



All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminister St., Providence RI

September 24, 2020 Parish messenger

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



Acts 18:18-19:

After staying there for a considerable time, Paul said farewell to the believers and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had his hair cut, for he was under a vow. When they reached Ephesus, he left them there, but first he himself went into the synagogue and had a discussion with the Jews.

Over the past six months since I have been attending our Wednesday Noonday service regularly, I have learned from and enjoyed Julie's teachings about feast days, saints, and other persons included in the Episcopal Church calendar. So, when she asked me if I would give Wednesday's service meditation, I immediately went to Forward Day by Day to see who was listed for this week. Monday was Saint Matthew, the Tax Collector; Tuesday: Philander Chase, the sixth Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Wednesday: Tecla of Iconium, a much persecuted follower of God; Thursday: Anna Alexander, the first and only African American woman consecrated a Deaconess in the Episcopal Church; and Friday: Sergius of Radonezh, a Russian spiritual leader and monastic reformer. In the end, after consultation with Julie, I chose Philander Chase.

Of course, I was intrigued by his first name, but he was named, not because he was destined to become a philanderer, but because his father liked Edward Young's poems "Night Thoughts", one of which was named

Philander. I also was interested to learn that his 12 year-old nephew, Salmon P. Chase, became his ward after Salmon's parents died. As you may remember, Salmon P. Chase grew up to become Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury, a member of Lincoln's Team of Rivals, and later became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. What you may not know is that as Secretary of the Treasury, Chase appointed a young man named Victor Smith to be a Customs Collector in the Territory of Washington, and that is how my maternal grandmother's family got from being farmers and owners of most of Rumstick Point in Barrington, to what was to become the state of Washington. You also may not know that Salmon Chase had a daughter Kate who served as his hostess — he being widowed. She was beautiful, and a mover and shaker in Washington society. In 1863 she married Rhode Island's Governor William Sprague. Both ultimately became philanderers and divorced in 1882. He is buried at Swan Point and she died a penniless recluse at age 58, several years after their only son Willie committed suicide.

But back to Rev. Chase. Raised a Congregationalist, he discovered the *Book of Common Prayer* while a student at Dartmouth College and ultimately was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1799. After serving in several churches in New York, New Orleans, and Connecticut, he and his family moved west to Ohio. In time, Chase served as a Bishop, first of Ohio and then of Illinois, and as Presiding Bishop. He also founded two seminaries and colleges, one of which thrives today as Kenyon College. As

one writer summarized, Chase spent his life hacking through the frontier wilderness missionizing and educating, as well as traveling throughout the country and to England to raise money to support the development of his educational institutions. He also faced the death of his wife and of three of his children, and he endured constant attacks by his enemies (including other bishops and clergy), and a life of dire financial straits. He died at age 77 from injuries suffered after his horse pulled him from his carriage.

I chose this reading from Acts after reflecting on Rev. Chase's life, wondering if he found for himself a model in Paul, whose life also was filled with challenges. It is thought that Paul cut his hair at Cenchreae in hopes that by following at least a part of the Nazarite Vow it would help him with his conversations with the Jews in Ephesus about Jesus. It may have, although the RSV translation refers to the "discussion" in the synagogue in the reading from Acts as an "argument". Certainly there is plenty of evidence that Paul's message of salvation was not welcomed by all. In addition to facing arrests, stonings, and murder plots, he also faced financial challenges, continuing to work as a tent maker to support himself.

I also wonder if both men found solace and strength in the psalms, particularly those that reflect the majesty of creation and God's ever presence in our lives. I believe that Rev. Chase did, naming one of his

farms the “Valley of Peace” and choosing the site for Kenyon College because of its rural character. Indeed, Kenyon College is home to the only land trust created by an institution of higher learning in the United States, with a mission to protect the open spaces surrounding Kenyon College, including farms, woodlands, and waterways. It is named the Philander Chase Conservancy and the photo shows a portion of it. May we be buoyed up by the majesty of creation and the certainty that God is watching over each of us — always.

