

Saint John's Episcopal Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022 10 a.m.

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Founded 1702
Celebrating 320 Years of Worship



The Rev. Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector
The Rev. Terry Dinovo – Priest Associate

2022 Mission of Saint John's:

To be a welcoming community committed to seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.

*Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God.
St. John's welcomes all to our diverse, inclusive, and affirming community.*

As we prepare to celebrate his birth, help us
to share with those around us the good news of your power and love.

People: Amen.

**Lector and People: Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
so that we will show all the world God's love. Amen.**

The Advent Wreath Prayers are from The Church of England's "Times and Seasons"

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant, after greeting the People:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Trisagion (*Sung three times*)

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: 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.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
 he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
 and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
 the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;
 and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
 and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
 for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
 the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Deus, judicium

BCP p. 685

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
 and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
 and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
 from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
 like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
 who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
 Amen. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

Lector: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Hymnal 65 v. 1-2

All Stand

Prepare the way O Zion Your Christ is drawing near
Let every hill and valley A level way appear
Greet One who comes in glory Foretold in sacred story

Chorus:

O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name

Christ brings God's rule O Zion He comes from heaven above
His rule is peace and freedom And justice truth and love
Lift high your praise resounding For grace and joy abounding **Chorus**

The Gospel

All Stand

Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

Celebrant: In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Song

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Hymnal 65 v. 3

Fling wide your gates, O Zion Your Savior's rule embrace
And tidings of salvation Proclaim in every place
All lands will bow rejoicing Their adoration voicing

Chorus:

O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name

Children's Chapel

Ms. Margie Hatcher

Younger children process to Children's Chapel

The Sermon

Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Prayers of the People for Advent

All Stand

Leader: Lord of all hopefulness, we pray for the Church, for our congregation and for our sister parish, San Andreas in Guatemala. May all bishops, priests, and deacons shine forth your love. Christ, be our light;

People: Shine in our hearts

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

People: Shine in our hearts

Leader: 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

Leader: 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

Leader: 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. Christ, be our light;

People: Shine in our hearts

Leader: 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

Leader: Lord of all hopefulness, we lift up these prayers from those worshipping with us on Facebook [___]. 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.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

*Ministers and the People may greet one another with waves and peace signs.
Children return from Children's Chapel*

Welcome & Announcements

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer (Prayer #51, BCP p. 830)

Watch over your 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 your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offering Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Hymnal 67

Scan this QR Code for easy giving options:



1 Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

2 Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

3 Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Please stand for the Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

“S” music is found in the front of the red 1982 Hymnal

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

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 wafers for those that need them; please let the Priest know.

Communion Hymn

Bless the Lord My Soul

WLP 825

Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life
(Repeat)

Post Communion Prayer

All Stand

Prayer Book, p. 366

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

We're Marching to Zion

LEVAS 12

(Music on the next page)

1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join
 2. Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But
 3. The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets; Be-
 4. Then let our songs abound, And ev'ry tear be dry; We're

1. in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet ac-
 2. children of the heav'nly King, But children of the heav'nly
 3. fore we reach the heav'nly fields, Be-fore we reach the heav'nly
 4. march-ing through Im-man-uel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Im-man-uel's

1. cord, And thus sur-round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.—
 2. King, May speak their joys a-broad, May speak their joys a-broad.—
 3. fields, Or walk the gold-en streets, Or walk the gold-en streets.—
 4. ground, To fair-er worlds on high, To fair-er worlds on high.—

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
 Zi - on, Zi - on,
 The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899).

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Paul Manz

Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Guest Organist: Hugh Kronrot

Readers: Rocky Bassick, Carol Angus

Acolyte: Kaitlyn Osgood and Natalie Lynam

Counters: Mary Alice Peeling, Light Von Steuben & Tracy Payne

Altar Guild: John Pachkowski, Charlotte Strickland & Tracey Payne

Tech Team: Gerry Tierney & Philip Thompsen

The altar flowers are given:

In Thanksgiving for Gregory P. Jiggins from Sherry Stiteler

In Honor of Sgt. Major Tom Stone III from Dianna & Tom Stone

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, either by phone at (610) 459-2994 or by email at office@saintjohnsconcord.com You may add or remove names at any time. Please include the first name and, if you wish, the first initial of the person's last name.

