

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 Eve, December 24, 2021

7:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Worship

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 Eve

December 24, 2021 7:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.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. You may also complete a Visitor's Card in the pew and place it in the Offering Plate so that we can help you get to know our church.

BCP - Indicates Book of Common Prayer

(Ushers pass out Congregational Candles to everyone along with Worship Bulletins)

Prelude

Choir Introit

Once in Royal David's City

Processional Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymn # 83

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep-herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man-ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Station at the Christmas Creche

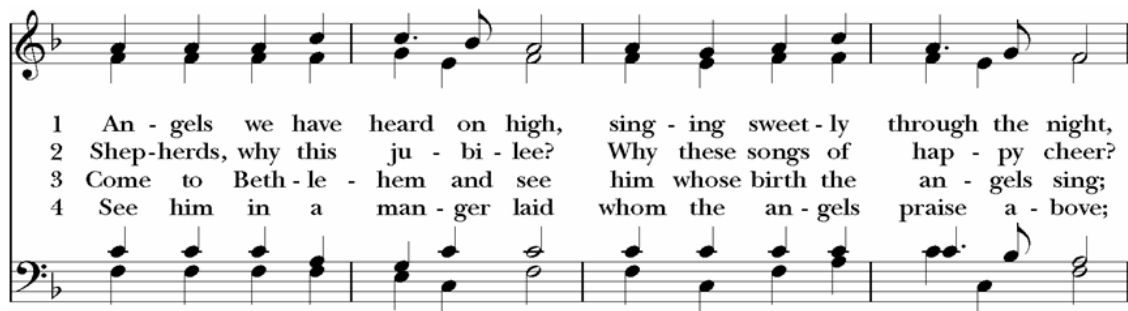
(Celebrant places the Christ Child into the Christmas Creche)

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

People: **And we beheld his 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.**



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. 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.

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
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 onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

(Read as directed by the Leader)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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 Gospel: Luke 2:16-20

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and

pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Choir Anthem *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Sermon

Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

The Prayers of the People for Christmas Season

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

Offertory Music

Jessica Villante – Violin

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Celebrant: 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.**

Sanctus (*All sing*)

Hymnal # S-130

The musical score for the Sanctus is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic support for the vocal line.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Worship continues

Stand or Kneel

BCP, p. 368

The Lord's Prayer

(All say)

BCP, p. 364

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer *(In Unison)*

All: 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 *(Silence)*

Celebrant: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People: **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

Celebrant: Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst, for the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.

People: **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

Invitation to Communion

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

Jess Villante, Violin

(Celebrant passes the light from the Paschal Candle, to the Ministers, to the Congregation. The lights are dimmed and the congregation sings, kneeling or sitting:)

Congregational Hymn

Silent Night

Hymnal 111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace.
born!
birth.

Sleep
Christ,
Je - sus,

in
the
Sa - vior,
Lord,

in hea - ven - ly
at thy

peace.
born!
birth.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

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 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.*

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the World

Hymnal 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

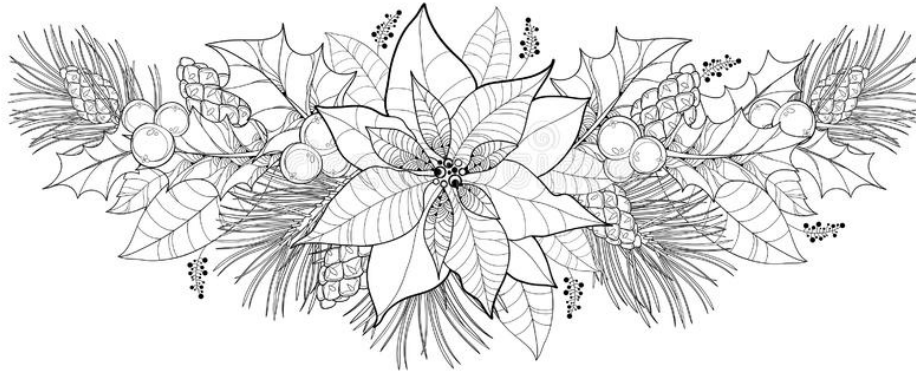
Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of God's spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude



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.

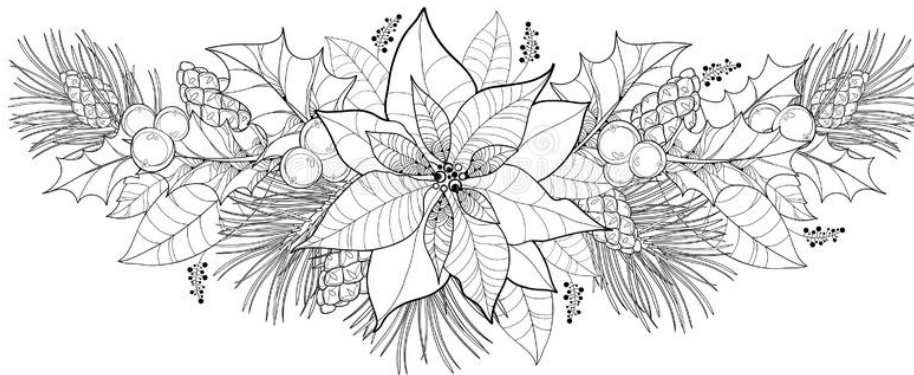
Our Grandparents By Glenn & Jill Wikel.
George R. Stiteler; Robert, Sheffield and Louise Halsey by Sherry Stiteler.
Our Parents By Mariann & Stephen Shirk.
Zizza and Dodson loved ones By Betty Zizza.
The Garraway Family, Blackwell Family, Miller Family, & Les Family From
Bernie & Debbie Miller.
Albert 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

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
--------------	--------------	----------------

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.*

7:30 p.m. Worship Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel
Acolytes: Jamie & Ben Denworth
Ushers: The Miller Family, Donna Tierney
Organist: Carol Angus
Lector: John Keenan

10:30 p.m. Worship Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel
Acolytes: Sean & Evan Willoughby
Ushers: Glenn Wikel and Grace Raak
Organist: Carol Angus
Lector: Mary Alice Peeling

Choir

Carol Angus Bill Angus
Dottie Collman Bobbie Ely
Josef Samargia Mariann Shirk
Steven Shirk Miriam Stanton
Maureen Thompson Philip Thompsen

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