— Becky Silliman

All are invited to our Sunday service of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 A.M. via Zoom or in-person. Here is the Zoom link:

Topic: Sunday 9:30 a.m. Service

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Passcode: 674674

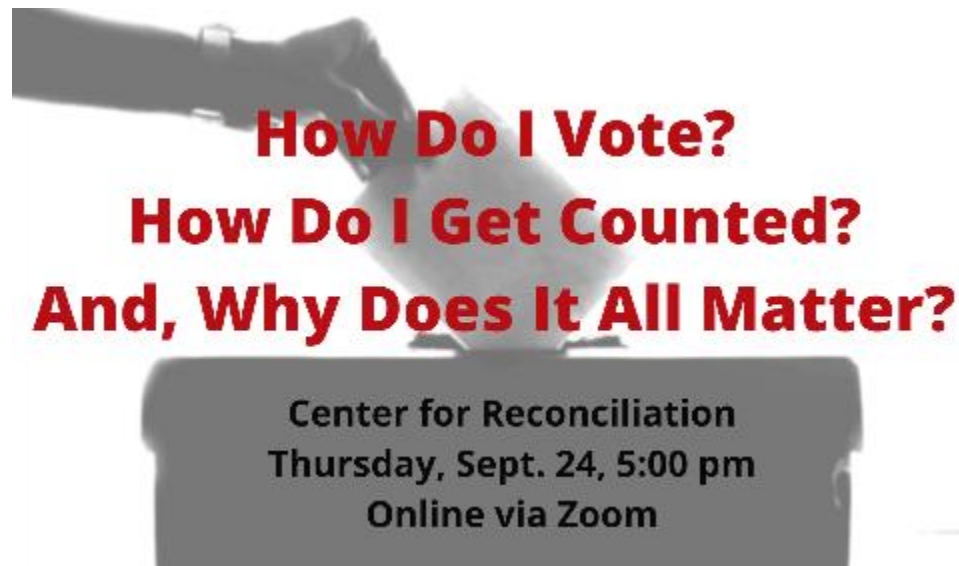
Here is the link to the service program:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_17_pentecost_september_27_2020.pdf



Virtual Studio Tour, September 27

The Arts ministry invites all of you to a Virtual Studio Tour hosted by parishioners Anne Tait and Monika Kraemer. Anne and Monika collaborated on the renovation of Anne's studio. AIA architect, Monika Kraemer and artist, Anne Tait, will be giving you a tour of the almost-finished renovated garage redesigned by Monika. Join the Studio Tour via Zoom right after this Sunday's service. Invite a friend too!



*How Do I Vote? How Do I Get Counted? And,
Why Does It All Matter?*

Thursday, September 24, 5:00-6:00 pm

Online event via Zoom

Free / Donations Welcome

Optional registration and donations via Eventbrite:

<https://cfrvoting.eventbrite.com>

Join the Center for Reconciliation to learn all about participating in Rhode Island's November 3 general election and ongoing federal census, two cornerstones of equity and justice in American society.

Participants may join the Zoom webinar either via video call or voice call.

To attend the webinar via Zoom, please use this information:

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94433985070?pwd=bllrVC8rczFtQ2FyTy9QVFRySoPvdz09>

Meeting ID: 944 3398 5070

Password: 433185

Call in number: +1 646 876 9923 US

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abfjfMyaN>



Outreach Thanksgiving Baskets

The Outreach ministry met on Sunday to begin planning Thanksgiving baskets. We plan to distribute 30 baskets to the community. As in the past, if you have a neighbor or friend who may need help with Thanksgiving this year, and you would like to sign them up to receive a Thanksgiving basket from All Saints, please let ReeRee, Wilmar, or Rev. Julie know by Sunday, October 18. We will need both the name of the recipient and the number of people in the family (adults and children). Please note that all family members must be living in the same household.

Outreach is also seeking donations to help defray the cost of turkeys and other food items. If you would like to make a donation, please make the check out to "All Saints' Memorial Church" and put "Thanksgiving

Baskets" in the memo line. Thank you for your help with this vital ministry.



Food Collection

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of pre-packaged food.

- September: canned soups and stews
- October: hot cereals
- November: boxed mac n' cheese

Thank you for your generosity!



Altar Flower Ministry

Each week during the summer months we invite parishioners to bring in fresh flowers or greens from your garden for the altar. If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday, please email or call Marybeth Hanavan (Mbhanavan@gmail.com). You may bring the arrangement to church on a Sunday or we can arrange to pick it up before the service.

Upcoming Events

- **Sept 27:** Virtual Studio Tour, Hosted by Anne Tait (artist) and Monika Kraemer (architect), immediately following the 9:30am Sunday Service. Sponsored by the Arts Ministry.

