

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

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 19, 2021 10:30 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

**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost, Rite II Eucharist
September 19, 2021, 10:30 a.m. Worship with Music**

Today's Service Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel
Readers: John Pachkowski and Sherry Stiteler
Children's Message: Margie Hatcher
Counters: Mary Alice Peeling, Light Von Steuben, Tracey Payne
Altar Guild: Marti Keenan, Carol Angus, Miriam Stanton
Tech Team: Phil Thompsen, Gerry Tierney

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

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Hymnal 390

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

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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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Jeremiah 50:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

Deus, in nomine

BCP p. 659

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

The Second Lesson

New Testament

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.

You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

All stand

Mark 9:30-37

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Children's Chapel

Ms. Margie Hatcher

Children process to our outdoor chapel at this time.

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 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.

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

I Am the Bread of Life

Hymnal 335

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.**

Post-communion 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

Lord of All Hopefulness

Hymnal 482

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 Robert H. Pascal from Jo Ann Pascal

In Memory of Effie M. Dixon & Rae Hauger from Mary Alice Peeling & John Pachkowski

Anyone interested in having flowers placed on the altar “in memory of, in thanksgiving for, in honor of, or as a birthday remembrance” etc. for any Sunday, may do so by contacting Barbara Stipa at turkeypoint6@gmail.com. There are always openings, and this is a lovely way to remember others.

Welcome to St. John's Class

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm: September 22nd in-person and on Zoom, and on September 29th in-person. This three evening class will cover Baptism as our welcome into the Body of Christ; a history of the Episcopal Church; and an instructed Eucharist with Q & A time. Zoom meeting ID: 955 049 2211 Code: 1702

Outreach Project – Help Afghanistan

In response to the urgent and traumatic situation in Afghanistan, the Diocese will be collecting items for the remainder of September that will be distributed to refugees coming from Afghanistan into the U.S.. The following is a partial list of much needed donations:

- MEN'S CLOTHING - IMMEDIATE NEED* (no shorts or tank tops)
- Women's clothing (mostly long sleeve but modest short sleeve is acceptable, no shorts, dresses or tank tops)
- Feminine hygiene products (no tampons)
- Baby Items: Clothes, newborn hats and socks, diapers, diaper cream, baby wipes, baby bottles, baby spoons and new pacifiers
- Children's clothes (long sleeve tops and pants)
- Blankets and towels (new or clean)
- Shoes (new or clean with very little wear)

- Toys (not battery operated), stuffed animals & children's balls

For more information on how you can help, go to: <https://www.diopa.org/news/help-for-afghanistan>

St. Mary's Food Cupboard Outreach

We have resumed collecting for St. Mary's Food Cupboard. They have expressed an ongoing need for the following items: Toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish soap 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. For any questions, please email Mary Alice Peeling at mapeeling@outlook.com

Volunteers Needed: Do you have an hour to give once a month to help deliver our food donations to St. Mary's? We are looking for a few people who have time on Wednesday mornings (10:00 – 11:00 am) to take donations to the Food Cupboard. If interested, please contact John Keenan at jdk31644@gmail.com

Thursday Morning Café is Back!

On every second and fourth Thursday of the month this Fall please come and visit with other St. John's Parishioners in the Parish Hall from 10 am – 11:30 am followed by Eucharist from 11:30 am – 12 pm. We'll be providing coffee and tea as well as light continental breakfast items. Please feel free to drop in any time on these upcoming dates!

- September 23rd November 11th [no meeting on Thanksgiving 11/25]
- October 14th and 28th December 9th and 23rd [special Christmas coffee event]

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 contact the Parish Office, by email at office@saintjohnsconcord.com or by phone at (610) 459-2994. You may add or remove names at any time. Please include the first name and, if you wish, the initial of the person's last name.

Please keep the following People in your Prayers

Prayer List

Bill Z.	Mary H.	D. Starr	Barrie
Ed & Amy	Diane C.	Molly S.	Ashley
James	John	Ryan	Jocelyn
Jim	Jennifer	Diane	Lydia
Kaia Rae W.	Elise W.	Robert B.	Greg
Amy B.	The Cooper Family	Roger	

Birthdays

Spencer Piercey	September 13	James Yoch III	September 15
Jim Gillespie	September 13	Peg Kahler	September 17
Light von Steuben	September 15	Tom Frick	September 19
Harriet Imbierowicz	September 15		

Anniversaries

Dolly and Dick Constable	September 16
Florence and Paul Costello	September 18

Give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries of marriage, and pray God's blessing upon them.

Prayers for those in the Military

Steven Michael Pascal, Navy	Daniel Stock, Navy	Scott Lister, Navy
Kyle Mullen, Army	Anna Harris, 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

Margaret Hatcher – Children's Chapel and Christian Arts
April McKenzie – Parish Administrator
Jessica Villante – Music Director
Josef Samargia – Baritone Soloist
Chris Villante – Interim Organist/Keyboardist
Kevin Werner and Ron Arrants – Sextons