

Saint John's Episcopal Church

Christmas Day

December 25, 2024 10 a.m.

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Celebrating 322 Years of Worship

The Rev. Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector
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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.*

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Holy Eucharist Rite II for Christmas Day

BCP - Indicates Book of Common Prayer

Silent Entrance of the Ministers

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

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

The Gloria *(All say)*

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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 Mary his mother: 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, God 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*)

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| 1 Sing a new song to God, *
who has done marvelous things. | and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God. |
| 2 With your right hand and your holy arm,*
you have won for yourself the victory. | 5 Shout with joy to God, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. |
| 3 You have made known your victory; *
your righteousness have you openly
shown in the sight of the nations. | 6 Sing to God with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song. |
| 4 You remember your mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel, * | 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before God who reigns in
majesty. |

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

God,
who will come to judge the earth.

10 God shall judge the world in righteousness*
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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Homily

Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

The Nicene Creed

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Based upon the Church of England's "Times and Seasons" worship resource.*

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, and to those whose jobs are dangerous. 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 came 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.**

The Peace

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements *All seated*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

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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.***

Invitation to Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.
We have gluten-free rice wafers if needed; please let the priest know.*

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

**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.**

Christmas Blessing

Dismissal

Silent Exit of the Ministers

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lessons and Carols Eucharist Service

Sunday, December 29 ~ 1 Christmas at 10 am (*one service only*)

Limited Office Hours Between Christmas & New Year's

The Parish Office will have limited office hours the week of Christmas and New Year's. The office will be closed December 25 & 26 and Monday, January 1. If you plan to stop by on another day those weeks, please call ahead to be sure the office is open.

January Events – Please join us!

Thursday, January 9 & 23 @ 10 AM – Morning Café; @ 11:30 AM - Healing Eucharist

Saturday, January 11 @ 8:30 AM – Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 11 @ 2 PM – Burning of the Greens

Sunday, January 12 & Sunday, January 26 @ 4 PM – Youth Group

Tuesday, January 21 @ 6:30 PM – What Would Jesus Brew?

Saturday, January 25 @ 4 PM – Movie Night

2024 Christmas Music and Flower Fund Contributions

<u>Sponsored By:</u>	<u>Dedication:</u>
<i>Bill & Carol Angus</i>	<i>In memory of Cecil & Doris Crews; Lydia McQueen, Robert Angus; Cecil L. Crews and Anne Elizabeth Howe.</i>
<i>Bill & Carol Angus</i>	<i>In thanksgiving for our grandchildren: Austin Angus and Michael, Richard, Adrienne, James and Ava and our children and their spouses: Deborah & Steve, Rev. David & James and Jane & Richard</i>
<i>Bill & Lynne Bertolet</i>	<i>In memory of George & Caroline Werner and Kathryn & Bill Bertolet</i>
<i>Burt & Cathy Blackburn</i>	<i>In memory of Zachary Blackburn</i>
<i>Bill & Melody Calhoun</i>	<i>In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren</i>
<i>Peg Calogero</i>	<i>In memory of Jack and Tom Donovan</i>
<i>Diane & John Carlin</i>	<i>In memory of Joan Lord and Peter Thomas Tamburro, Barbara Portale, Annabell & Thomas Lord, and Thora & John Carlin</i>
<i>Dorothy Collman</i>	<i>In memory of Howard C. & Dorothy S. Collman</i>
<i>Dick & Dolly Constable</i>	<i>In thanksgiving for family and friends</i>
<i>Bob & Milissa Conn</i>	<i>In memory of Dee Edmiston, David Edmiston and Dorothy Moran</i>
<i>Desiree Cooper</i>	<i>In memory of Edmund & Lois Jean Bak</i>

<u>Sponsored By:</u>	<u>Dedication:</u>
Gerold & Pat Doyle	<i>In memory of Joe Sullivan, Dorothy & William Simpson, Robert McCondless, Charles Petzold, Christine Sullivan, Peggy Slingluff, Linda & Jack Hayes, Chrissy Muldoon, John & Beatrice Simmons, and Christine & George Turner</i>
Peggy Dunbar	<i>In memory of Lawrence Dunbar</i>
Katharine Dunleavy	<i>In memory of Tom Marshall and Bobbie Ely</i>
Joy Embree	<i>In memory of James Krohn and Chrissy Peters</i>
Kathy Esposito	<i>In memory of Stephen Esposito</i>
Linda & Gary Gaster	<i>In honor of the Gaster Family</i>
Norma & Ed Gibson	<i>In thanksgiving for family & friends</i>
John & Marti Keenan	<i>In thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren</i>
John & Marti Keenan	<i>In memory of our Matthew Keenan, Roy & Ruth Wenke, and Donald & Helen Keenan</i>
Barbara Kelly	<i>In memory of Jim Kelly</i>
Karen Kieffer	<i>In honor of Donald and Cecelia Kieffer</i>
Ronni Liberi	<i>In memory of Rich Liberi</i>
McKinley Family	<i>In memory of the Diggins & Craig Families</i>
Nancy McKean	<i>In loving memory of the Rev. William R. McKean, Jr. and Brian J. Gelsomini</i>
Sandy McKinley	<i>In memory of the McKinley Family & the Larkin Family</i>
The Miller Family	<i>In memory of Catherine & Hormah Garraway and Frances & Bernard Miller Jr. and Elizabeth & Charles Blackwell</i>
Greg & Carol Moore	<i>In memory of Albert & Doris Marker</i>
Martha & Paul Pearlman	<i>In memory of Nancy & Albert Pearlman, Ena Early, and Louise & Macon Woodard</i>
John Pachkowski & Mary Alice Peeling	<i>In memory of the Dixon, Gallas, Pachkowski & Peeling families</i>
Russ & Pat Roegner	<i>In memory of Anna & Harry Ford</i>
Charles & Kathy Smith	<i>In memory of Muriel B. Smith</i>
Miriam Stanton	<i>In memory of David Stanton</i>
Bonnie Stuffleet	<i>In memory of John Stuffleet</i>
Diane Stover	<i>In memory of Ken & Sue Weber</i>
Barbara & Ted Stipa	<i>In thanksgiving for our grandchildren and their parents</i>
Bob Sullivan	<i>In memory of our loved ones & Renee Volk</i>
Dorothy Sullivan	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
Jacalyn Sykes	<i>In memory of Anna Cristinzio & Joan Alcaro</i>
Janice & John Turner	<i>In memory of Gail & Robert Briggs and Harry & Laura Turner</i>
Glenn & Jill Wikel	<i>In memory of our departed relatives and In honor of our children: Rachel, Sarah & Claire</i>
Zizza Family	<i>In memory of Zizza and Dodson loved ones</i>



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Reader: Martha Pearlman

Acolyte: John Pachkowski

Counters: Mary Alice Peeling, Tracey Payne & Light von Steuben

Altar Guild: John Pachkowski & Tracey Payne

Tech Team: Philip Thompsen



ONE Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols THIS Sunday, December 29 @ 10 AM

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Rev. Jill will be off from December 28-January 4.

If you have a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Rev. Terry.

Parish Weekly Prayer List

Please Note: View our prayer list procedure at SaintJohnsConcord.com/prayer-requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Barrie	Ed B.	Ann M.	Mildred T.	Portale Family	Jenna L.
Grace R.	Nancy D.	George S.	John A.	Daniel S. (Navy)	
Rylin B. (Army)	Teal J.	Albert	Anita G.	Geri P.	

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

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