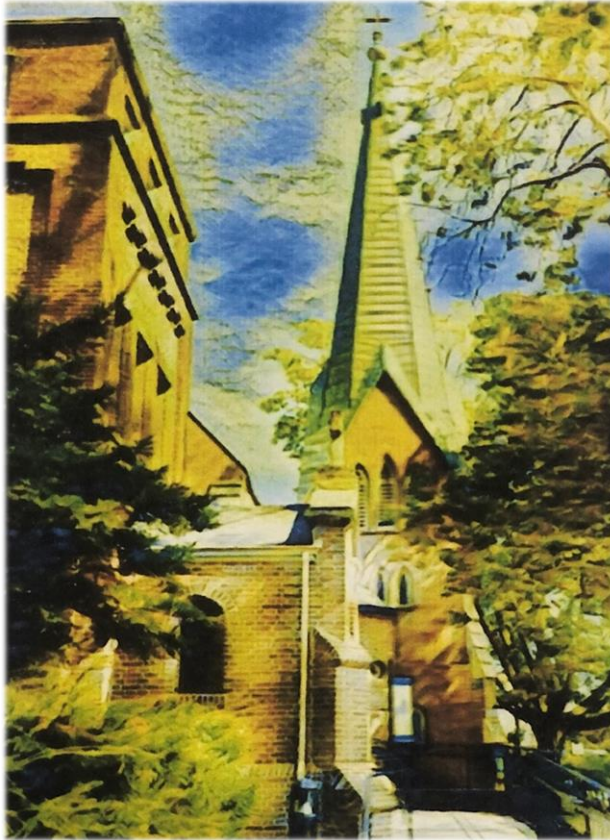


THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
JANUARY 8TH AT 10:15 A.M.



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship. For those who are new to our community, restrooms can be found on the other side of the parish hall. Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after each service. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the Parish Hall. Thank you for being here!

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

Pheobe Knapp

Blind hymn writer Fanny Crosby was visiting her friend Phoebe Knapp as the Knapp home was having a large pipe organ installed. The organ was incomplete, so Mrs. Knapp, using the piano, played a new melody she had just composed. When Knapp asked Crosby, "What do you think the tune says?", Crosby replied, "Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine." The hymn appeared in the July 1873 issue of Palmer's *Guide to Holiness and Revival Miscellany*, a magazine printed by Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Palmer of 14 Bible House, New York City. It appeared on page 36 (the last page) with complete text and piano score, and indicated it had been copyrighted by Crosby that year. It is not certain that this was the first printing of the hymn, but it certainly helped to popularize what became one of the most beloved hymns of all time. The popular song reflects Crosby's walk of faith, as expressed by the apostle Paul in Philippians 1:21, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain".

OPENING HYMN

Christ for the world we sing!

HYMN 537

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing as you are able*)

BCP 355

Officiant Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA

HYMNAL S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9 (*please be seated*)

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE EPISTLE: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Come, Holy Spirit

HYMN 510

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand as you are able*)

BCP 358

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. (*pause*)
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 of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*please kneel as you are able*)

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; in the Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for Church of the Resurrection Mission, Mt. Carmel and The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma);
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; and Amanda, Jen, and Stacey, our clergy;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially Claire Phillips, Charlie Rahe, Kate, Liam Lynch, Nancy Strasburg, Debbie Carter, Clyde Denison, Larisa Strawbridge, Bryna Paillard, Shirley Morgan, Justin and Lisa, Pam Keister, Dan & Mary Rosenfeld, Ken Nolan Jr. & Carmen, and Paula Wolf; we pray for our friends at home especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, and Carol Humphrey.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

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.*

Celebrant 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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

THE COMMISSIONING OF OUR VESTRY

Sr. Warden On behalf of the congregation of St. John's, I present: Ted Loose, Kathy Kyper, Liz West, Leslie Morgan, Marylee Sauder, Nick DiPace, and Andy Welaish to serve as the St. John's vestry.

Celebrant Have these leaders been elected by the congregation or appointed by the vestry in accordance with the bylaws of our congregation?

Sr. Warden *They have.*

Celebrant Do you commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed?

Leaders *We do.*

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this congregation in his name?

Leaders *We do.*

(To the Congregation)

Celebrant Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

Congregation *We will.*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. *Amen.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Baptized in the Spirit

Andrew Litz

PRESENTATION HYMN

As with gladness

HYMNAL 119, vs. 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

THE SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might* **HYMNAL S-125**
 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.

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.

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,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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 St. John 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMNAL S-149

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. When finished, please exit to your right. Gluten free wafers are also available.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*The Church's one foundation
Baptized in water*

HYMN 525
HYMN 294

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body.
People *Because we all share one bread, one cup.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise

HYMN 135

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Just as the Prelude is meant to quiet our hearts and prepare us for worship, the Postlude is meant to ignite our spirits in reflection of the service and prepare us to go out into the world and share what we have experienced.

