

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 27th, 2020

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21 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 place your offerings in the Offering Plate as you enter the church before going to your pew.

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.

The Word of God

*** Worship begins**

BCP, p. 323

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

BCP, p. 182

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*All kneel or be seated with bowed heads*) O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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 17th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21 Year A - New Revised Common Lectionary
New Revised Standard Version of the Bible**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

“The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the

Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-8 (*Read as directed by the Leader*)

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

“If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

“When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So

they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

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, 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 beauty of your very good creation; for internet technologies that have kept us connected during these necessary times of physical distancing; for those celebrating birthdays this week: Tom, Mary Pat, Tim, John, Bette Jo, Judy, and Marge; and anniversaries: Pat & Stephen, Stephanie & Stephen, Leesa & Theodore.

And we also bless thy holy Name + for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Audrey, Paul, Julia, Edward and Eunice, and the 200,000+ Americans who have died from the Corona Virus in the last few months, 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

BCP, p. 332

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)*

BCP, p. 339

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!**

You are invited to walk through the newly renovated Rectory today and next Sunday anytime from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Announcements

Meetings and Events Today and This Week

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost, September 27

8:00 am – Traditional Language Rite I Holy Eucharist

9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Rectory Open House

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 – No Zoom Sunday School Lesson Today

Wednesday, September 23

11:00 am – Zoom Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

****All Aboard the St. John's Giving Train****

This event is replacing our 29th Annual Live and Silent Auction. Your brochure for the St. John's Express is in the mail. Please enjoy looking at the designated stops on your ride. Featured stops will be Youth Town, Wash-out Gulch, Outreach Hill, the Historic Pin Oak and other trees, Music City and the Final Stop – St. John's (toward the 2021 Budget). Our goals are designated as "Project Goals". The proposed amounts are merely suggestions. Your contribution in any amount will help your Church. Enclosed in your packet is a "Return Ticket" and envelope. Please fill this ticket out and return to the office at St. John's - Attention 'Giving Train' with your contribution included. This event is running until October 25.



Questions? Please contact your conductors:

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Rectory Open House Today and & 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 either today or next 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.

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.

St. Francis Celebration and the Blessing of the Animals, Next 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 next Sunday, October 4th at 11:30 am.

Thank you from Chester Eastside Ministries

Chester Eastside Ministries wants to thank the people of St. John's for their donations of school supplies. Through your generosity, 89 pounds of school supplies were delivered this week!

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:

Tom Sitley	September 27	Mary Pat Lynam	September 28
Tim Blackburn	October 1	John Warlow	October 1
Bette Jo Readinger	October 1	Judy Pittock	October 2
Marge Holgate	October 2		

Anniversaries:

Pat & Stephen Keech	September 27	Stephanie & Stephen Carmichael	October 1
Leesa & Theodore Jones	October 2		

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:

**My Aunt Audrey & Uncle Paul Skillman from Dorothy Anne Collman
Julia & Edward Larkin from Janice Luttrell
Eunice Shiflett from Dianna & Tom Stone**

Today's 8:00 AM Worship Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Daniel W. Hinkle

Reader: John Keenan

Acolyte: Ed Gibson

Usher: Marti Keenan

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.**