

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

Last Sunday After Pentecost, Thanksgiving Day Propers

November 21, 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

**Last Sunday After Pentecost Rite II Eucharist
November 21, 2021, 10:30 a.m. Worship with Music**

Today's Service Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Readers: Rocky Bassick, Jacqui Dunn

Children's Chapel: Margie Hatcher

Counters: Lydia Dellosa, David Dellosa, Craig McKinley

Altar Guild: John Pachkowski, Donna Tierney

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymnal 450

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

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Hebrew Scriptures

Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the

hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

In convertendo

BCP p. 782

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Lesson

New Testament

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel

All Stand

Matthew 6:25-33

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Children's Chapel

Ms. Margie Hatcher

The children process to chapel.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

The Prayers of the People

BCP, p. 837

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all of God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For this Body of Christ which is your Church; for all that is gracious in the lives of your people, revealing the image of Christ,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For health and strength; for vaccines and medical care; for the gift of work, and leisure to rest and play,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the brave and courageous, those whose occupations put them in danger,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For Joe our President, and Tom our Governor, and for all elected officials; for all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Celebrant: For those worshipping with us on Facebook and YouTube, lifting up their prayers [*prayers spoken here*].

Celebrant: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; to him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for our Liturgical Leaders

The congregation being seated, all members who participate in worship (altar guild, lectors, ushers, servers, acolytes, etc) come forward to stand with the celebrant in full view of the people.

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. The word liturgy comes from the Greek meaning “the people’s work.” Our purpose today is to lift up the ministry of the faithful hands and voices of our parishioners who work so diligently on behalf of God to benefit the liturgy here at St. John’s. From our dedicated altar guild servers who take care of this sacred space, readying it for worship, to the ushers who exhibit welcome and hospitality to

all who worship here, let us give thanks for the many liturgical leaders who serve God and St. John's.

Celebrant to the Liturgical Leaders: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God and for the benefit of this congregation?

Liturgical Leaders: I will.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Eternal God, you accepted the service of Levites in your temple, and your Son was pleased to accept the loving service of his friends: Bless the ministry of these persons and give them grace. Bless our **Altar Guild**, that may they make the sanctuary glorious with their efforts as they care for the vessels and vestments that adorn this church. Bless all who **serve at the altar**, that they may do so with in reverence and holiness. Give grace to the **singers** in your Church, that with hymns and spiritual songs they may make music to the glory of your Name. Look graciously upon the **lectors** who lift their voice up to you; enlighten them with wisdom and understanding as they read your holy Word. Bless all who serve St. John's to be your hands and heart and feet to this world. **Amen.**

All members may return to their seats.

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 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

Sanctus S-129

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 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* **Hymnal 324**

Post Communion Prayer **BCP p. 366**

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. *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 *Now Thank We All Our God* **Hymnal 397**

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Altar Flowers

In Memory of David Stanton from Miriam Stanton

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!

Literary Ladies

Today, November 21st, join book lovers as they discuss *The Book of Two Ways* by Jodi Picolt (Carol Angus is Presenter). We are meeting from 1-2:30 pm the Parish Hall; masks are to be worn to keep all safe and sound. We will discuss our plans for 2022 meetings!! So come prepare with some book ideas!

Sharing God’s Blessings: St. John’s Annual Giving Campaign

*You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way,
which through us will produce Thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11*

Dear St. John’s Family:

2022 is upon us and Reverend Jill and your Vestry are excited to plan for another successful year at St. John’s. We say another successful year because 2021, despite the global pandemic and social restrictions, was good for St. John’s.

Your past financial support has been crucial to the mission of St. John’s. Your generous contributions have enabled St. John’s to meet our financial needs for 2021 and we hope we can count on you again for 2022. Our proposed budget for operating the church will exceed \$330,000 and your weekly, monthly or annual pledge accounts for over 65% of this budget.

We invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your annual pledge by 5% and mailing it back to the church by **November 21st**. You may also submit your pledge online at <https://bit.ly/3mISUBO>

Your increased financial support will enable us to continue ‘Sharing God’s Blessings’ with our parishioners and others in need. If you have questions or wish to discuss making a financial pledge, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with Reverend Jill or any Vestry member, all of whom have submitted their 2022 pledge.

“Walk in love as Christ loved us”

The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel+ (*she/her*)

Christmas Gift Cards for Chester Eastside

We will be collecting Walmart & Target gift cards for Chester Eastside again this year. Gift cards allow families to shop for the children in their family and get them just the right gift. Gift cards can be purchased and placed in the offering or dropped off at the office **by December 12th**. If you would like us to purchase the gift cards, write a check to St. John's with a note on the memo line that it is for gift cards. For any questions, please email Mary Alice Peeling at mapeeling@outlook.com

The Women of Advent: Hearing Their Voices

Join Rev. Jill for three sessions as we meet the women who are part of the Jesus Story. Meeting on Sundays from 9:40-10:20 a.m. in the Battin Room. (In-person and on Zoom with meeting ID: 955 049 2211 code: 1702)

Nov 28th - Tamar, Ruth, & Bathsheba

Dec 5th - Elizabeth

Dec 12th - Mary & Hannah

Turkey Triathlon: Thursday, Nov 25th at 9 am

Join us for a fun family event on Thanksgiving morning from 9-10 a.m. as we run, hop, and hoop across our field in our first ever **Turkey Triathlon!** Our Turkey "Triathlon" will help you burn off some of your feasting calories and benefits St. Mary's Food Cupboard in Chester (please bring personal care items as your donation).

St. Mary's Food Cupboard

St. Mary's Food Cupboard needs the following items: Toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent and personal care items like shampoo, 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.

The Train is Delayed!

Our Giving Train has been delayed from reaching St. John's Station. This gives YOU more time to get your donation in! You can turn in your donation using an online form at <https://forms.gle/eyvUZAqiY98WSzy99> or by dropping off a check at church with "Giving Train" on the memo line.

Men's Breakfast

Meeting on the Second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am, the men of St John's will gather for fellowship and a short discussion. Next Breakfast is December 11th. Join us!

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
Lydia	Tom W.	Jean R.	Miriam
Sunny R.	Molly	Kimberly	Moriah
John	James	Jocelyn	Jennifer
Ashley	Sarah	D. Starr	Jim
Dolores	Cindee	Bill	Betty Lou
Warren	Robin	Roseann	

Birthdays

Barbara Kvech	Jim Kelly	Lauren Cipollone	Jessica Cipollone
Paul Costello	Ben Ansley	Jack Ansley	Bob Douglass
Richard Wood	Brandon Berger	Ruth H. Watson	

Anniversaries

Tracey and Tyrone Payne Debbie and Royce Rainey Frances and Bruce Keller

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.*

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

Danielle Yoch, Rector's Warden

Mary Gonzalez, Vestry Secretary

Burt Blackburn, Treasurer

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