- **Oct 4:** The Blessing of the Animals.
- **Oct 14:** Vestry Meeting.
- **Oct 18:** Youth Service.
- **Oct 18:** Deadline for Thanksgiving basket sign-ups.

Keeping up with Your Pledge in These Times

While we are limited in the number of worshippers we can have in church, we ask that you keep up with your pledge as you are able.

There are three ways for you to do so.

- Give online - it is easy and secure. Here is how:
 1. Go to our website—allsaintsmemorial.org—our home page.
 2. Below the "Coronavirus Update" section on the home page, click on the Donate button.
 3. You can either sign in to ChurchTrac or give as a guest.
- Make out a check and send it by mail to the church:

All Saints' Memorial Church
674 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
- Place your sealed offering envelope with check or cash in the mailbox outside the office door. To open the mailbox, tug on the

knob on the front side, and pull the door down. Deposit mail through the slot that is revealed. Please close the mailbox door when you are finished.

If you have questions, please email me (rsillima@bu.edu) or call me (946-3562).

-Thank you,
Becky

Instructions for Attending Church Services in the Building—Developed by the Vestry

- Please enter through the side entrance next to St. Elizabeth's at 9:20.
- Please sanitize your hands as you enter the church. Hand sanitizer is available for your use as you enter/exit the building, and in the reserved pews.
- Please bring your own service program; you may leave it in the recycle bin at the church entrance when you leave. Or, you may wish to use your phone or tablet for the service instead of bringing the hard copy

program. All service programs are posted on [our web site](#).

- Please sit in a pew with the white, reserved sign.
- No singing during service.
- Masks and social distancing are required.
- For the Eucharist: please sanitize your hands before coming to the altar for Holy Communion.
- Once you receive the Eucharist, please move to the side at least six feet from the Communion station before you consume the Eucharist.
- Rest rooms are open (one stall in each).
- Please do not go into the Office or Rose Hall.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Thank you!



BE SAFE Plus

Family Service of Rhode Island's BE SAFE Plus Program was specifically developed for Rhode Island seniors (60+) and people with disabilities.

This program provides access to **fresh food, cleaning and personal care supplies** to high risk seniors and people with disabilities.

To enroll, call the point:
(401) 462-4444

To make a donation or find out more information visit us online at
www.familyserviceri.org/besafe



Free Deliveries for Seniors

Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI) is delivering FREE fresh vegetables, fruits, cleaning supplies and PPE for seniors in need. As the number of COVID cases begins to rise again across the country, we want to make sure that RI seniors have what they need to stay safe.

While singles can apply for a delivery by calling 401-462-4444, groups can contact 401-519-2283 to schedule a group delivery. Below are some quick facts about the program:

1. FSRI is highly responsive and has a lot of capacity to get deliveries out across the state whenever needed.
2. FSRI can deliver for the senior, their caregivers, and others in the household (check out the eligibility, not hard to qualify for this).

3. The boxes contain FRESH fruits & vegetables (good for people with dietary restrictions e.g. diabetes), personal care items (alcohol swabs, etc.) and masks, cleaning supplies, etc.
4. The boxes, deliveries, etc are all free.
5. FSRI calls each senior to set up a time convenient for the senior to make the delivery and ask about special needs; and then call again the day of delivery to confirm.
6. FSRI deliveries are in refrigerated trucks to preserve freshness even on the hottest days.
7. Right now, each senior in RI is entitled to get this service twice.

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Ernie, Ruby, Marie, Trish, Gene, Garmony, and Virginia. We also pray for Harriet Choi, Dorothea Evans Gordon, James Greene, Eric and Irene T., Mary Tryforos, Joan, Maribeth Sneddon, Margaret Barney, Carolyn, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, and Laura Silva-East.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed

forces, especially Matthew Degree.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Derrick Goll.

We pray for all health care workers, first responders, and those who are in public spaces such as pharmacies, grocery stores, and other vital services in these times.

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Forward

Please note that the reading schedule for October 4 has been changed

SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 27, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32, Musa Goll

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-8, Marybeth Hanavan

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13, Eric Hirsch

Prayers: Monika Kramer

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7, Dan Mechnig

Psalm: Psalm 80:7-14, Becky Silliman

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14, Chip Smith

Prayers: Anne Tait

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, October 1. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, September 29. Please submit any articles or info you may have to ReeRee at asmcri@verizon.net.



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