

# **Saint John's Episcopal Church, Concord**

**576 Concord Road  
Glen Mills, PA 19342**

*Founded 1702  
Celebrating 318 Years of Worship*



*The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel, M.Div. – New Rector  
The Rev. Daniel W. Hinkle, M.Div. – Interim Rector*

**Christmas Day  
Live-Streamed Christ Mass  
10:30 a.m. December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



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      *Angels We Have Heard On High*      Hymn # 96**

1. Angels we have heard on high, singing swettly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?

*Refrain*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

*Refrain*

4. See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend you aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

*(All are seated)*

**The Collect for Christmas Day**

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 makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. All: **Amen.** *(All are seated)*

**Lessons for Christmas Day Year B - New Revised Common Lectionary  
New Revised Standard Version of the Bible**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 9, verses 2-7.

“The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 98** (*Read as directed by the Leader*)

Leader: Our Psalm for this Christmas Morning is Psalm 98. We will say the Psalm

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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

### **Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4**

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 1, verses 1-4.

“Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **\* The Gospel: John 1:1-14**

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

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

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to

become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:**

**Fr. Dan +**

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

**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**

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 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.

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 birth of your Son, our Savior, Jesus; for the beauty of your very good creation; and for internet technologies that have kept us connected during these necessary times of physical distancing.

And we also bless thy holy Name + for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially remembering our loved ones memorialized this Christmas Season, 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. Stephen Deacon and Martyr, the Holy Innocents, and all of thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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

### **The Confession of Sin, Absolution, and Comfortable Words**

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**

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)*

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

People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements** *(All seated)*

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory**

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

**\* Presentation of Gifts**

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

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

**\* The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II**

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 the Incarnation**

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

...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, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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**

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)*

*Silence is observed*

Celebrant: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People: **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

Celebrant: Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst, for the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.

People: **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

**Invitation to Communion**

**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)*

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.**

**A Christmas Blessing**

Celebrant: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father+, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

\* **Closing Carol**      *Joy to the World!*  
*Candle are extinguished during the Closing Carol*

**Hymnal # 100**

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.

**\* Dismissal**

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

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

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***Merry Christmas to all the Members and Friends of  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Concord  
from Father Dan and all the Church Staff.***

**Dates to Remember**

**December 27 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day**

**Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**

**Fr. Dan's Last Sunday as our Interim Rector**

10:00 am Live-Streamed Holy Eucharist with Music and Litany of Farewell

**January 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Christmas Day**

10:00 am Live-Streamed Worship with Music,

Children's Message, and Adult Sermon

**January 10 – Epiphany Sunday: Baptism of Jesus**

10:00 am Live-Streamed Worship with Music,

Children's Message, and Adult Sermon

**January 17 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Rev. Jill's First Sunday as our New Rector**  
10:00 am Live-Streamed Holy Eucharist with Music,  
Children's Message, and Adult Sermon



### **Christmas Memorials**

From Barbara and Jim Kelly – *in thanksgiving for our family.*

Barbara and Ted Stipa - *in honor of our parents, children, and grandchildren.*

Marti and John Keenan – *in memory of Roy and Ruth Wenke, Helen & Donald Keenan & Matthew Keenan and in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren, and great grandchild.*

Bill and Carol Angus – *In memory of loved ones no longer with us and  
In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren*

From Nancy McKean – *In memory of Rev. William R. McKean and Brian Gelsomini.*

Cathy and Jennifer Hannum – *in loving memory of John & Midge Gallagher & Rich Hannum.*

Mary Alice Peeling and John Pachkowski – *in memory of the members of the Dixon, Gallas, Pachkowski and Peeling families.*

Martha and Paul Pearlman – *in memory of Macon, Louise, and Nancy Woodard & Al and Nancy Pearlman & Ena Early.*

Barbara Hilton - *In memory of Sarah Peck and Emily Eachus.*

Donald Keenan - *in memory of Helen M. Keenan.*

Diane and John Carlin – *in honor of Jack and Charlie Morley & in loving memory of Joan Lord Tamburro, Annabell and Thomas Lord, Thora and John Carlin.*

Desiree Cooper - *in loving memory of Edmund and Lois Jean Bak.*

Miriam Stanton – *in memory of David Stanton, Vera & Howard Stanton, Mary & Harry Huber and extended family members.*

Dorothy Sullivan and Pat Doyle - *in thanksgiving for all of my Loved Ones.*

Rev. Dee Faison - *in memory of Stephen.*

Gerald and Patricia Doyle - *in memory of Joseph Sullivan, Mary & Robert Sullivan, Dorothy & William Simpson, Robert McCandless, Linda & Jack Hayes, Beatrice & John Simmons, Christine & George Turner, Christine Sullivan, Chrissie Muldoon.*

Maggie Hibbs - *in memory of Randy Hibbs, George, Margaret, & Fred Fellows.*

Grace Raak – *In memory of the departed loved ones in the Raak, Ebling and Spooner Families. In Thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren.*

