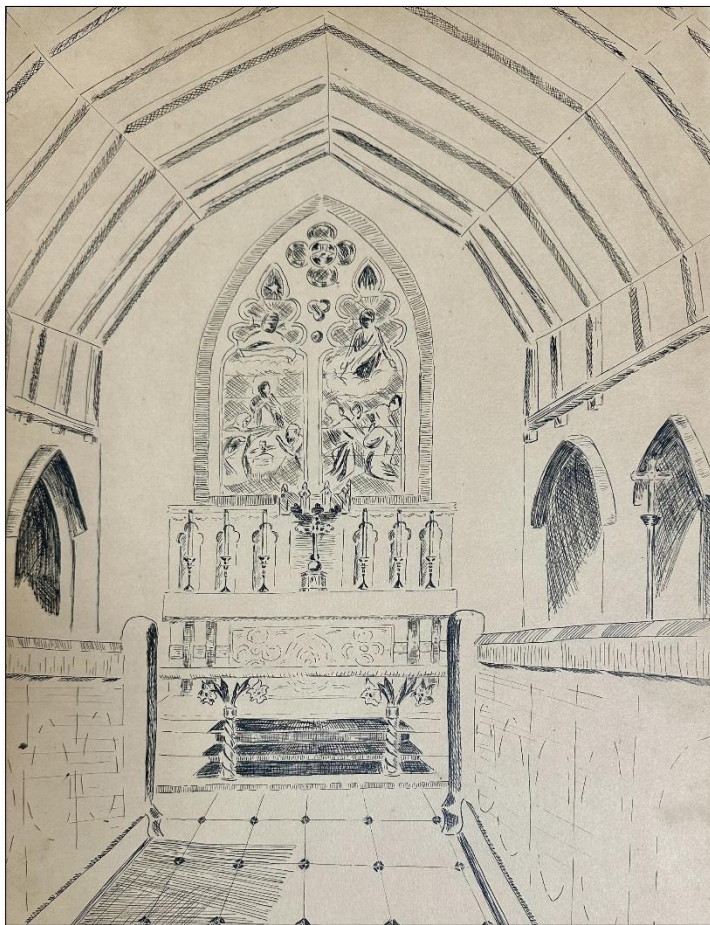


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
JANUARY 11, 2026 AT 10:15 A.M.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the courtyard. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the Parish Hall. Thank you for being here!

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you to those who have joined our Annual Giving Campaign, "Tell out my Soul!" We are part of a holy narrative, and your pledge allows us to live into our sacred story and share that story through worship, formation, and service! 76 people have submitted pledge cards for a total of \$353,691. We are still in need of \$30,309 to balance our 2026 budget. Please help us meet our goal and share the story of God's love this coming year!!! Pledge packets can be found in the back of the church or on our website.

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement, you would like the clergy to share, please fill out the form on our website or let the office know no later than Thursday.

PRELUDE *Now We Call Upon the Holy Spirit* Dietrich Buxtehude

OPENING HYMN *God the Omnipotent!* **HYMNAL 569**

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

Celebrant Blessed be 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 *Gloria in excelsis* 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.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

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 *On Jordan's Bank* **HYMNAL 76**
 Verses 1-3 before the Gospel Reading; verses 4&5 after the Gospel Reading

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.”

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

SERMON

THE REV. DR. JOE PRITCHETT

THE NICENE CREED (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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: FORM III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; in the Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for Epiphany, Glenburn; All Saints, Williamsport; Emmanuel Cathedral, Romogi; and the Anglican Diocese in Central America.
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; we pray for our friends at home: Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Sandy Grove, Peggy Zuke, Peggy Buscher, Teresa Sullivan, and Jim Crothers.
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey and Kevin, our Bishops; Amanda and Joe, our clergy; and Emma and Kim, our seminarians.

