

Saint John's Episcopal Church, Concord
Founded 1702

Celebrating 319 Years of Worship
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Mrs. Sue Hammer - Seminarian
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William Holman Hunt - *The Finding of the Saviour in the Temple*
Location: Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery in Birmingham, England.

January 3rd, 2021
Second Sunday after Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Live-Streamed Morning Prayer

goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, & substitutes "us" for "you" & "our" for "your."

The Invitatory and Psalter All stand

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

ALL: And your mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: **Glory to the Father +, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia.

Officiant: Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.
Together we will recite the Jubilate as an invitation to worship:

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

BCP, p. 82.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Appointed Psalm for today is a portion of: 84:1-8

We will read this responsibly by whole verse:

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

All: **Glory to the Father +, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Hebrew Scripture Reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Our response to this Lesson will be for us to recite the

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*
Isaiah 12:2-6

BCP, p.86

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**ALL: Glory to the Father +, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.**

New Testament Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Reading will be

The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*
Luke 2:29-32

BCP, p. 93

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel Reading from Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Ms. Margie Hatcher

Sermon

Mrs. Sue Hammer, Seminarian

***The Apostles' Creed** (*In Unison*)

BCP, p. 96

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
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.
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. Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray,

The Lord's Prayer (*In unison*)

BCP, p. 97

**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 Service continues with

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

BCP, p. 392

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; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

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 Corona Virus, the shut in, and the grieving, for those in the medical professions during the Corona Virus Pandemic, 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, especially remembering Matthew, Howard, David, and all those who have died from the Corona Virus, 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: Kira, Robert, Ashlyn, Trish, Randy, Stephen and Amy.

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.**

The Collect:

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our

humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP, p. 102.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13*

Closing Hymn:

Joy to the World

Hymn #100



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.*

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



Announcements

Christmas/Epiphany Worship Schedule

2nd Sunday after Christmas Day, Jan. 3

10:00 am Live-Streamed Worship

1st Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of Jesus, Jan. 10

10:00 am Live-Streamed Worship

2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 17
Rev. Jill's 1st Sunday as our New Rector
10:00 am Live-Streamed Worship

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

Until further notice, all onsite programs and worship services are cancelled. Please continue to wear face masks, regularly wash your hands, observe physical distancing and avoid crowds.

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.

2021 Pledges Received To Date

As of 12/29, we have received 54 Pledges for 2021 totaling \$131,570. For comparison, we received 99 Pledges for 2020, totaling \$202,852.

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.

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
Light Von Steuban	Elaine	Debbie	Mikey
Peggy	Joan	Ashley	Tyler
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

Steven Michael Pascal, Navy

Daniel Stock, USN

Scott Lister, Navy

Kyle Mullen, Army

Anna Harris, Navy

Tyler Faison, Marines

Birthdays:

Kira Raak	January 3	Robert Cooper	January 3
Ashlyn Thompson	January 3	Trish Margarite	January 7
Randy Armistead	January 8	Stephen Keech	January 8
Amy Borer	January 9		

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

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

Matthew Keenan from Marti & John Keenan

My father, Howard C. Collman from Dorothy A Collman

David K. Ely from Barbara Ely

Vestry Members, Wardens and Officers

Class of Feb. 7, 2021

Bill Calhoun, Steve Carmichael, Mary Pat Lynam, John Pachkowski, Ted Stipa

Class of Feb. 6, 2022

Burt Blackburn, Diane Carlin, Mary Gonzalez, Gerry Tierney, Danielle Yoch

Officers

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

Burt Blackburn, Treasurer Mary Gonzalez, Vestry Secretary

Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Convention & Brandywine Deanery

Lay Delegates: Burt Blackburn, Sue Hammer, Ann Moses
Lay Alternate: Peggy Long

Church Staff

Jessica Villante, Music Director
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

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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.**