

Saint John's Church, Concord

576 Concord Road
Glen Mills, PA 19342

Founded 1702

Celebrating 319 Years of Worship



The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel – Rector

**Sunday, December 26, 2021, 10:30 a.m. Service
1st Christmas – Lessons and Carols**

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

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 am Eucharist

December 26, 2021

1 Christmas

Welcome to Saint John's, Concord (Glen Mills) – Welcome to all who are visiting Saint John's today. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us and that you are blessed by God.

Today's Service Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Readers: Martha Pearlman, Philip Thompsen

Altar Guild: John Pachkowski, Charlotte Strickland, Tracey Payne

Counters: Bill Calhoun, Melody Calhoun, Nancy McKean

Tech Team: Phil Thompsen, Gerry Tierney

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 83

The Bidding and Blessing

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this Township of Concord.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and faithful Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-19

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

All Stand

Congregational Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter

Hymnal 112

Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated

Second Lesson**Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

All Stand

Congregational Hymn*Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming***Hymnal 81****Collect**

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated

Third Lesson**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

All Stand

Congregational Hymn*Hark the Harold Angels Sing***Hymnal 87****Collect**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated

Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:21-40

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant^l in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

All Stand

Congregational Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 78

Collect

O God, you have caused this holy season to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Fifth Lesson

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Concluding Collect

O God, our shield and armor of light, whom we adore with all the angelic host: defend us from evil; watch over any who are in danger, and give your angels charge over them; and grant that we may always rejoice in your heavenly protection and serve you bravely in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Peace

Offertory Hymn

What Child is This?

Hymnal 115

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-130

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

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We give thanks to you...

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

Away in a Manger

Hymnal 101

Post Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People, saying the following

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

Recessional Hymn	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	LEVAS 21
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Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain
 Over the hills and everywhere
 Go, tell it on the mountain
 That Jesus Christ is born

2: The shepherds feared and trembled
 When, lo! above the earth
 Rang out the angel chorus
 That hailed the Savior's birth

Refrain

1: While shepherds kept their watching
 O'er silent flocks by night
 Behold throughout the heavens
 There shone a holy light

Refrain

3: Down in a lowly manger
 Our humble Christ was born
 And God sent salvation
 That blessed Christmas morn

Refrain

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christmas Music & Flower Fund Contributions 2021

In Loving Memory of:

Brother Cecil L. Crews, Cecil & Doris Crews; Lydia McQueen; Robert Angus; Ida Mae Wheaton & Anne Elizabeth, By Carol & Bill Angus.

Deceased Members of Tierney and Frey Families.

Loved ones, family & friends By Dorothy Petzold/Sullivan.

Thora & John Carlin, Annabell & Thomas Lord, Joan Lord Tamburro By John & Diane Carlin.
Stephen Paul Faison By Reverend Dee Faison.
David Stanton, Vera & Howard Stanton, Mary & Harry Huber, Extended Deceased Huber Family By Miriam Stanton.
Our Parents By Barbara & Ted Stipa.
Edmund & Lois Jean Bak By Desiree Cooper.
Mimi Ersek By Cindee Ersek Battin.
Our Children By John Horan & Olivia Sheridan.
Lois Harring, Brian & Gelsomini, The Rev. William R. McKean, By Nancy McKean.
Our Parents & our Son, Matthew, By John & Martha Keenan.
Betty & Bud George, Nicole Marie Louisignau, Erica Elizabeth Gallagher, Grace & Ed Louisignau, By Mark & Kim Louisignau.
Joe Luttrell from Janice, Steve, Jacque and Eddie.
Richard Hannum, John & Mids Gallagher By Cathy & Jennifer Hannum.
Iris By Paul Costello.
Departed Family and Friends By David & Lydia Dell'Osa .
Joseph & Catherine Slowik By Burt & Cathy Blackburn.
Departed Family & Friends of the Raak & Ebling Family By Grace Raak.
The Dixon, Gallas, Pachkowski & Peeling Family members By Mary Alice Peeling & John Pachkowski.
Chrissy Muldoon & our Grandparents By Pat & Gerald Doyle.
Our Grandparents By Glenn & Jill Wikel.
George R. Stiteler; Robert, Sheffield and Louise Halsey by Sherry Stiteler.
Our Parents By Mariann & Stephen Shirk.
Zizza and Dodson loved ones By Betty Zizza.
The Garraway Family, Blackwell Family, Miller Family, & Les Family From Bernie & Debbie Miller.
Albert and Nancy Pearlman and Ena Early By Martha and Paul Pearlman.
Louise, Macon, and Nancy Woodard By Martha and Paul Pearlman.
William F. Meyers By Elizabeth J. Meyers.
Burt & Theresa Blackburn By Burt & Cathy Blackburn.
Joseph Sullivan & Jack and Linda Hayes By Pat & Gerald Doyle.

In Thanksgiving for:

Children & Grandchildren By Carol & Bill Angus.
Andrew Stone from Tom & Dianna Stone.
Our Grandchildren Hunter, Sierra, Austin & Tristan By Steve & Peggy Long.
My Children & Grandchildren By Grace Raak.
My Great Grandchildren Max & Paige By Barbara Ely.
My children and grandchildren By Sherry Stiteler.

Family and Friends By Dick & Dolly Constable.
Our children and Grandchildren By Doris & Bill Zinck.

In Honor of:

Family & friends By Ed & Norma Gibson.
Charlie & Jack Morley By John & Diane Carlin.
Our Children & Grandchildren By Barbara & Ted Stipa.
Our Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren By John & Martha Keenan.
Our children Rachel, Sarah & Claire By Glenn & Jill Wikel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chester Eastside Gift Cards

THANK YOU to all those who supported this year's Christmas Angel Gift Card collection! We were able to send more than \$1,700.00 in gift cards to Chester Eastside Ministries. The families will be able to shop for gifts for their children thanks to *your generosity!*

Parish Office Closed Between Christmas and New Year's

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 27th through December 31st and reopening Monday, January 3rd.

St. Mary's Food Cupboard

St. Mary's Food Cupboard continues to need the following items: Toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent and personal care items like shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant for men and women. *There is also an ongoing need for shelf-stable nutritional drinks - especially "Boost" and "Ensure".* We have boxes just inside the Parish Hall for your donations.

Men's Breakfast

Meeting on the Second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am here at St. John's, the men of St John's will gather for fellowship and a short discussion. Our next Breakfast is **January 8th**. Please 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	Barrie	Ed and Amy
Lydia	Tom W.	Warren	Robin
Sunny R.	Amy B.	Betty Lou	Jean B.
John C.	James	Jocelyn	Jennifer
Ashley	Sarah	D. Starr	Jim
Dolores	Nancy	Kevin Z.	Monica C.
Rita & Tom T.	Martha M.	Bill H.	Lamar
Barbara			

Birthdays

Bill Calhoun Justin Searl Melody Calhoun

Anniversaries

Joyce and Bryan Ely

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

Burt Blackburn

Ann Moses

Sue Hammer

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