

Saint John's Episcopal Church, Concord

576 Concord Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342

Founded 1702

Celebrating 318 Years of Worship

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



September 20th, 2020

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20 Year A
8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Good Morning and Welcome!

The usher has a list of those who signed up ahead of time for worship. They will be seated first. If there is room, those who did not sign up ahead of time may then be seated. We are limited to 35 people in the church for both worship services plus an additional 35 in the parish hall during 10 am worship.

All children (older than two years) and all adults must wear a mask and observe appropriate physical distancing at all times. Keep your distance and refrain from shaking hands, hugging, or touching. Hand sanitizer is available for your convenience. We ask that you only use the old bathrooms located in the main entrance to the parish hall and across from the kitchen. Children must stay with their parents/guardians at all times.

Everything you need for worship is in this leaflet. The Episcopal Church practices open Communion, which means that if you are a baptized Christian, regardless of denomination, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Let the priest know if you want gluten-free Bread. If you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Cross your hands over your heart as a sign to the priest.

Perhaps you have not been regular in attending church or have been away from church for a while. You are especially welcome. Please sign our Guest Book in the vestibule and make yourself known to our priest. When you are comfortable here and ready to talk about becoming a member of The Episcopal Church, or if you want to start up/start over, please speak with our priest who is glad to help.

BCP - Indicates Book of Common Prayer

**** Indicates please stand if you are able***

+ You may make the sign of the cross

Please be sure to properly wear your mask to cover both your nose and mouth at all times. Thank you.

Church Bell is Rung.

8:00 am Silent entrance of the Ministers. Remain seated.

Please be sure to place your offerings in the Offering Plate as you enter the church before going to your pew.

The Word of God

*** Worship begins**

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father +, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*** The Collect for Purity**

BCP, p. 323

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

*** The Summary of the Law**

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Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*** Song of Praise: Glory be to God**

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**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy,
thou only art the Lord,
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect for the Day

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*All kneel or be seated with bowed heads*) Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

**Lessons for 16th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20 Year A - New Revised Common Lectionary
New Revised Standard Version of the Bible**

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

“The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by

the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 (*Read as directed by the Leader*)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
42. For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

“To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **The Gospel: John 11:32-44** (*For the Sermon Series “SIGNS” on the Gospel of John*)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

“When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the

glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon: ***“The Defeat of Death” - Part 7b of “SIGNS”***
 Conclusion of the Sermon Series on the Gospel of John

Fr. Dan +

* **The Nicene Creed** (*Said in Unison*)

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**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

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Leader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

(Kneel or be seated with bowed heads)

Leader: Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially to Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; to Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; to Daniel, our Bishop; to Miguel, priest of St. Andrews our companion church in the Diocese of Guatemala; to Dan, our Interim Rector; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the elected officials in our local communities; Tom, our Governor; and Donald our President; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We especially remember all victims of manmade climate change wherever it is occurring.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List, and all those who, in this transitory life, are shut-in, in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or in any other adversity. We especially remember those who are ill from the Corona Virus, those serving in the medical professions during the Corona Virus Pandemic, those in the military, in law enforcement, and other dangerous professions; and we pray for our enemies, that all of our hearts may be turned to peace.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for the baptisms of Joanne and James Williams today; for the beauty of your very good creation; for the blessing of children; for internet technologies that have kept us connected during these necessary times of physical distancing; for those celebrating birthdays this week: Bob, Sun Hi, John, and Anne; and anniversaries: Lydia & David, Diane & Eric, Maria & Joseph, Peggy & Larry, and Trish & Anthony.

And we also bless thy holy Name + for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Effiem, Rae, and Mary, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. John our Patron and all of thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *(BCP, p. 823 # 25)*

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: Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
All: **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 331

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. *(Kneel or be seated with bowed heads)*

Silence

Celebrant: **Most merciful God,**

All: **we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you +, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

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Celebrant says one or more of the following: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

“Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.” *Matthew 11:28*

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” *John 3:16*

“This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” *1 Timothy 1:15*

“If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.” *1 John 2:1-2*

*** The Peace** *(All stand)*

BCP, p. 332

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(As a precaution against the spread of corona virus, instead of shaking hands, touching, or hugging, please bow, wave, or share the peace sign during the passing of the Peace. Thank you for your understanding.)

