

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

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 25, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Live-Streamed Morning Eucharist Rite II

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

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, Rite II Eucharist
July 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Worship with Music**

Today's Service Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Readers: Sherry Stiteler, Philip Thompsen

Children's Message: Margie Hatcher

Counters: Miriam Stanton, Darree Clark

Altar Guild: Tracey Payne, Betsy Billigmeir, Miriam Stanton

BCP - Indicates Book of Common Prayer

The Word of God

Prelude

Welcome

Welcome to all who are visiting Saint John's today. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us and that you are blessed by God.

Opening Hymn

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

Hymnal 304

*Though we will enjoy this first Hymn through listening
you can sing the final two hymns.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **BCP p. 355**

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Hebrew Scriptures

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:10-19

Exaltabo te, Deus

BCP p. 801

- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

The Second Lesson

New Testament

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

All stand

John 6:1-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Children's Message

Ms. Margie Hatcher

The Sermon

The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

The Nicene Creed

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Lector: During Pentecost season, we ask God to send the Holy Spirit on the church, the earth,
and all who are in need, responding to each petition with the words “Come, Holy Spirit!”

God of life, we pray for the church around the globe:
for the church in Africa, Australia, and all the islands we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**
for the church in Asia and Europe, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**
for the church in Central, North, and South America, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**
for St. John’s, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Bless the lands, the seas, and all your creatures, too numerous to count. Send your lively Spirit
to renew the face of the whole earth. For the earth we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit!

Inspire the leaders of nations to strive for justice and equality for all. Bring peace to Jerusalem, to Israel, and to Palestine. Provide a home for refugees. For the nations of the world we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit!

Instill in our legislators and judges a passion for truth. Grant your Spirit to Tom our Governor, Joe our President, and all who make political decisions in our land, that they discern and walk the way of righteousness. For our government we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit!

Unite all peoples around the globe into one humankind of cooperation and care. Teach us respect for those whose language or skin color or culture is different from our own. For the end of prejudice we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit!

Bring an end to the pandemic. Restore those who have contracted Covid. Uphold healthcare and essential workers, and supply vaccines to all countries and peoples. For worldwide health we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit!

Visit all who are suffering, all who feel hopeless, and all who face death. Feed all who hunger. Grant jobs to those who are unemployed. Send healing to those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts. For all who are in need we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit!

Breathe your life-giving Spirit into each of us, that we may be filled with your fire to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. For ourselves we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit!

With confidence in your love and with trust in your mercy, glorious God, giver of life, we offer these prayers through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the People

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

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another with waves, peace signs, and smiles.

Birthday/Anniversary

Prayer #51, BCP, p. 830

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *his/her/their* days increase; bless and guide *him/her/them* wherever *he/she/they* may be. Strengthen *him/her/them* when *he/she/they* stands; comfort *him/her/them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him/her/them* up if *he/she/they* fall; and in *his/her/their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *his/her/their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

The People stand, if able. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.

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. [...] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say 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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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;

The Celebrant continues

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 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. **Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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, a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table

We have gluten-free rice wafers for those that need them. Please let the Eucharistic Minister know. Due to the pandemic, only bread will be shared during Communion.

Communion Music

Amazing Grace

Hymnal 671

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people
in church and at home, near and far.

We believe you are present with us,

whether we are able to receive the sacrament or continue to long for communion.

We thank you for feeding all of us with your love;

for uniting us with Christ and one another;
and for making us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PostCommunion Prayer written by the Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People, saying the following

The blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and the Holy Spirit who broods over the earth as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal 488

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Altar Flowers

In Memory of Gordon L. & Florence T. Skillman from Dorothy A. Collman
In Honor of my Great Niece, Lauren Williams' Birthday from Ann Moses

Thursday Morning Café

On select Thursdays this summer please come and visit with other St. John's Parishioners in the Parish Hall from 9 am - 11 am! We'll be providing coffee and tea (iced and hot) as well as light continental breakfast items and fruit salad.

Please drop in any time between 9 - 11 am and join us on this last upcoming date:

- August 12 from 9:00 - 11:00 am

Counters Needed

Please use your pledge envelopes. By using your pledge envelopes you are helping to make the counters' job easier. The envelope data is used as an audit for both cash and check pledge contributions. The counters are required to prepare an envelope in support of every pledge contribution. Checks received from banking institutions are acceptable exceptions. *Also, counting assistance is requested!* We are short one counting member to complete our fifth team. If you would like to help provide this service once every four to five weeks, please contact Bill Angus by email at weangus37@gmail.com or at (610) 399-0515.

