

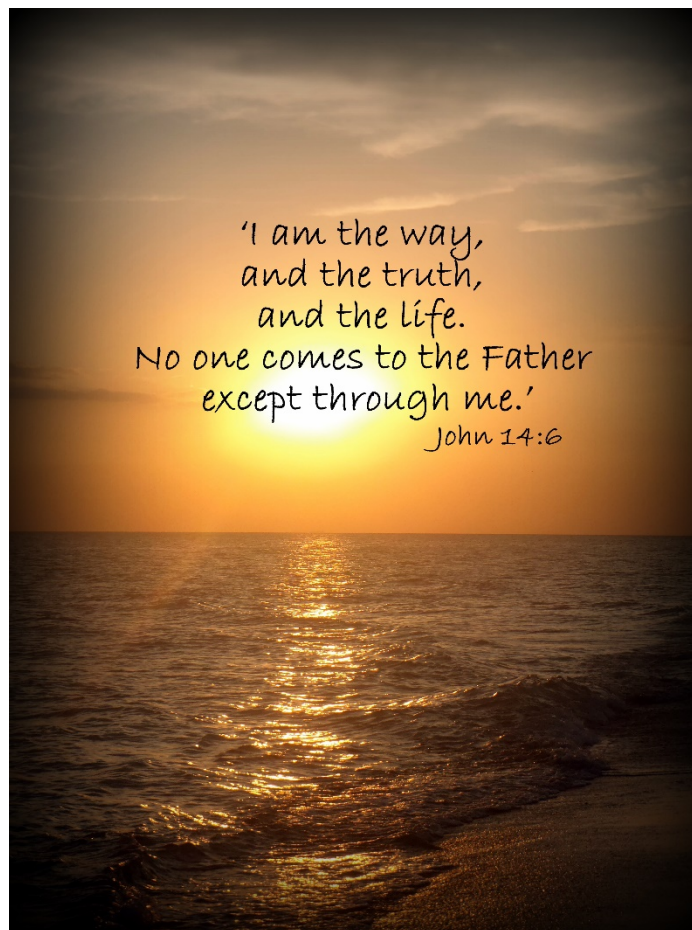
Saint John's Episcopal Church, Concord

576 Concord Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342

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Celebrating 318 Years of Worship

The Reverend Daniel W. Hinkle, M.Div. – Interim Rector



May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter Season

Online Worship Booklet for

10:00 a.m. Live-Streamed Worship

Directions for viewing can be found on the Home Page of our Church Website

www.saintjohnsconcord.com

New Revised Common Lectionary Lessons for 5th Sunday of Easter: Year A
New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

***The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

BCP, p. 225

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.** *(All are seated)*

The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60 *(All are seated)*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 7, verses 55-60.

“Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *(Read as directed)*

Leader: Our Psalm for this morning is Psalm 31, verses 1 – 5 & 15-16. We will read the Psalm...
(Leader give directions for how to read the Psalm).

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Reader: A Reading from the 1st Letter of Peter, chapter 2, verses 2-10.

"Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner",
and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 14, verses 1-14.

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

"Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I

go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children’s Message *(To be posted on the Church Facebook page.)*

Margie Hatcher

Sermon:

Fr. Dan +

***The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***The Prayers of the People: Form VI**

BCP, p. 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For the elected officials in our local communities; for Tom, our Governor; for Donald our President; for this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation; we especially remember all victims of manmade climate change wherever it is occurring;

People: **For the poor and all victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God; we pray especially for our companion congregation, Saint Andrews Church, in our companion Diocese of Guatemala;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; for Daniel, our Bishop; for Miguel, priest of our companion church; for Dan, our Interim Rector; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering all those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List: the sick, the shut in, and the grieving, those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and we pray for our enemies, that all of our hearts may be turned to peace. We remember all those ill from the corona virus, and pray especially for the doctors, nurses and other medical professionals caring for them. Additional petitions may be added at this time _____.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for the beauty of your very good creation; for those celebrating birthdays and marriage anniversaries this week; for St. John, our Patron, and for all the Saints; and we give thanks for internet technologies that allow us to be connected even during these necessary times of physical distancing. You may add other thanksgivings at this time _____.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all faithful departed, especially remembering Ruth, Harm, Catherine, Dorothy, Mary and Vera, and those who have died from the Corona Virus, that they all will have a place in your eternal kingdom. Other deceased loved ones and friends may be mentioned at this time as well

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: Let us pray for those celebrating birthdays and marriage anniversaries this week.

