

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

Christmas Day
December 25, 2021 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

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 for Christmas Day

December 25, 2021 10:30 a.m. Worship

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church, Concord. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us today and that you are blessed by God.

Today's Service Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Reader: Martha Pearlman

Altar Guild: John Pachkowski, Charlotte Strickland, Tracey Payne

Counters: Bill Calhoun, Melody Calhoun, Nancy McKean

Tech Team: Phil Thompson, Gerry Tierney, Paul Pearlman

BCP - Indicates Book of Common Prayer

Silent Entrance of the Ministers

Station at the Christmas Creche

(Celebrant places the Christ Child into the Christmas Creche)

Celebrant: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: **And we beheld God's glory.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Most merciful and loving God, you have made this day holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this day, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.**

The Gloria *(All say)*

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The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day 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.

All: **Amen.** *(All are seated)*

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 *(Read as directed by the Leader)*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4

Reader: A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: John 1:1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord.**

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Lector: Rejoicing that the grace of God has been revealed in the birth of Jesus Christ, let our prayer response be, “Hear our prayer.”

Lector: O God, in this holy season, we remember that your Son was born as a baby. Renew your Church and open our hearts that Christ may be born in us. God of Love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: In this holy season, your Christ comes as light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who experience depression, anxiety, or addiction. God of Love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: In this holy season, there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. God of Love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: In this holy season, Mary, in the pain of labor, was assisted by midwives. Give your strength to all who work in a health care setting, to first responders, and to essential workers. God of Love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: In this holy season, the angels sang “Peace to God’s people on earth.” Grant renewed peace to all places and people torn by division and hatred, war and violence. Give wisdom and humility to those who govern. God of Love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: In this holy season, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Bring into the fullness of your presence all who have died. God of Love,

People Hear our prayer.

Lector: In this holy season, mother and child were cared for by strangers. Grant your healing love to any who are sick or sorrowful, and those on our prayer list [...]. God of Love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: O God of heavenly glory, you have hallowed this sacred season with the joyful tidings of Christ’s birth: May the Light dawning upon us kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may shine forth your glory in love; in Christ’s name. **Amen.**

Based upon the Church of England’s “Times and Seasons” worship resource.

The Peace **BCP, p. 360**

Announcements *All seated*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B **BCP, p. 367**

Worship continues *Stand or Kneel* **BCP, p. 368**

The Lord's Prayer **BCP, p. 364**

The Breaking of the Bread *(Silence)* **BCP, p. 364**

Invitation to Communion **BCP, p. 364**

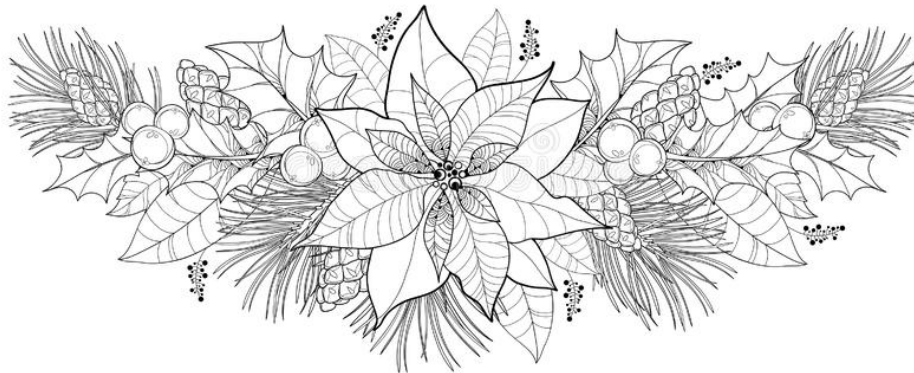
*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.
We have gluten-free rice wafers for those that need them. Please let the Eucharistic
Minister know. Due to the pandemic, only bread will be shared during Communion.*

Postcommunion Prayer **BCP, p. 365**

Christmas Blessing

Dismissal **BCP, p. 366**

Silent Exit of the Ministers



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.

Edmond & Lois Jean Bak By Desire 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 Louisignall, Erica Elizabeth Gallagher,
Grace & Ed Louisignall, By Mark & Kim Louisignall.

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.

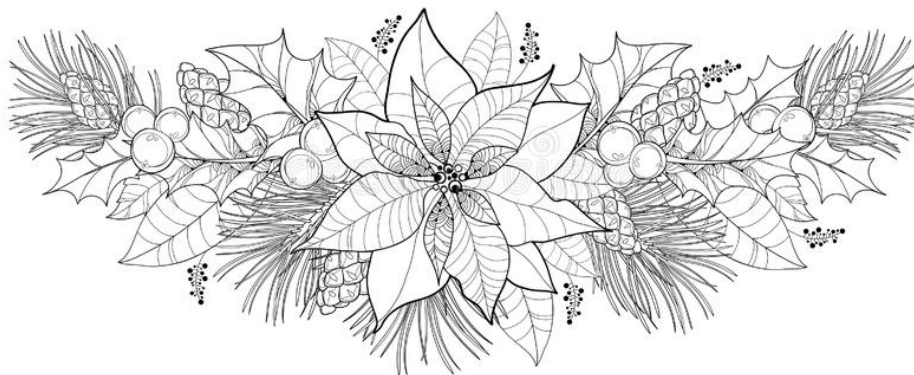
William F. Meyers By Elizabeth J. Meyers.
Burt & Theresa Blackburn By Burt & Cathy Blackburn.
Joseph Sullivan & Jack and Linda Hayes By Pat & Gerald Doyle.
Edmund & Lois Jean Bak By Desiree Cooper.

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

2022 Pledge Update

Thank you to those 68 Parish Families who have pledged their support of our 2022 budget. We have received \$168,730 toward our goal needed to fund the mission and ministry of St. John's. To make a pledge, please fill out the pledge form in your pew or visit here: <https://tinyurl.com/6b953mys>

❄ Christmas Season Schedule ❄

Contemplative Eucharist Service

Saturday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day at 10:30 am
Livestreamed on Facebook/YouTube

Lessons and Carols Eucharist Service

Sunday, December 26th ~ 1 Christmas at 10:30 am (*one service only*)

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.

WWJB?

Wednesday, January 5th 6:30 - 8:00pm

Please bring any local beer to share (PA, NJ, and DE beers) - or bring the beverage of your choice. Discussion topic: the *Three Kings of Epiphany*. Non-beer drinkers are welcome!

Literary Ladies Book Group

The Literary Ladies will meet in the church hall on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Masks must be worn. The book selection and host for January 16th is *The Most Beautiful Girl in Cuba* by Chanel Cleeton (Mary Pat Lynam host).

Thursday Morning Café is back!

On every second and fourth Thursday of the month this quarter 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: **January 13** and **January 27**

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
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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

For unto you is born this day
in the city of
David
a Savior,
who is
Christ the Lord
Luke 2:11