Welcome "Home"

Saint John's is a warm and welcoming environment for those wishing to attend a church they want to call "Home". For those interested in joining our Church membership, please contact: Diane Carlin at johncarlin68@comcast.net

St. Mary's Food Cupboard Outreach

St. Mary's Food Cupboard is in need of these items: Toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent and personal care items like toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant for men and women. Donations can be dropped off during Parish Office hours Monday - Friday between 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and also on Sunday mornings. We have boxes just inside the Parish Hall for these items, or, you may leave them in bags. For any questions, please email Mary Alice Peeling at mapeeling@outlook.com

Chester Eastside Summer Camp Outreach

St. John's has supported Chester Eastside families for several years. We have provided backpacks and school supplies, Christmas gifts and gift cards and Parishioners have run clubs for children and tutored children. The Outreach Committee met this past week and voted to sponsor one Chester Eastside camper for \$400 and one bus trip for \$275. We would love to have Parishioners join us in supporting this wonderful program for children in Chester. You can fund part or all of a campership or bus trip. Please put checks in the offering or send checks to St. John's with "*Chester Eastside*" in the memo. Thank you! Mary Alice Peeling.

Holy Hikers (August 14 – Sept 11)

Holy Hiking - Second Saturday of each month

Join us in the great outdoors! Pack a snack or a lunch to enjoy with friends. Hikes are planned by Parish families.

Saturday, August 14th – 10:00 am at Anson-Nixon Park in Kennett Square

Hosted by Mark and Kathy Mowrer

Join Hike Leaders Mark and Kathy Mowrer for a loop hike in Anson-Nixon Park in Kennett Square, PA.

Directions from Church: Take Cheyney Road to route 926 West. From route 202, continue on route 926 for 7.5 miles to Walnut Road. Turn left on Walnut and continue 1.3 miles to soccer field parking lot on right. **Bring water and smiles!**

Saturday, September 11th – TBA

The Great Church Campout – Rescheduled!

July 31st – August 1st

Put up your tent in our big field! There will be games and camp songs, or simply enjoy sitting around the campfire with friends. We'll provide S'mores, hot dogs, and a simple breakfast; you provide your drinks. The Parish Hall will be open for bathroom access. We'll end with a morning worship celebration in the field. *Your friends are welcome to camp out with us!*

- **Sat, July 31st** Arrive between 4-6 pm
6-8 pm Games, songs, S'mores & hot dogs
8-9 pm Fellowship around the campfire
- **Sun, August 1st** Breakfast at 7 am
Worship at 8 am in the field

Parish Weekly Prayer List

Please Note: After the last Sunday of each month, all names are removed from the Parish Weekly Prayer List. If you would like a name to remain on the Prayer List, 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 at noon. You may add or remove names at any time. Please always include the first name and the initial of the person's last name.

Please keep the following People in your Prayers

Prayer List

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| Ed B. | Amy B. | Barrie P. | Susan W. |
| Jean B. | Gregory B. | Sean C. | Jen |
| Adam | Anne | John | Kevin M. |
| Tyler | James | Diane C. | Tara |
| Ashley | Lydia | Lynn S. | Audra |
| The Henry Family | Jocelyn | Molly S. & her doctors | Jim |
| Johnny | The Cooper Family | Cole | Bill Z. |
| Anna Marie | | | |

Birthdays

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| Anthony Margarite | July 19 | Hunter & Cooper Smith | July 24 |
| Ruth Birmingham | July 20 | Erin Calhoun Strickland | July 24 |
| Sue Shank | July 23 | | |

Prayers for those in the Military

Steven Michael Pascal, Navy
Kyle Mullen, Army

Daniel Stock, Navy
Anna Harris, Navy

Scott Lister, Navy
Tyler R. Faison, Marines

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

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.**

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

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Vestry Members, Wardens and Officers

Class of Feb. 5, 2023

Bill Calhoun, Jacqui Dunn, Mary Pat Lynam, John Pachkowski, Tracey Payne

Class of Feb. 6, 2022

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

Officers

Martha Pearlman, Rector's Warden
Burt Blackburn, Treasurer

Mary Gonzalez, Vestry Secretary
Bill Calhoun, Vestry Warden

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
April McKenzie – Parish Administrator