All: **Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** BCP, p. 830 # 51

Leader: Let us also pray for the calling of a new Rector for St. John's Church:

All: **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of the Search Committee and Vestry who shall choose a new Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** BCP, p. 818 # 13

Leader: We pray to God also for the forgiveness of our sins. Silence

Leader: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

All: **in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant stands and says the Absolution: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. All: **Amen.**

***The Peace**

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.** (*Bow and/or share the Peace Sign*)

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymn # 518

***Presentation of the Gifts** (*All stand*)

***The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP, p. 361

(*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Proper Preface for Easter

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the

world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life

...therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*All say*)

BCP, p. 362

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(People may continue standing or kneel)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

(All hold hand over Bread) On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

(All hold hand over Wine) After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

(All hold hands over Bread and Wine.) Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **All: AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Announcements

Meetings and Events Today and This Week

5th Sunday of Easter, May 10

10:00 a.m. – Live-Streamed Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. – Zoom Coffee Fellowship

Monday, April May 11

5:00 p.m. Live-Streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday, May 14

11:00 a.m. Live-Streamed Morning Prayer

11:15 am Sunday Zoom Coffee Fellowship

You are invited to join our Sunday Zoom Coffee Fellowship today at 11:15 am. The Zoom Meeting ID is 955-049-2211 and the Password is Fellowship. We will be doing this every Sunday through and including Sunday, June 14th.

Completed Profile Sent to the Diocese

The Profile Committee has completed the Parish Profile and Portfolio and has sent them on to the Diocese for final proofing. This should only take a few days. St. John's Episcopal Church, Concord will then be listed as open and receiving names of potential candidates. St. John's Church will remain open and receiving names for six weeks or longer.

The Discernment Process now becomes confidential. Only the nine Search Committee members will know who has applied and who is being considered as your new Rector. Not even their spouses will know. Our job is to continue to steep the whole process in prayer.

Many thanks for the hard work and dedication of all the Parish Profile Committee members.

Search Committee Now Meeting Regularly, Appoints Officers

After its initial meeting with Fr. Dan, the Search Committee is now meeting regularly to prepare for the next phase of the New Rector Discernment Process. At their Zoom meeting last week, the committee selected officers. The committee members and officers are listed below in the this Worship Booklet and on the church's website.

The Search Committee will keep the parish regularly informed about the status of the search process.

Masks Will Be Required This Summer

Be sure to provide your own masks and remember to bring them to church with you.

All children and adults will be required to wear masks when we return to On-Site Worship and Programs on Sunday, June 21st. Masks will be required throughout the summer, June 21st – Sept. 6th, and may be required into the fall.

There will be no exceptions. Even Fr. Dan will be wearing a mask. Think of this as one way to live out the Golden Rule. We wear our masks for the health and well-being of one another.

St. John's Church Masks Soon to be for Sale

Customized cloth masks with the name of the church have been ordered by the Vestry. These will make great keep-sakes. They will be black with the following embroidered on them: "St. John's Episcopal Church, Concord 1702". One size fits all. The masks cost us \$4.90 ea. We are asking for a donation of \$10/mask. The profits will go towards our Outreach budget.

Email the Church Office at Office@saintjohnsconcord.com to order your mask(s). Let us know your name and how many you are ordering. After you receive an acknowledgement of your email order, then please snail-mail a check to the church made out to “St. John’s Episcopal Church” and earmarked “Church Masks.” The first order was only for 120 masks, so get your order in soon.

You are not required to get a Church Mask. Nevertheless, be sure to provide your own masks and remember to bring them to church with you.

Saint John's is Here to Help

During this time of economic uncertainty, St. John's is here to help members who are faced with job and food insecurity due to Covid 19. We can offer a week’s worth of BBQ from Chef Bumm and the Vestry and I have ACME gift cards to give to those in need.

If you could use some food assistance, contact me via my email address frdanstjohnsconcord@gmail.com or call or text my personal cell phone at 610-223-5588. All requests will be kept confidential.

Many thanks to those of you who have donated to this effort. We have received several generous gifts.

Thank you, *Fr. Dan Hinkle* + Interim Rector

Phased-In Return to On-Site Worship and Programs

(This is a Fluid Schedule and May Change)

Based on the Bishop’s recommendations, the Vestry and Fr. Dan have developed a color coded, phased in plan for a cautious return to on-site worship and programs. The basic outline of the phase-in return is given below. More details will be given in the future. Contact Fr. Dan with questions. Thank you for your patient understanding and support through these difficult times.

Phase I: May 3 – June 14 All On-Site Worship and Programs Cancelled

- 1) All Worship Services will be Live-Streamed.

Phase II: June 21 – September 6 A Cautious Return to On-Site Worship and Programs

- 1) Monday, June 15 – On-Site Church Office Hours Resume.
- 2) Sunday, June 21 – Three Services Resume at 8:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:00 am.
- 3) Attendance limited to 25 in the church at each service with additional overflow of 25 in parish hall. for 9:15 am. A video connection will be provided and communion brought to parish hall.
- 4) Face Masks must be worn. Bring your own from home for whole family.
- 5) Physical distancing will be observed.
- 6) Children’s Chapel will be available at 9:15 am as usual.
- 7) If you are sick, we ask that you stay home and watch the live-streamed worship.
- 8) If you are 60+ years old, or have on-going health issues, we recommend that you stay home and view the live-streamed worship service.
- 9) August 2 – Sept. 6 Summer Schedule Begins with Worship at 8:00 am & 10:00 am.
- 10) June 21 – July 26 11:00 am Worship will be Live-Streamed.
- 11) August 5 – Sept. 6 8:00 am Worship will be Live-Streamed.