Announcements *(All seated)*

Birthdays and Anniversaries - A Birthday Prayer *(BCP, p. 830 # 51)*

All: **Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant says Offertory Sentence and then prepares the Altar for Holy Communion.

* Presentation of Gifts

(After Altar is prepared for Holy Communion, Usher brings up the Offering Plate.)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

All: **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

* The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP, p. 333

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God...

Proper Preface of the Lord's Day

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

...Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he + that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(The people kneel or stand)

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread *(The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread)*

BCP, p. 337

Silence

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Invitation to Communion

BCP, p. 338

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. *(and may add)* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(The Usher will let you know when to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Only four unrelated people may be at the Altar Rail at a time, but families may come forward together. We will receive the Bread only. After you have received Holy Communion, please leave the Altar Rail through the sacristy to the left. Go outside and return to your pew via the church front door.)

Postcommunion Prayer *(Kneel or be seated with bowed heads)*

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Closing Blessing

BCP, p. 339

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. All: **Amen.**

** Silent exit of the Ministers. Candles are extinguished.*

*** Dismissal**

BCP, p. 339

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Announcements

Meetings and Events Today and This Week

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 20

8:00 am – Traditional Language Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:00 am – Family Contemporary Holy Eucharist with Music and Children’s Message in the Big Church

11:00 am – Fellowship Outside the Parish Hall (Weather Permitting)

11:30 am - Zoom Sunday School Lesson

1:00 pm - Baptisms of James and Joanne Williams

Wednesday, September 23

11:00 am – Zoom Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

Two Baptisms Today!

Congratulations to James and Maria Williams on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter, Joanne Louise Williams who was born on July 31, 2019. James Patrick Williams will also be baptized along with his daughter.

Because of the Corona Virus, Joanne and James will be baptized at a private liturgy for family only in the church today, September 20, at 1:00 pm.

“We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.” (BCP, p. 308)

Zoom Wednesday Morning Prayer at 11:00 am

The Zoom Meeting ID is 955-049-2211. Password is 1702. The worship Booklet can be found on the Home Page of the church’s Website. Please join us.

Zoom Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 pm

The Zoom Meeting ID is 955-049-2211, and the password is 1702. Please join us.

Rectory Open House on the Sundays of September 27th & October 4th

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and the hard work of Paul Pearlman, the Property Committee, and many other volunteers, the Rectory improvements are completed.

The congregation is invited to tour the Rectory on either Sunday, September 27th or Sunday, October 4th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come and admire the improvements. The Rectory is now ready for occupancy by the new Rector and their family.

St. Francis Celebration and the Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 4th

In honor of beloved St. Francis, everyone, young and old, is invited to bring your pets and/or stuffed animals to church to be blessed. Fr. Dan will have a Blessing of the Animals ceremony in the church parking lot on Sunday, October 4th at 11:30 am.

ALL ABOARD!!!

Come take a ride on the St. John’s GIVING TRAIN! The Auction Committee is working on a fall event that will “depart” soon. Look for more information coming soon and “sit back and enjoy the ride.”

Not receiving Constant Contact emails?

Some members report not receiving Constant Contact emails from the church. To ensure safe and timely delivery of email messages please save the Church’s email address : office@saintjohnsconcord.com to your safe senders list.

Be Safe. Be Well. The Corona Virus Is Still With Us

We must not become complacent. Avoid crowds. Wear a mask if you go out. Observe physical distancing. Wash your hands with soap and warm water.

“Sign-Up Genius” for Worship

Seating for worship is limited to 35 people in the church building for both services plus an additional 35 seats in the parish hall for the 10:00 am service only. The priest, deacon, deacon helpers, acolytes, lay readers, ushers, musicians, and video persons will all be signed up by the Church Administrator. Everyone else must sign-up for worship every Sunday using the “Sign Up Genius.” “Sign Up Genius” has been emailed to everyone via Constant Contact. If you have any questions, contact Joan Marie Lupi, Church Administrator at office@saintjohnsconcord.com or 610-459-2994 during regular church office hours.

