

Saint John's Episcopal Church, Concord

576 Concord Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342

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Celebrating 318 Years of Worship

The Reverend Jill LaRoche Wikel, M.Div. – New Rector

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



— FIRST SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

November 29, 2020

First Sunday in Advent: Year B

10:00 a.m. Live-Streamed Worship

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Good Morning and Welcome to our Live-Streamed Worship

Because of the alarming rate of increase in Corona Virus infections, we have decided to return to Live-Streamed Worship only. All onsite worship and church programs have been suspended until further notice. Everything you need for worship is in this leaflet.

Today's 10:00 AM Worship Volunteers

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Daniel W. Hinkle

Lay Reader: John Pachkowski

Reader: Mary Alice Peeling

Children's Message: Margie Hatcher

Live-Stream & Music: Margie Hatcher

Counters: Bill and Carol Angus

Altar Guild: Tracey Payne and John Pachkowski

BCP - Indicates Book of Common Prayer

** Indicates please stand if you are able*

+ You may make the sign of the cross

The Word of God

Prelude

1st Candle on the Advent Wreath then the Altar candles are now lit

10:00 am Silent entrance of the Ministers.

Opening Hymn

All People that on Earth do Dwell

Hymn # 377

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. **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: Kyrie**

BCP, p. 324

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect for the 1st Sunday in Advent

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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)* Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

All: ***Amen.***

**Lessons for 1st Sunday in Advent: Year B - New Revised Common Lectionary
New Revised Standard Version of the Bible**

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 64, verses 1-9.

“O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (*Read as directed by the Leader*)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader: A Reading from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 1, verses 3-9.

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 13, verse 24-37.

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

“Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.** (*All are seated*)

Children’s Message:

Ms. Margie Hatcher

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

BCP, p. 329

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 Jill, our New Rector; and 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.

Leader: Let us give thanks for the calling of our New Rector.

All: Thank you, God, for the calling of the Reverend Jill LaRoche Wikel as the New Rector of St. John's Church. Give her your grace to love, serve and pray for your people as we begin this new chapter in the life of our congregation. Give us your grace to encourage Reverend Jill, to pray for her and our ministry together, and to work with her that we might be Christ's hands, feet, and heart in this world. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present in person and virtually; 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; Donald our President; and Joe our President Elect; 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: Megan, Frankie, Ed, Loie, Andrew, Zachary, Bernard, Paul, and Zachary.

And we also bless thy holy Name + for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Jean, Fred, Clai, and Anne, 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, St. Andrew the Apostle, 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: 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.**

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*)

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 for Advent

...Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing...

...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

BCP, p. 336

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

**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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.** *(No Alleluias in Advent)*

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.

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.**

Advent Blessing

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

Celebrant: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

Celebrant: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father+, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymn # 56

Candles are extinguished during the Closing Hymn.

Dismissal

BCP, p. 339

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. *(No Alleluias in Advent)*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

11:15 am - Please join us for Zoom Fellowship Time

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Announcements

Meetings and Events Today and This Week

1st Sunday in Advent November 29th

10:00 am – Live-Streamed Family Contemporary Holy Eucharist
with Music, Children’s Message and Adult Sermon

11:15 am – Zoom Fellowship Time

Wednesday, December 2nd

11:00 am – Zoom Morning Prayer

We Have Returned to the Red Phase

Corona Virus infection rates are now worse than they were last April. So, until further notice, the Vestry and Fr. Dan have decided to return to the Red Phase. All onsite programs and worship services are cancelled until further notice.

Please continue to wear face masks, regularly wash your hands, observe physical distancing and avoid crowds. Be safe. Be well.

Onsite Parish Office Hours Suspended Until Further Notice

You may leave messages on the Church Office phone and/or by email. We are regularly checking for messages. Feel free to contact Fr. Dan anytime 24/7. You may call his personal cell phone and/or contact him by email.

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.

Our Fall Stewardship Campaign is Underway

Deadline: December 13, 2020

Stewardship Letters and 2021 Pledge Forms were sent to all the friends and members of St. John’s Church last week. Please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider making a pledge to support our New Rector and the ministries of our church. Be sure to return your completed pledge no later than the **3rd Sunday in Advent, Dec. 13th**.

Visit the Home Page of our Church Website for directions to download a hard copy of the 2021 Pledge Form that can be mailed to the church. There are also directions for making a pledge electronically, which is a new option this year. Thank you for your generosity.

FINAL STOP for the St. John's Express "Giving Train"

a report to the St. John's Vestry and members of St. John's

It is with awe and gratitude that your Giving Train committee can report a most successful event for the benefit of St. John's and its many important ongoing programs. Our "train ride" started at the end of September and concluded this past week. This event has raised \$26,531.00 for the various programs at St. John's. We do have one area not yet finished and that is our "unclaimed baggage". This feature is being handled through the generosity of Brigg's Auction (John and Janice Turner) who will be auctioning off items donated to the Auction Committee over the past year.

