

Saint John's Episcopal Church, Concord

576 Concord Road
Glen Mills, PA 19342

Founded 1702

Celebrating 320 Years of Worship



The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel – Rector

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 16, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer

2022 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

**10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II
Second Sunday After the Epiphany
January 16, 2022 Worship with Music**

Today's Service Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Readers: Sherry Stiteler, Gerry Tierney

Children's Message: Ms. Margie Hatcher

Counters: Miriam Stanton, Darree Clark

Altar Guild: Bill Calhoun, Melody Calhoun

BCP - Indicates Book of Common Prayer

The Word of God

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **Hymn 490**

Opening Sentence **BCP, p.76**

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
Isaiah 49:6b

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin **BCP, p. 79**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

The Officiant alone says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal
life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

ALL: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

ALL: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant: Together we will recite the Jubilate as an invitation to worship.

Jubilate

Psalm 100

BCP, p. 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Appointed Psalm for today is Psalm 36

Psalm 36:5-10

Dixit injustus

BCP, p. 632

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

ALL: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

Canticle 9

BCP, p. 86

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

The Second Lesson

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

Gospel Hymn

Immortal, Invisible

Hymnal 423

A Reading from John's Gospel

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*The Bible texts of the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel lessons and the collects,
Psalms and Canticles are from the Revised Common Lectionary.*

The Children's Message

Ms. Margie Hatcher

The Sermon

The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

The Apostle's Creed (*In Unison*)

BCP, p. 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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.
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. **Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

The Lord's Prayer (*In Unison*)

BCP, p. 97

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,
Officiant: 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.

Prayers of the People for Epiphany

Lector: The prophet Isaiah proclaimed “those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.” Let us respond to each petition with the words “*Shine in our hearts.*”

Lector: Lord of all hopefulness, we pray for the Church, both our congregation and assemblies around the globe. May all priests, deacons, musicians, and lay Celebrants shine forth your love. Christ, be our light;

People: Shine in our hearts

Lector: Lord of all hopefulness, protect the animals, whether wild or farmed or tame. Restore devastated habitats and polluted waters. Calm the storms and fires that devastate the earth. Renew our relationship to this fragile earth, our island home. Christ, be our light;

People: Shine in our hearts

Lector: Lord of all hopefulness, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Bless all elected officials, especially Tom, our Governor, and Joe, our President. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision. Christ, be our light;

People: Shine in our hearts

Lector: Lord of all hopefulness, soften the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the splendor of your creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity. Christ, be our light;

People: Shine in our hearts

Lector: Lord of all hopefulness, protect all people who are poor or oppressed, who are homeless or unemployed. Comfort those who live with chronic pain, anxieties, and addictions. Encourage parents and teachers, health care and essential workers that they might have the strength needed for the tasks ahead. Christ, be our light;

People: Shine in our hearts

Lector: Lord of all hopefulness, shower the light of your compassion on all who are sick, sorrowful, and suffering, especially those on our prayer list. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world. Christ, be our light;

People: Shine in our hearts

Lector: May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. *Amen.*

The Service continues with

The Collect

Officiant: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Martin Luther King Jr, Pastor and Martyr

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Human Family

BCP, p. 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Prayer for Birthday/Anniversary

BCP, p. 831

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP, p. 102

All: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

Hymnal 537

Dismissal

BCP, p. 102

Officiant: Let us go bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers

In Memory of Rich Liberi from Ronnie Liberi
In Memory of Bernard R. Miller, Jr. from Debbie and Bernie Miller
In Thanksgiving for Ann E. Moses from Sherry Stiteler

2022 Pledge Update

Thank you to those 70 Parish Families who have pledged their support of our 2022 budget. We have received \$171,170 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>

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.

Literary Ladies Book Group

The Literary Ladies has been postponed this month due to Covid concerns thus the January 16th meeting will be rescheduled for another date in the future.

We are currently planning on meeting February 20 from 1-2:30 pm in the Parish Hall with Darree Clark presenting "*Sunflower Sisters*", by author Martha Hall Kelly. As a reminder, masks must be worn and there will be no food/drink.

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.	Kevin Z.	Barrie	Ed and Amy
Lydia	Tom W.	Warren	Robin
Amy B.	Betty Lou	Jean B.	John C.
James	Jocelyn	Jennifer	Ashley
Sarah	D. Starr	Jim	Dolores
Nancy	Mary	Monica C.	Rita & Tom T.

Prayer List continued

Martha M. Bill H. Lamar Barbara
Beau C. John Sy. James M. Roseann

Birthdays

Ann Moses Ron Bushick Ginny DeNenno Marti Keenan
Clifford Holgate Michael Divirgilio Nathan Diehl

Anniversaries

James and Danielle Yoch

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

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, Sue Hammer, Ann Moses, 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