Masks and Appropriate Physical Distancing Required

Be sure to provide your own masks and remember to bring them to church with you. All children older than 2 years and adults are required to wear masks. 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 others as we would have them wear their masks for us. Please observe appropriate physical distancing at all times.

Green Phase III: Begins Sunday, September 13, 2020

The good news is that the number of Corona Virus infections in the Philadelphia area has been steadily decreasing. In response our Bishop has given permission for churches to move to the Green Phase. We will now move from 25 to 35 people in church or the parish hall. All other safety protocols, such as wearing masks, physical distancing, and no singing, remain in place. The Vestry and Fr. Dan view as primary the health and well-being of church members, paid staff, and visitors. Thank you.

1) Sunday Worship will be at 8:00 am & 10:00 am.

Ms. Margie Hatcher will give her Children's Message in the Big Church at 10:00 am.

Weather permitting, Fellowship will be held outside the parish hall at 11:00 am.

Zoom Sunday School Events & Lessons will be at 11:30 am.

2) Attendance will be limited to 35 in the church at each service with additional overflow of 35 in parish hall for 10:00 am.

A video connection will be provided, and communion will be brought to parish hall.

3) Electronic Sign-Up for each service will be available.

4) Face Masks must be worn by everyone, even Fr. Dan.

Bring your own from home for your whole family.

5) Physical distancing will be observed.

6) If you are sick, you may not come to church. Please stay home and view the live-streamed worship service.

7) If you have an underlying medical condition, particularly if not well controlled, it is highly recommended that you stay home and view the live-streamed worship service.

8) 10:00 am Worship will be Live-Streamed.

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.

Make a Donation from our Webpage

You can 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.

Birthdays:

Sun Hi Moore	September 20	Bob Sullivan	September 20
John Carlin	September 21	Anne Pearlman	September 22

Anniversaries:

Lydia & David Dell'Osa	September 20	Diane & Eric Schad	September 21
Maria & Joseph McNeill	September 24	Peggy & Larry Dunbar	September 24
Trish & Anthony Margarite	September 25		

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	Mickey	Father John Sorensen	Kay Keenan
Barrie Parker	Mackenna	Robin Harper Martin	John Slowick
Heather	Branan Cooper	Dody Maher	Philip Thompsen
Jocelyn	Joan	Jen	James
Sarah	Ashley	John	Gail
Christine			

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	Daniel Stock, USN
Steven Michael Pascal, Navy	Scott Lister, Navy
Kyle Mullen, Army	Anna Harris, Navy
Tyler Faison, Marines	

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

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of:

**Effiem Dixon and Rae Hauger from Mary Alice Peeling & John Pachkowski
Mary Huber from Miriam Stanton**

And in Celebration of:

Our Wedding Anniversary from Peggy & Larry Dunbar

Today's 8:00 AM Worship Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Daniel W. Hinkle

NT Reader: Mark Mowrer

Acolyte: Ed Gibson

OT Reader: Ann Moses

Usher: Kathy Mowrer

Counters: Bill & Carol Angus

Altar Guild: John Pachkowski, Sherry Stiteler

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

Ted Stipa, Vestry Warden

Burt Blackburn, Treasurer

Mary Gonzalez, Vestry Secretary

Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Convention & Brandywine Deanery

Lay Delegates: Burt Blackburn, Sue Hammer, Ann Moses

Lay Alternate: Peggy Long

New Rector Search Committee

For Bios and Photos of those serving on the Search Committee, please visit the Church Website and click on the Search Committee dropdown under the New Rector Search tab at top of Home page.

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

Chris Villante, Interim Organist/Keyboardist

Josef Samargia – Baritone Soloist

Margaret Hatcher, Children’s Chapel

Kevin Werner and Ron Arrants – Sextons

Joan Marie Lupi, Parish Administrator

Church Phone: 610-459-2994 Church Email: office@saintjohnsconcord.com

The Rev. Daniel W. Hinkle, Interim Rector

Cell: 610-223-5588 Email: frdanstjohnsconcord@gmail.com

Church Office Hours

Mondays – Fridays, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Church Website: www.saintjohnsconcord.com

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.**