# 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

# Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost October 24, 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

# Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost, Rite II Eucharist October 24, 2021, 10:30 a.m. Worship with Music

# **Today's Service Participants**

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel Readers: Sherry Stiteler, Mary Gonzalez Children's Message: Margie Hatcher Counters: Mary Alice Peeling, Tracey Payne Altar Guild: Nancy McKean, Charlotte Strickland, Tracey Payne, Ann McGonigle 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 I	Want to Walk as a	Child of the Light	Hymnal 490
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Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant:	Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People:	And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Celebrant:	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People:	There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant:	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,
People:	One God and Father of all.
Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.

# Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for and raise shouts for th	5	
proclaim, give praise, and s		
"Save, O Lord, your p the remnant of Israel.'	-	
and gather them from among them the blind and those in labor, togethe a great company, they With weeping they shall co and with consolations I will let them walk by broo	shall return here. me, I will lead them back, oks of water, nich they shall not stumble; to Israel,	
<i>Reader:</i> Hear what the Spirit <i>People:</i> Thanks be to God.	t is saying to God's people.	
Psalm 126	In convertendo	BCP p. 782
<ul> <li>4 The LORD has done greand we are glad indee</li> <li>5 Restore our fortunes, O like the watercourses</li> <li>6 Those who sowed with will reap with songs of</li> <li>7 Those who go out weep</li> </ul>	ose who dream. led with laughter, * shouts of joy. he nations, * e great things for them." at things for us, * ed. LORD, * of the Negev. tears * of joy.	

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently

he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People:* Thanks be to God.



# The Holy Gospel

All Stand

Mark 10:46-52

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. *People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Celebrant:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Children's Chapel

Children process to chapel.

The Sermon

Ms. Margie Hatcher

The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

#### Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

(All stand. The candidate for baptism, parents and the godparents come forward to the Baptism Font at this time.)

Celebrant:	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
	dparents: I present Domenic to receive the Sacrament of
	Baptism.
Celebrant to Pa	<i>rents and Godparents:</i> Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents and Go	dparents: I will, with God's help.
Celebrant:	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and Go	dparents: I will, with God's help.
Celebrant:	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer:	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and
Celebrani.	destroy the creatures of God?
Answer:	I renounce them.
Celebrant:	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer:	I renounce them.
Celebrant:	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer:	I do.
Celebrant:	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer:	I do.
Celebrant:	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer:	I do.

The Celebrant now addresses the congregation and asks: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? Congregation Answers: We will.

#### The Baptismal Covenant

# Prayer Book, 304

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ		
and renew our own baptismal covenant.		
Do you believe in God the Father?		
I believe in God, the Father almighty,		
creator of heaven and earth.		
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 the 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.

# Prayers for the Candidates

#### Prayer Book, 305

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Reader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

#### People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

#### People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

#### People: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

#### People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

# People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

# People: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *All: Amen.* 

# Thanksgiving over the Water

Prayer Book, 306

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying: The Lord be with you.

# People: And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

# People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *All: Amen.* 

# The Baptism of:

# **Domenic Ware**

**Celebrant: Domenic**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *All: Amen.* 

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism blessed by the Bishop, saying to each one:

**Domenic**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *All: Amen.* 

When this action has been completed, the Celebrant prays, saying: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All: Amen. (Everyone now stands)

#### Welcoming the Newly Baptized

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People:* We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

#### 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
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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** 

Amazing Grace

Hymnal 671

**Postcommunion Prayer** (attributed to St. Francis of Assist)

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.* 

#### 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**

- I have decided to follow Jesus;
   I have decided to follow Jesus;
   I have decided to follow Jesus;
   no turning back, no turning back.
- 2 Though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; no turning back, no turning back.
- 3 The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me; no turning back, no turning back.

#### 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 Arnold J. Dice & Helen M. Cloud Dice from Desiree Cooper

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!

#### Turkeys for Chester Eastside

It's time to collect turkeys for Chester Eastside Ministries, You can also bring in turkey breasts or chickens. Please put your turkeys in the freezer outside the kitchen **by November 15**<sup>th</sup> so they can be distributed for Thanksgiving dinner.

# Ladies Literary Group

Our book group is back! The first meeting will be held **Sunday, October 24**<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall at St. John's. The book we will be discussing is: *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory (must wear a mask and no food please). Time: 1:00 to 2:30 pm

# Thursday Morning Café

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

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

# St. Mary's Food Cupboard

#### **OCTOBER DONATIONS: Canned Soups & Veggies**

Each month we'll highlight a specific need for donation. For the month of October, we are collecting: canned soups and vegetables for St. Mary's Food Cupboard, though all donations are gratefully accepted! There is a table and boxes just inside the Parish Hall for these items. For any questions, please email Mary Alice Peeling at *mapeeling@outlook.com* 

# Halloween Games & Movie Night!

#### Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us for outdoor games, a costume contest, and a drive-in movie as part of our Halloween celebration! Movie: "*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*" will begin shortly after sunset at 6:30pm. Dress warmly as we will be outside! Bring your friends to this fun event!

# All Aboard the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. John's Giving Train

Everyone at St. John's should have received their 2021 Giving Train brochure by now. Thank you to those who have returned their tickets already, We have made a good start on our goal for 2021!

# This event is in place of our annual auction format. Once again, we are featuring stops at:

Youth Town Security Upgrade Outreach Hill
Revitalize our Kitchen 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 out your ticket with your name and pledge number. 2) Include your personal 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. Please return by **October 31, 2021**.

Questions? Please contact your Conductors! Carol Angus, Marti Keenan, Diana Stone, Bette Jo Readinger or Nancy McKean.

#### 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 <u>office@saintjohnsconcord.com</u> 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.	Georgie S.	Lydia
David G.	Amy B.	Sally H.	The Cooper Family
Birthdays			
Tracey Payne Donna Tierney	Nick Figurelle Miriam Stanton	Jake Figurelle Larry Dunbar	Bobbie McGonigal Craig Michael Hastings

#### Anniversaries

Pat and Bob Frick and Diane and John Carlin

#### 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.** 

#### <u>Vestry Members, Wardens and Officers</u> <u>Class of Feb. 5, 2023</u>

Bill Calhoun, Jacqui Dunn, Mary Pat Lynam, John Pachkowski, Tracey Payne <u>Class of Feb. 6, 2022</u>

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