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 Donald, our President; Josh, our Governor; Jaime, 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 Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Collin, Eileen Waite, Ann Marie, Karlah Gibbs, Kathy Dodge & family, Sandy Patrone, Marshall, Leslie Tahsler, Marianne, Elly, Steve; Heidi, Danny & Kenneth; Ginny, Norma, Gladys Engle, Holly, Alex, Mary Ann Justice, Anthony Suliveras, Kate Benson, Janelle, Lois Gobel.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially John Labat, 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.*

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

There's a Star in the East

Spiritual

PRESENTATION HYMN

*Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped
at thy glad epiphany,
unto thee, with God the Father
and the Spirit, glory be.*

HYMNAL 127, vs. 5

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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.

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
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

HYMNAL S-125

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 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

BCP 364

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
 hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
 sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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 who seek God to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, you can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping your wafer into the separate intinction cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. 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	<i>Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness</i>	HYMNAL 339
	<i>My God, Accept My Heart This Day</i>	HYMNAL 69

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.

People *We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN	<i>O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High</i>	HYMNAL 448
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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

POSTLUDE

Salzburg

Philip Moore



By the Grace of God,

The Right Reverend Audrey C. Scanlan
Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of the Susquehanna

Will Ordain

Joseph Edward Pritchett

To The Sacred Order of Priests
In Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

On January 24th, 2026
At 10 o'clock in the morning

At
St. John's Episcopal Church
321 West Chestnut St.
Lancaster, PA 17603

Your prayers are requested.
Clergy are invited to vest and process (*red stoles*)
Reception will follow.

If you are unable to attend, the service will also be available via livestream:
<https://www.youtube.com/@st.johnsepiscopalchurchlan91>

St. John's Traveler Letter:

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

Dear Pastors Amanda and Joe,

Hola from Panama!

I've spent most of this week of Epiphany in Panama in Central America. While most people know this place only for the canal which shares the name of the country, I've been able to explore all over this skinny nation that separates the Pacific Ocean from the Caribbean Sea.

There are few places where you can experience both the wonder of skyscrapers that pierce the sky in Panama City and the mystery of the Dairen Gap, a patch of rainforest on the border with Colombia that is one of the most inhospitable places on earth because it's so remote and the jungle is so dense.

While the nation is mostly Catholic, I've still been able to parteculate in many of the Epiphany traditions here, a holiday which they call "Día de los Reyes," or King's Day. People across the country bake Rosca de Reyes, or King's Cake, a crown-shaped cake with candied fruits for jewels and a baby figurine inside, and whoever finds the baby is supposed to have good luck for the next year. Similar to how kids in the US leave cookies and milk for Santa, kids here leave their shoes outside their house with hay for the Wise Men's camels and wake up the next morning with gifts inside them.

I was able to join the family of Bishop Julio Murray last night for a traditional Día de los Reyes dinner of lechon (roasted pork) and atole, a thick, creamy beverage sort of like cream of wheat with cinnamon or brown sugar. He mentioned he had just announced his retirement, and they were just beginning the search for his replacement. He jokingly asked if I wanted to step into his role, to which I said my Spanish wasn't nearly as good as it needed to be.

St. John's, please join me in praying for Panama as it seeks a new bishop of the diocese, and blessings to you all during this Epiphany season.

John Traveler

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
1:00 PM Education for Ministry

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Immigration Clinic

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

12:00 PM Healing Service
2:00 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 AM Community Breakfast

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting
1:30 PM Education for Ministry

MORNING PRAYER WITH BR. DAVID

THURSDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.

We will continue praying the Daily Office through the season of Epiphany! We will gather every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in the Saint Mary Chapel.

Our Thursday Morning Prayer service will be a 30-minute service of prayer, silence, and scripture readings. You are welcome to join us each Thursday in the beautiful Saint Mary Chapel at St John's.

WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION

Collecting on Sundays in January and February 2026! Donations can be dropped off in the box in the Atrium.

Needed: new gloves, socks and hats for men, women, and children

Items will be distributed at the Community Meals at First Reformed Church and the St. John's Food Pantry. Questions? Contact Br David Rutledge drutledge1225@gmail.com

INQUIRER'S CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of the church or are interested in knowing more about what we believe, where we came from, or why we do what we do – then this is the course for you! Email Joe+ or Amanda+ to participate. Classes will begin soon.

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.

OUR MINISTERS

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