

# 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 Eve**  
**Live-Streamed Candlelight Family Worship**

**5:00 p.m. December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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*\* Stand, if you are able*

**The Word of God**

**Prelude**

**5:00 pm Entrance of the Ministers**

**\* Opening Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Hymn # 83**

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to  
Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him*

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*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

2. God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Only begotten Son of the Father;

*Refrain*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest;

*Refrain*

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory  
given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

*Refrain*

**\* Station at the Christmas Creche**

Celebrant: The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: **And we beheld his glory.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the  
effectual word, and the Eternal Word became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary: Mercifully grant that as he humbled himself to be clothed with our humanity, so  
we may be found worthy, in him, to be clothed with his divinity; who lives and reigns for  
ever and ever. **Amen.**

**\* Song of Praise *Angels We Have Heard On High* Hymn # 96**

1. Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly 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)*

## **A Dramatic Reading of the Christmas Story**

**Luke 2:1 – 20**

**Narrator # 1:** In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

**Narrator # 2:** While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Narrator # 1:** In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

**Angel:** ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’

**Narrator # 2:** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*Everyone Together*  
**‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’**

**Narrator # 1:** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

**Shepherds:** ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’

**Narrator # 2:** So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

**Narrator # 1:** But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

**Narrator # 2:** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**A Christmas Message for Children**

**Ms. Margie Hatcher**

**A Christmas Message for Adults**

**Fr. Dan +**

**\* The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

**Proper Preface for the Incarnation**

...Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children...

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

*Celebrant and People*  
***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

*Hosanna in the highest.*  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*  
*The people stand or kneel*

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, Stephen, John, the Holy Innocents and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. All: **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has 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** (*Silence*)

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**

**Postcommunion Prayer** (*All say*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**A Christmas Devotion**

*Silent Night , Holy Night*

**Hymnal # 111**

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**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!*

**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!**

***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 25 – Christmas Day**

10:30 am Live-Streamed Christ Mass with Music and Sermon

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

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

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

10:00 am Live-Streamed Holy Eucharist with Music

**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.*