COFFEE

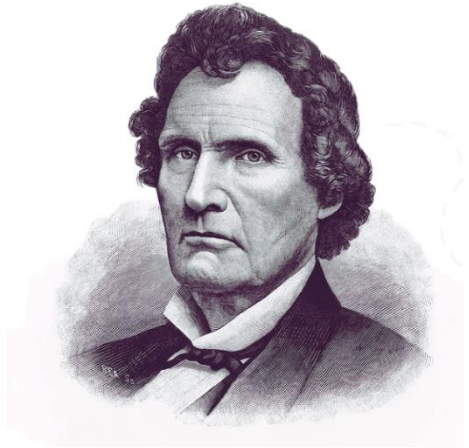


It's time to fill in our coffee hour volunteer slots for the new year. You can choose to help after either service or both- any help or greatly appreciated!



A sign-up link can be found on the church website

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



If they crossed paths today, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and his courageous colleagues in the 1950s and 60s would have a lot in common with leaders like Thaddeus Stevens (1792-1868), Lancaster's United States Congressman during the mid-1800s. Historians point to the work of Dr. King and his colleagues in the mid-20th century civil rights movement as having deep roots in the anti-slavery and Underground Railroad movements of the 19th century. These activities, sometimes conducted in secret and others open demonstrations, are regarded as America's first civil rights movement and Thaddeus Stevens was a key figure in those times. To learn more about the Underground Railroad, Mr. Stevens and his colleagues who influenced national history, join us on **Sunday, January 15** when historian Randy Harris of Lancaster History will give a presentation and conduct a tour of nearby Shreiner-Concord Cemetery, burial site of Thaddeus Stevens. This program will feature a 30 minute slideshow, a question & answer session and a 20 minute tour of the historic cemetery (weather permitting). For background on Thaddeus Stevens, please view this 12-minute video on YouTube before the presentation and tour: [Thaddeus Stevens-America's Forgotten Hero](#).



JAN 15, 2023
11:30AM IN THE
PARISH HALL

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Connecting to our siblings in Christ across the world

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Amanda,

I pray that 2023 has already brought peace, joy, and wonder to you and my St. John's family. The first few days of 2023 have been full of travel for me. I last wrote to you from our southern neighbor, Mexico, and several days later, I found myself in Myanmar, which is also known as Burma. The two countries are nearly 15,000 miles apart! Myanmar is in Southeast Asia, and its neighbors include China, Thailand, Laos, Bangladesh, and India.

I am writing to you from Mandalay, the country's second-largest city, which is a former royal capital. Mandalay is in the north, and its architecture, culture, and traditions reflect Myanmar's Buddhist heritage. There are temples, monasteries, golden pagodas, and the former royal residence, all of which are ornate and beautiful. The lush green hills and trees and brightly colored buildings give a lightness to the city. The tea shops are busy, lively places full of locals laughing and talking with friends. My new friends taught me that the best way to catch a waiter's attention is to purse your lips together and make a kissing noise! I felt very silly, but it worked!

Despite these lovely days in Mandalay, the troubles in this country weigh heavily on my heart. I am not able to travel around Myanmar because of political violence and instability following a military coup two years ago. Most of Myanmar's population lives in villages and rural areas, where healthcare, transportation, and infrastructure are unreliable. There are beautiful churches here, but in many places, attending church is not safe. In some areas, Christians are persecuted, and churches have been caught in the crossfire of fighting between pro-and anti-government forces. Other minority groups, including Rohingya Muslims, have fled to other countries.

Nevertheless, there are beacons of hope here. Today, I was able to meet with Rt. Reverend David, who is the Anglican Archbishop of Mandalay, who believes in a brighter future for his country. Amid challenging times, he sees people helping each other and sees in them the face of God. In 2021 he stated that, "I do believe God is here. God is with us." Reverend David told me that food, housing, and medical care are three of the most pressing issues in his country, and I hope that you will remember him and his country in your prayers.

Wishing you God's peace now and always,
Your friend John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30 AM Sunday School & Youth Group
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

**PLEASE CHECK THE MESSENGER
FOR INFORMATION ON EVENTS
HAPPENING THIS MONTH!**

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 PM Ministries Council

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

Rector's Day Off

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry
4:00 PM Finance Committee

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Coffee Hour to follow each service
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

12:00 PM Healing Service
3:00 PM Eagle's Nest
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
NA: Mon., Weds. & Fri. at 12:00 PM
NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the case of inclement weather, St. John's will operate under the same guidelines as the Lancaster City School District. On weekends, we will notify the parish of closures through our website, email, and social media pages. Please check regularly and share updates with others as information becomes available.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY EVENT AT COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH

St. John's is providing the food for "A People's Health and Resource Clinic" sponsored by the Poor People's Campaign of Lancaster. Soups are needed to serve in crock pots.

If you would like to contribute soup, please contact Sue Heilman or Dave Martin.

Thanks for your support!

WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

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