

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

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

January 23, 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
Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 23, 2022 Worship with Music**

Today's Service Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Readers: James Yoch and Ella Dunn

Children's Message: Ms. Margie Hatcher

Counters: Bill Angus, Carol Angus, Bobbie Ely

Altar Guild: Bill Calhoun, Melody Calhoun

BCP - Indicates Book of Common Prayer

The Word of God

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Where True Charity and Love Dwell

Hymn 606

Where true charity and love dwell, God is there indeed.

Called by love to gather, by Christ's love united,
let us lift our voices, joined in joyful praises.
Awe and love together tell us God is present,
made known through our heartfelt care for one another.

Where true charity and love dwell, God is there indeed.

Called to be Christ's Body, we have come together,
yet we must be mindful to preserve our oneness.
Let no strife or discord, quarrel or dissension,
dim the light of Christ that shines forth here among us.

Where true charity and love dwell, God is there indeed.

Called to press toward glory, toward God's promised fullness,
like the saints before us, we continue onward,
till in joy and wonder we behold Christ's presence,
perfect and unbounded, theme of endless praises.

Where true charity and love dwell, God is there indeed.

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.

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 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *

the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the

people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that

would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary

Magnificat

BCP, p. 91

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

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal 488

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

A Reading from the Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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, 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: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Knowledge of God's Creation

BCP, p. 827

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of 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 How Wondrous and Great Thy Works

Hymnal 533

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,
till earth's every people confess thee their God.

Dismissal

BCP, p. 102

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers

In remembrance of those less fortunate than us.

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.
Jennifer	Ashley	Jocelyn	James Ryan
John	Lamar	Sarah	Roseanne
Jim	Dolores	D. Starr	Nancy
Mary H.	Monica C.	Rita & Tom T.	Martha M.

Bill H.
Paul C & Family
Jonathan

Barbara
James M.
Samantha

Beau C.
Barbara

John Sy.
Oakley

Birthdays

Ella Roberts

Ed Gibson

Lydia Dell'Osa

Prayers for those in the Military

Steven Michael Pascal, Navy
Kyle Mullen, Army

Daniel Stock, Navy
Anna Harris, Navy

Scott Lister, 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
Burt Blackburn, Treasurer

Mary Gonzalez, Vestry Secretary
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