

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

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 10, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Live-Streamed Holy 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

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost, Rite II Eucharist
October 10, 2021, 10:30 a.m. Worship with Music**

Today's Service Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Readers: Mary Alice Peeling and Carol Angus

Children's Chapel: Margie Hatcher

Counters: Bill Calhoun, Melody Calhoun, Nancy McKean

Altar Guild: Nancy McKean, Charlotte Strickland, Tracey Payne

Tech Team: Phil Thompsen, Gerry Tierney, Paul Pearlman

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

Take my Life and Let it Be

Hymnal 707

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Hebrew Scriptures

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.
Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17

Domine, refugium

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Second Reading

The Epistle

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Celtic Alleluia

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The Holy Gospel

All standing

Mark 10:17-31

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or

father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Children’s Chapel

Ms. Margie Hatcher

Children process to our outdoor chapel

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: Honoring God in Creation (*Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of The Episcopal Church*)

Lector: Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures especially Joe our President, Tom our Governor, and our local leaders, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need especially those on our Prayer List, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Giver of Life, we lift up to you those prayer requests from Facebook [especially....]

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.

Offertory

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

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.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: *By his blood, he reconciled us.*

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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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.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *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 *Let us Break Bread Together on my Knees* **Hymnal 325**

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 Joan Lord Tamburro from Diane & John Carlin. And in Thanksgiving for John Pachkowski in Celebration of our 30th Anniversary from Mary Alice Peeling

Anyone interested in having flowers placed on the altar "in memory of, in thanksgiving for, in honor of" 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.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, Oct 9th at 8:30

Join the men of the parish for breakfast on Oct 9th. Bill Angus is the host and will be serving an egg, sausage, onion, bell pepper and cheese frittata with fruit, juice, english muffins and coffee. Rev. Jill will lead a time of reflection and conversation. This is a social event and work assignments are not on the table.

Holy Hikers: Saturday, Oct 16th at 10:00

Join hike leaders Mark and Kathy Mowrer (484-999-7949) for a hike at the ChesLen Preserve (1199 Cannery Road, Coatesville, PA). Take Route 1 south to first exit on bypass to Route 82 north (Unionville). Continue 3.0 miles to Route 842. Turn right on Route 842 east for 1.4 miles to Cannery Road. Turn left on Cannery Road for 1.4 miles to the entrance on the left. Bring water and smiles!

Outreach Project – Jeans Drive

The Deacons of the Diocese are leading a jeans (colored jeans and corduroys too) collection. Bring your washed jeans donations to St. John's **BY OCTOBER 17TH**. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Dee Faison at email deesnsb01@hotmail.com or at 610- 696-7444.

Ladies Literary Group

Our book group is back! The first meeting will be Sunday **October 24th** at Saint John's Episcopal Church. Book: *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory (**must wear mask and no food**). **TIME: 1:00 TO 2:30 PM**

Stewardship 2022

Sharing God's Blessings

As we enter into the Harvest season, our theme of *Sharing God's Blessings* points us to Proverbs 11:25 which reads, "Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."

Being good stewards of St. John's does involve sharing the blessings we have received in Time, Talent and Treasure so that St. John's can continue its mission and serve its members and the community. This September, one of the ways that we are *sharing God's blessings* is by collecting items for Afghan refugees, jeans for those who are homeless in the Philadelphia region, and food for St. Mary's Food Pantry in Chester.

This past year our church family has given very generously of our Time, Talent and Treasure. As we look forward to 2022, the Vestry has started to plan for next year, and part of this process is developing a budget which continues to support our mission. Please prayerfully consider how your family can share your blessings with St. John's during the Fall Stewardship campaign.

All Aboard the 2nd Annual St. John's Giving Train

Thank you to all who have participated in the First Express Giving Train in the Fall of 2020. Due to Covid, we once again find ourselves unable to justify gathering a large group of people together for an "in person" Auction. Each member of the St. John's Family will be receiving their "train ride brochure and ticket" soon via snail mail.

Some of this year's featured stops will be:

- **Youth Town**
- **Security Upgrade**
- **Outreach Hill**
- **Music City**

Enclosed in your packet is a "Return Ticket" and a self-addressed envelope to return to St. John's. *Please do the following:* 1) Fill your ticket out with your name and pledge number. 2)

Include a check made payable to St. John's with reference "Giving Train." 3) Return via mail or in person to St. John's Office marked – *Attention "Giving Train"* with your contribution included. This event is scheduled to run through **October 31, 2021.**

Questions? Please contact your Conductors! Carol Angus (610) 399-0515) Marti Keenan (302) 563-5894 Diana Stone (610) 399-1912 Bette Jo Readinger (610) 353-4979 Nancy McKean (484) 832-4373 or, Martha Pearlman (610) 299-5342

St. Mary's Food Cupboard Outreach

St. Mary's Food Cupboard is in need of the following items: toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant for men and women. We have boxes just inside the Parish Hall for these items. For any questions, please email Mary Alice Peeling at mapeeling@outlook.com

Thursday Morning Café is Back!

On every second and fourth Thursday of the month 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 provide coffee, tea and a light continental breakfast items. Next dates: **October 14th and 28th**

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.	Barrie	Ed and Amy
Moriah S.	Kimberly S.	Jennifer	Jim
Ashley	John	James	Jocelyn
Sarah	D. Starr	Dave Start	Molly S.
Kimberly S.	Moriah S.		

Birthdays

Sonny James Fenza	October 12	Maureen A. Thompson	October 15
Norma Carliss	October 14	Robert Conn	October 17

Anniversaries

Brad & Terry Dunbar	October 11	Edie & Bill O'Neill	October 15
Karen & Jack Donnelly	October 12	Mary Pat & John Lynam	October 17
Chris & Becky Kotsifas	October 13		

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.**

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

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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