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Barrie	John	Ed	Lydia	Marissa	Mary B.	Jennifer	
Sarah	Tyler	Ashley	Jim	James	Bonnie	Tom	
Roger	Nancy L.	C. Family	Pinky H.	Geri C.	Dolores	Irene	Nancy
Chris B.							

For the concerns on our hearts and for those who have no one to name them.

Birthdays:

Betsy Billigmeier	Megan Sharp	Frankie Delvescovo	John Michael Crosby	
Ed Borer	Loie Toal	Andrew Nagengast	Sarah Wikel	Rylin Bresset
Zachary Kotsifas	Bernard Miller IV	Paul Pearlman	Zachary Blackburn	Barbara Masishi

Prayers for those in the Military

Steven Michael Pascal, Navy	Daniel Stock, Navy	Scott Lister, Navy
Kyle Mullen, Army	Anna Harris, Navy	

Prayer for Peace (BCP p. 815)

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Announcements

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

St. John's contributed over \$1400 in gift cards last year to Chester Eastside. CE requests gift cards once again to Target and Walmart. These gift cards allow parents to have the opportunity to shop for their children for Christmas, knowing just exactly what each child wants or needs.

Please bring your gift cards to St. John's by Dec 11. You can place these in the offering plate or give online with a credit card and we'll purchase the gift cards.

ADVENT LABYRINTH PRAYER

This Advent season, find quiet and prayer in walking a labyrinth that will be set up in our 1702 Room off the Parish Hall. Labyrinths are an ancient prayer practice, literally walking the way of Jesus with your feet. Our labyrinth will be available on Tuesday evenings in Advent: Dec 6, 13, and 20 from 6-8pm. The service of Evening Prayer will also be available in the Battin Room at 7:30 on those same dates.

COOKIES AND CAROLS PARTY

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 18 at 4:30 for this annual event!

An afternoon of singing all your favorite Christmas Carols with cookies to decorate (and eat!). Get into the fun by wearing an ugly Christmas Sweater. Sign up for this event by calling or email the office at office@saintjohnsconcord.com

Christmas Floral and Musical Memorials

Consider donating Christmas Flower "in Memory of" or "in Thanksgiving for" loved ones. Envelopes are in the church pews or you may email the memorial information. Each memorial is \$25 and due by **Monday, Dec 19**. Questions? Call the office or email Carol Angus at carol.angus@verizon.net

MONTHLY EVENTS

Thursday, December 8 at 10 AM for Thursday Morning Café. (NO Eucharist in December.)

Saturday, December 10 at 8:30 AM for our next Men's Breakfast.

CEASEFIREPA EDUCATION FUND VIGIL

A decade ago, 20 children and 6 educators were massacred at Sandy Hook Eleme. School. Since then we've lost 15,000 Pennsylvanians to gun violence. Attend a vigil to remember those lost and demand our leaders #EndGunViolence at Reformation Lutheran Church in Media on Wednesday, Dec 7 at 7:00 PM.

Christmas Season Schedule

Saturday, December 24th/Christmas Eve

3:00 pm - Cocoa, Carols, and Creche - *Outdoors* - A thirty-minute, family Communion service with cocoa to keep you warm and carols to keep you smiling!

7:30 pm - Candlelight Eucharist Service with Choir Music (live-streamed)

10:30 pm - Candlelight Eucharist Service with Choir Music

Sunday, December 25th/Christmas Day

10 am - Contemplative Eucharist Service (live-streamed)

VESTRY MEMBERS, WARDENS AND OFFICERS

Class of Feb. 5, 2023

Bill Calhoun, Jacqui Dunn, Mary Pat Lynam, John Pachkowski, Tracey Payne

Class of Feb. 4, 2024

Diane Carlin, Dick Constable, Ron Hammer, Ann McGonigal, Gerry Tierney

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Danielle Yoch, Rector's Warden

Bill Calhoun, Vestry Warden

Burt Blackburn, Treasurer

Church Staff

Jen Troutman – Parish Administrator

Margaret Hatcher – Children's Chapel and Christian Arts

Josef Samargia – Baritone Soloist

Kevin Werner and Ron Arrants – Sextons

Miriam Stanton & Maureen Thompson – Office Volunteer

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