

Saint John's Episcopal Church, Concord

576 Concord Road
Glen Mills, PA 19342

Founded 1702

Celebrating 319 Years of Worship



The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel – Rector-Elect

**The First Sunday after Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**2021 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

10:00 a.m. Live-Streamed Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Worship with Music

Good Morning and Welcome to our Live-Streamed Worship Because of the continued rate of increase in CO 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. R. Nazareno Javier

Reader: Mark Mowrer Lay Reader: John Keenan

Children's Message: Margie Hatcher

Live-Stream Operator: Margie Hatcher

Counters: Mary Alice Peeling, Light von Stueben, and Tracey Payne

Altar Guild: Melody and Bill Calhoun

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

The Word of God

Prelude

10:00 am Silent entrance of the Ministers.

Opening Hymn

We Three Kings

Hymn #128

*** Opening Acclamation**

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

People: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*** Collect for Purity**

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

Amen.

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

BCP, p. 356

All: **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

* The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 214

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All: **Amen**

Lessons for Epiphany 1, The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Year B
New Revised Common Lectionary
New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verses 1 through 5.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks to be God.**

Psalm 29 (Read as directed by the Leader)

Leader: Our Psalm for this morning is Psalm 29. We will read it responsively by whole verse.

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

Reader: A Reading from Act, chapter 19, verse 1 through 7.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks to be God.**

*** The Gospel: Mark 1:4-11**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 1, verses 4 through 11.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message:

Ms. Margie Hatcher

Sermon

The Rev. R. Nazareno Javier

*** The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

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Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the
prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new
birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in
eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People *Amen.*

*** The Prayers of the People: Form IV**

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Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*We pause for a moment of Silence*)

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For the elected officials in our local communities; for Tom, our Governor; for
Donald our President; for Joe our President Elect; and for this community, the nation, and
the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation; we especially remember all victims of
manmade climate change wherever it is occurring;

People: For the poor and all victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God; we pray especially for our
companion congregation, Saint Andrews Church, in our companion Diocese of Guatemala;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; for Daniel, our Bishop; for Miguel, priest of our companion church; for Jill our New Rector; for Fr. Naz; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

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: We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering all those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List: the sick, those ill from the coronavirus, the shut in, and the grieving, for those in the medical professions during the coronavirus pandemic, and for those serving 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. Additional petitions may be added at this time _____. (*Leader Pauses*)

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for the beauty of your very good creation; for St. John, our Patron and for all the Saints; we give thanks for internet technologies that have kept us connected during these necessary times of physical distancing. You may add other thanksgivings at this time _____. (*Leader Pauses*)

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all faithful departed and all those who have died from the coronavirus, that they all will have a place in your eternal kingdom. Other deceased loved ones and friends may be mentioned at this time as well. (*Leader Pauses*)

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: Let us pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Karl, David, Erin, Vince, Ann, Ginny, Craig, Tony, Peyton, Jackson, and Ron; and anniversaries: Jimmy and Danielle.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. (*We pause for a moment of Silence*)

Leader: Have mercy upon us,

All: most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says: Almighty God have mercy on you+, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

*** The Peace (All stand)**

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Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements (All seated)

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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

*** Presentation of Gifts**

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

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(The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says)

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

(People may continue standing 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.

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.

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 St. John 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

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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 (*The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*)

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We all observe a moment of Silence

Celebrant: Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

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

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.**

Invitation to Holy Communion

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

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God,

All: **we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn

What Star is This

Hymn #124

Candles are extinguished during the Closing Hymn.

***Dismissal**

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Announcements

New Rector Begins Ministry at St. John's Church

Rev. Jill officially begins her ministry at St. John's on January 15, 2021. Her first Sunday as our Rector will be January 17, 2021.

We Have Returned to the Red Phase

Given the spike of coronavirus infection rates, until further notice, 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.

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.

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.

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:

Karl von Steuben	January 12	Craig Laskos	January 13
David Dell’Osa	January 14	Tony Fenza	January 14
Erin Billigmeier	January 14	Peyton Olsen	January 14
Vince Cippollone	January 15	Jackson Laskos	January 15
Ann Moses	January 16	Ron Bushick	January 17
Ginny DeNenno	January 18		

Anniversaries:

James & Danielle Yoch January 16

Please keep the following folks in your Prayers

Ed Borer	Mickey	Barrie Parker	Kay Keenan
Tyler Hitchcock	Miranda	Sloane	JJ
Shannon Wietecha	Mary Wietecha	Jean Renzi	Alicia Walker
Debi Hastings	Molly Stanton	Lydia	Light von Stueben

Those serving in the Military and other Dangerous Professions

A Prayer for those in the Armed Forces of our Country BCP, p. 823

Steven Michael Pascal, Navy	Daniel Stock, USN	Scott Lister, Navy
Kyle Mullen, Army	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 for today are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving of:

Ann Moses from 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

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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

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