

# Saint John's Episcopal Church, Concord

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*Celebrating 322 Years of Worship*



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

## **Cocoa, Carols, and Creche: Family Worship on Christmas Eve December 24, 2024 3:00 p.m.**

**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.*

### **Today's Service Participants**

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

*Preacher:* Margie Hatcher

*Acolytes:* Allie Yoch & Emily Osgood

*Readers:* James Yoch & Jules Gonzalez

*Chalicians:* Jen Osgood & Mary Gonzalez

*Ushers:* Evan Willoughby & the Yoch Family

*Organist:* Laura Seidelmann

**Processional Carol**

***O Come, All Ye faithful***

**Hymnal 83**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him*

*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest. *Refrain*

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

***Opening Acclimation:***

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

***People:* Come, let us adore him!**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

***People:* Amen!**

**The Christmas Story**

**Part I**

*Reader 1:* In this holy season we celebrate good news of great joy: God has sent his Son to live among us and fulfill his purpose. Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah, foretelling the birth of the Messiah and the coming of God's Kingdom:

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.” (Isaiah 11:1-3)

**Second Carol**

***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

**Hymnal 56**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

**Part II**

*Reader 2:* In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be

enrolled in the tax lists. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

**Third Carol**

***Angels We Have Heard on High***

**Hymnal 96**

Angels we have heard on high, Singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their brave delight.

*Refrain:* Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why these tunes of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you here? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing:  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn King. *Refrain*

**Part III**

*Reader 1:* Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God and saying,

***People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth!***

**Fourth Carol**

***Go, Tell it on the Mountain***

**Hymnal 99**

*Refrain:* Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold though-out the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

**Part IV**

*Reader 2:* When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

**The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*The people may greet each other with smiles, waves, and peace signs.*

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**Offertory**

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

**Hymnal 87**

1: Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!

2: Hail, the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that we no more may die  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!

**Holy Communion**

*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.

*Celebrant:* O gracious God, you have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to his friends and said, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for all for the forgiveness of sins."

Almighty Father, pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

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 forever. **People:** Amen!

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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**

*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 God's Table.*

*We have two Chalices: for dipping your wafer, please remain at the altar rail; to sip wine, please visit the Chalicist at the organ.*

*We have gluten-free wafers for those that need them; please let the Priest know.*

### **Communion Hymn**

### ***Away in a Manger***

**Hymnal 101**

Away in a manger no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
The cattle are lowing the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by side until morning is nigh.  
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

### **Communion Anthem**

### ***Welcome to Our World***

**Sung by Laura Seidelmann**

### **Post-Communion Prayer** *(All say)*

**All:** 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.

### **Candle Lighting Anthem**

### ***O Holy Night***

**Sung by Laura Seidelmann**

### **Sixth Carol**

### ***Silent Night***

**Hymnal 111**

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

### **Blessing**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her king.  
 Let every heart prepare him room  
 And heaven and nature sing (3Xs)

Joy to the word, the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ.  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
 Repeat the sounding joy (3Xs)

**Dismissal:**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***People:* Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***You are invited to the Parish Hall  
 For Cocoa and Cookies!***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ❄ Christmas Season Schedule ❄

**Contemplative Eucharist Service**

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Day at 10 am

*Livestreamed on Facebook/YouTube*

**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.

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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.*

## Christmas Music & Flower Fund Contributions 2024

<u><b>Sponsored By:</b></u>	<u><b>Dedication:</b></u>
Bill & Carol Angus	In memory of Cecil & Doris Crews; Lydia McQueen, Robert Angus; Cecil L. Crews and Anne Elizabeth Howe.
Bill & Carol Angus	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
Bill & Lynne Bertolet	In memory of George & Caroline Werner and Kathryn & Bill Bertolet
Burt & Cathy Blackburn	In memory of Zachary Blackburn
Peg Calogero	In memory of Jack and Tom Donovan
Diane & John Carlin	In memory of Joan Lord and Peter Thomas Tamburro, Barbara Portale, Annabell & Thomas Lord, and Thora & John Carlin
Dorothy Collman	In memory of Howard C. & Dorothy S. Collman
Dick & Dolly Constable	In thanksgiving for family and friends
Bob & Milissa Conn	In memory of Dee Edmiston, David Edmiston and Dorothy Moran
Desiree Cooper	In memory of Edmund & Lois Jean Bak
Gerold & Pat Doyle	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
Peggy Dunbar	In memory of Lawrence Dunbar
Katharine Dunlevy	In memory of Tom Marshall and Bobbie Ely
Joy Embree	In memory of James Krohn and Chrissy Peters
Kathy Esposito	In memory of Stephen Esposito
Norma & Ed Gibson	In thanksgiving for family & friends
John & Marti Keenan	In thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren
John & Marti Keenan	In memory of our Matthew Keenan, Roy & Ruth Wenke, and Donald & Helen Keenan
Barbara Kelly	In memory of Jim Kelly
Karen Kieffer	In honor of Donald and Cecelia Kieffer
Ronni Liberi	In memory of Rich Liberi
McKinley Family	In honor of the Diggins & Craig Families
Nancy McKean	In loving memory of the Rev. William R. McKean, Jr. and Brian J. Gelsomini
Sandy McKinley	In memory of the McKinley Family & the Larkin Family
The Miller Family	In memory of Catherine & Hormah Garraway and Frances & Bernard Miller Jr. and Elizabeth & Charles Blackwell
Greg & Carol Moore	In memory of Albert & Doris Marker
Martha & Paul Pearlman	In memory of Nancy & Albert Pearlman, Ena Early, and Louise & Macon Woodard
John Pachkowski & Mary Alice Peeling	In memory of the Dixon, Gallas, Pachkowski & Peeling families
Russ & Pat Roegner	In memory of Anna & Harry Ford
Charles & Kathy Smith	In memory of Muriel B. Smith
Miriam Stanton	In memory of David Stanton
Bonnie Stufflet	In memory of John Stufflet
Diane Stover	In memory of Ken & Sue Weber
Barbara & Ted Stipa	In thanksgiving for our grandchildren and their parents



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Bob Sullivan	In memory of our loved ones & Renee Volk
Dorothy Sullivan	In memory of loved ones
Jacalyn Sykes	In memory of Anna Cristinzio & Joan Alcaro
Janice & John Turner	In memory of Gail & Robert Briggs and Harry & Laura Turner
Glenn & Jill Wikel	In memory of our departed relatives and In honor of our children: Rachel, Sarah & Claire
Zizga Family	In memory of Zizga and Dodson loved ones



## SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### January Events – Please join us!

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

<p><b>Church Staff</b>                      Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel - <i>Rector</i>                      Rev. Terry Dinovo – <i>Priest Associate</i>                      Jen Troutman – <i>Parish Administrator</i>                      Laura Seidemann - <i>Organist</i>                      Margaret Hatcher – <i>Children's Chapel and Christian Arts</i>                      Kevin Werner &amp; Ron Arrants – <i>Sextons</i>                      Miriam Stanton &amp; Maureen Thompson – <i>Office Volunteers</i></p>	<p><b><u>Vestry Members, Wardens and Officers</u></b>                      Danielle Yoch (<i>Warden</i>)                      Bill Calhoun (<i>Vestry Warden</i>)                      Burt Blackburn (<i>Treasurer</i>)                      Jacqui Dunn, Mary Pat Lynam, John Pachkowski, Tracey Payne, Diane Carlin, Dick Constable, Ron Hammer,                      Ann McGonigal &amp; Gerry Tierney</p>
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