For each of you to gain an insight as to how successful we were, we share the following break down of this event – The St. John's Express "Giving Train"

Stop 1 – Youth Town (hoped for \$1,200) – received \$2,200.

Stop 2 – Wash-Out Gulch (hoped for \$5,000) – received \$5,150.

Stop 3 – Outreach Hill (hoped for \$5,000) – received \$3,250.

Stop 4 – Historic Pin Oak (Penn Oak) and Trees (hoped for \$1,200) – received \$4,150.

Stop 5 – Music City (hoped for \$1,500) – received \$2,350. (to be divided among – Choir,
Musicians for special services and Organ/Piano Fund)

Stop 6 – Final Destination – St. John's – (hoped for \$10,000 toward 2021) – received \$9,020.

"Unclaimed Luggage" –received to date \$411.

To date donations total \$26,531. THANK YOU ALL!!!

The committee members for this event were Carol Angus, Marti Keenan, Dianna Stone, Bette-Jo Readinger and Nancy McKean. A special mention and huge thank you goes to Deb Angus who took our ideas and comments and artistically developed the thoughts into a reality. Our uninvited guest named Covid may have kept us from doing "our usual" event, our 29th Annual Live and Silent Auction but allowed this committee to think "outside the box" and develop a plan to continue the mission of our St. John's family. We hope you all enjoyed your ride on the "St. John's Express Giving Train".

Carol Angus, Marti Keenan, Dianna Stone, Bette-Jo Readinger and Nancy McKean

Message from Jessica Villante

Believe it or not, Christmas is coming! This year, the prelude music for Christmas Eve services is going to be Christmas Greetings from the members of St. John's! Everyone is encouraged to participate in this project. Here's what to do:

- Record a message to St. John's. It could be as simple as "Hi, this is Jess! I just wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!". It could be singing a verse of Jingle Bells. It could be a brief message on what Christmas means to you. Anything Holiday themed is fair game!
- Email it to me at stjohnsconcordmusic@gmail.com. Please do so by December 10.

These recordings will be compiled and played at St. John's on Christmas Eve. If you aren't planning on attending Christmas Eve services, I'll post them on youtube and share the link so everyone can listen to the messages!

If you're not sure how to record, instructions are on the facebook page for St. John's, and will be up on the St. John's website ASAP. You can also reach out to me for help. Please reach out if you have any questions, and I'm looking forward to hearing everyone's Christmas messages!

Christmas Flower Donations

To remember a loved one in the Christmas bulletins, or offer thanks for God's presence in your life, please contribute to the Saint John's Flower Fund. The suggested donation is \$20. This helps us purchase decorations at Christmas and Easter. Deadline for Christmas bulletin is Tuesday, December 15. Envelopes are available in the pews at church, or you can mail your contribution to the office.

Clergy Transition Dates

Fr. Dan's last Sunday as our Interim Rector will be December 27, 2020.

We will have time to say our Goodbyes during the Sunday Zoom Fellowship Times in Advent.

Rev. Jill officially begins her ministry at St. John's on January 15, 2021.

Her first Sunday as Rector will be January 17, 2021.

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.

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 office, 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:

Megan Sharp	November 29	Frankie Delvescovo	November 29
Ed Borer	November 30	Loie Toal	December 1
Andrew Nagengast	December 1	Zachary Kotsifas	December 2
Bernard Miller IV	December 3	Paul Pearlman	December 4
Zachary Blackburn	December 5		

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	Barrie Parker	Kay Keenan
Tyler Hitchcock	Miranda	Sloane	JJ
Shannon Wietecha	Mary Wietecha	Donald Keenan	Alicia Walker
Debi Hastings	Molly Stanton	Lydia	

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

Tyler Faison, Marines

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

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

Clai Sneed and Anne Foster from Dianna & Tom Stone

My aunt and uncle, Jean & Fred Skillman from Dorothy Anne Collman

And in Thanksgiving:

For our family, from Diane & John Carlin

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

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Martha Pearlman, Rector's Warden Ted Stipa, Vestry Warden

Burt Blackburn, Treasurer Mary Gonzalez, Vestry Secretary

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Lay Delegates: Burt Blackburn, Sue Hammer, Ann Moses

Lay Alternate: Peggy Long

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Chris Villante, Interim Organist/Keyboardist

Josef Samargia – Baritone Soloist

Margaret Hatcher, Children’s Chapel and Christian Arts

Kevin Werner and Ron Arrants – Sextons

Parish Administrator: TBA

The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel, New Rector

1st Sunday = Jan. 17, 2021

The Rev. Daniel W. Hinkle, Interim Rector

Last Sunday = Dec. 27, 2020

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**To be a welcoming community committed to
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**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.**