Whiting (1825-1878), born in Winchester and ultimately headmaster of the Winchester College Chorister's School. In 1860, while serving in that position, a young chorister came to him with concern about and fear for an ocean voyage he was about to undertake over to America. Whiting immediately recalled his own harrowing experience at sea at age 35, when a violent storm nearly claimed his ship. Believing that God had calmed the seas and spared their lives, he wrote a hymn for his student to "anchor his faith" during his own time on the ocean waves; it is likely that Psalm 107:23-26 also inspired his words.

Within the next year, another Anglican clergyman, John B. Dykes (1823-1876), composed the now familiar music to match Whiting's hymn, and the resulting marriage was quickly published in the principal Anglican hymnal of the day (*Hymns Ancient and Modern*). The tune name he chose (*Melita*), is an earlier name for Malta, an ancient seafaring nation (and then a colony of the British Empire), and also the site of a shipwreck involving the Apostle Paul (Acts 27-28). As mentioned, since then words of the hymn have been altered numerous times to suit particular usage;

see, for example, Hymn #578, which substitutes new words (verses 2-3) to incorporate the perils of land and air beyond the sea.

At precisely the same time "Eternal Father" appeared in print in England, a violent Civil War was breaking out in America. Music would play a very prominent role throughout the four-year ordeal that nearly split apart our country. A principal contributor to Northern repertoire was George Frederick Root, born in Sheffield, Massachusetts, and named after George Frideric Handel. A performer and music educator in New England in his early career, Root moved to Chicago in 1859 to join his brother running a music publishing firm (Root & Cady), which in the next few years would produce the voluminous sheet music for some of the Civil War's most popular songs. His "Battle Cry of Freedom" (our postlude), promoting both Unionist and abolitionist sentiment, became a principal rallying song for Union soldiers and civilians alike. In fact, the famed contemporary American pianist Louis Moreau Gottschalk was so impressed by the piece that he thought it should become our national anthem.

### *December 2 Christmas Concert*



Whether you are looking for a beautiful and unique Providence Christmas event or a nostalgic candlelit experience, Vienna Light Orchestra's awe inspiring performance is a positive interruption from the noise of the world. This concert series is coming to All Saints' on Saturday, December 2nd at 4:00 and 7:00 pm. The program will include such favorites as: *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Silver Bells, O Come O Come Emmanuel, Silent Night, Waltz of the Flowers, Carol of the Bells, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.*

Tickets available at <https://viennalightorchestra.com/122-providence-christmas>



*What does Advent Bring?*

*Advent Retreat: Saturday Morning December 9*

All Saints' Memorial Church



You are invited to join an Advent Retreat at All Saints' on Saturday morning, December 9. The retreat will be led by Rev. Fr. Victor King,

LECUSA Chaplain and Vicar, Calvary Episcopal Church, Hanover, VA.

The retreat is a collaboration between All Saints', St. Luke's Pawtucket, and Good Shepherd, Pawtucket.

### *Upcoming Events*

**Nov. 12:** Outreach Meeting

**Nov. 15:** Noonday Prayer/Faith Inquirers/Potluck

**Nov. 15:** Choir Practice

**Nov. 21:** Thanksgiving Service, Bannister Center, 2:30pm

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### *PRAYERS*

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Theo, Musa, Barry, Agnes, and Sara. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Dan, Lillian, Eva McBorrough, Audrey Hennessey, Lisa, Aeisha Scott, Carla, Jennifer, Sawyer L., and Philletta Payne.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays especially Mercy Peah and Ruby Smith.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

##### ***November 12, 2023***

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 Gigi Fahnbulleh

Response: Psalm 70 Gigi Fahnbulleh

Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 4:13-18 Tom Hobin

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Prayers: Dan Mechnig

Altar Guild: Lydia and Kardi

Chalice: Barbara Badio

Coffee Hour: Felicia, Bill, and Cecelia

##### ***November 19, 2023***

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 Becky Silliman

Response: Psalm 90:1-8;12

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Cora Nagle

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Prayers: Chimmy Amaechina

Altar Guild: Felicia and Patricia

Chalice: Tom Hobin

Acolyte: Eric Hirsch

Coffee Hour: Cecelia Sirleaf, Felicia and Bill McBorrow

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