Phase III: September 13 New 2020/2021 Season Begins. Back to a mostly Normal Schedule

Directions for Viewing Live-Streamed Worship Services

Please visit the Home Page of the Church’s Website www.saintjohnsconcord.com for directions on how and when to view the live-streamed Worship Services. Worship Booklets and Music can also be found on the Home Page. Margie will post her Children’s Messages on the Church Facebook page.

Lent Boxes to be Collected on June 21st

Please remember your Lent Boxes. They will be collected when we return to On-Site Worship and Programs on June 21st, Thank you.

Offerings and Pledges may be Snail-Mail to St. John’s Church

Please continue to financially support your church through this time of crisis. You may snail-mail your offerings and pledge payments to the church office.

Make a Donation from our Webpage

You can also make a donation online from the Home page of the church’s website. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity during these difficult times.

Parish Weekly Prayer List

Please Note: After the last Sunday of each month, all names will be removed from the Parish Weekly Prayer List. If you would like a name or names to remain on the Prayer List for another month, please be sure to contact the Parish Administrator, Joan Marie Lupi, by email at office@saintjohnsconcord.com or by phone at 610-459-2994, no later than the Thursday morning before the first Sunday of the month. You may add or remove names from the Prayer List at any time as well. Please always include first names; last names are optional. We apologize if we make a mistake and appreciate corrections. Thank you.

Please pray daily for the work and ministry of St. John’s and of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, as well as that of our companion diocese in Guatemala, for all clergy, lay people, committees and programs.

We pray for the victims of manmade climate change wherever it is occurring; and we always remember the poor and the oppressed

Please keep the following folks in your Prayers

Ed Borer	Terry & Kathy Woodard	Jen	Kay Keenan
Lois Jean Bak	Darree Clark	Ethan Ball	Ruth & Bill
Peggy	Mark	Diane	Gail
Barrie Parker	Michael	Elaine Klingensmith	Danny
Jen	Ashley	Jocelyn	Emma
Bill Calhoun	Mike & Maeve Raak	James	Tyler
Brandi Figueroa	Bill Ostland	Andy Phillips	

Those serving in the Military and other Dangerous Professions

A Prayer for those in the Armed Forces of our Country BCP, p. 823

J. Andrew Hinkle, CG

Steven Michael Pascal, Navy

Kyle Mullen, Army

Daniel Stock, USN

Scott Lister, Navy

Anna Harris, Navy

Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies, that all our hearts may be turned to peace.

A Prayer for our Enemies, BCP, p. 816

Although we have no fresh flowers on the altar, we would like to give tribute to those who have made requests for their loved ones and to give glory to God.

In memory of Ruth Wenke from Marti & John Keenan

In memory of Harm & Catherine Garraway

In memory of my mother, Dorothy G. Montgomery from Susan Niederriter

In memory of Mary Huber and Vera Stanton from Miriam Stanton

Vestry Members, Wardens and Officers

Class of Feb. 7, 2021

Bill Calhoun, Steve Carmichael, Mary Pat Lynam, John Pachkowski, Ted Stipa

Class of Feb. 6, 2022

Burt Blackburn, Diane Carlin, Mary Gonzalez, Gerry Tierney, Danielle Yoch

Officers

Martha Pearlman, Rector's Warden

Burt Blackburn, Treasurer

Ted Stipa, Vestry Warden

Mary Gonzalez, Vestry Secretary

Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Convention & Brandywine Deanery

Lay Delegates: Burt Blackburn, Sue Hammer, Ann Moses

Lay Alternate: Peggy Long

Parish Profile Committee

Carol Angus, Mary Gonzalez, Clifford Holgate, Alexis Nagengast,

John Pachkowski - Chairman, Gerry Tierney, Garrick Weaver

New Rector Search Committee

Chair: Danielle Yoch, Co-Chair: John Pachkowski, Corresponding Secretary: John Lynam,

Recording Secretary: Jacqui Dunn,

Cathy Blackburn, Diane Carlin, Emily Hammer, Ann McGonigal, Maureen Thompson.

Church Staff

Jessica Villante, Music Director

Gregory N. Rettew, Organist

Josef Samargia – Baritone Soloist

Lew Gordon– Tenor Soloist

Margaret Hatcher, Children’s Chapel

Kevin Werner and Ron Arrants – Sextons

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Mission of Saint John’s

**To be a welcoming community committed to
seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.**

Our vision is to grow with intent. We will maintain intimacy by gathering in groups; reach all generations through fellowship; advance our mission through a vital program of outreach; nurture spiritual growth through worship, music, education and pastoral care; encourage commitment to effective ministry; and support the church through stewardship.

Saint John’s is a Heart-friendly Church.