

ST. JOHN'S WINDOWS

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS—SPECIAL FEATURE MARCH 2020

ENJOY A TRIP WITH US LOOKING AT ST. JOHN'S STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS. THEY ARE AMAZINGLY BEAUTIFUL!

THE LIFE OF JESUS. LET'S START WITH THE WINDOW CLOSEST TO THE ORGAN IN THE SANCTUARY.



ORGAN SIDE WINDOWS "LAW SIDE"

JESUS' BIRTH -

While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, Jesus was born. The tiny city was crowded because of the census, there was no room for Joseph's family at an inn, so Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable. She wrapped Jesus in cloths, and laid him in a manger.

Luke 2:6-7

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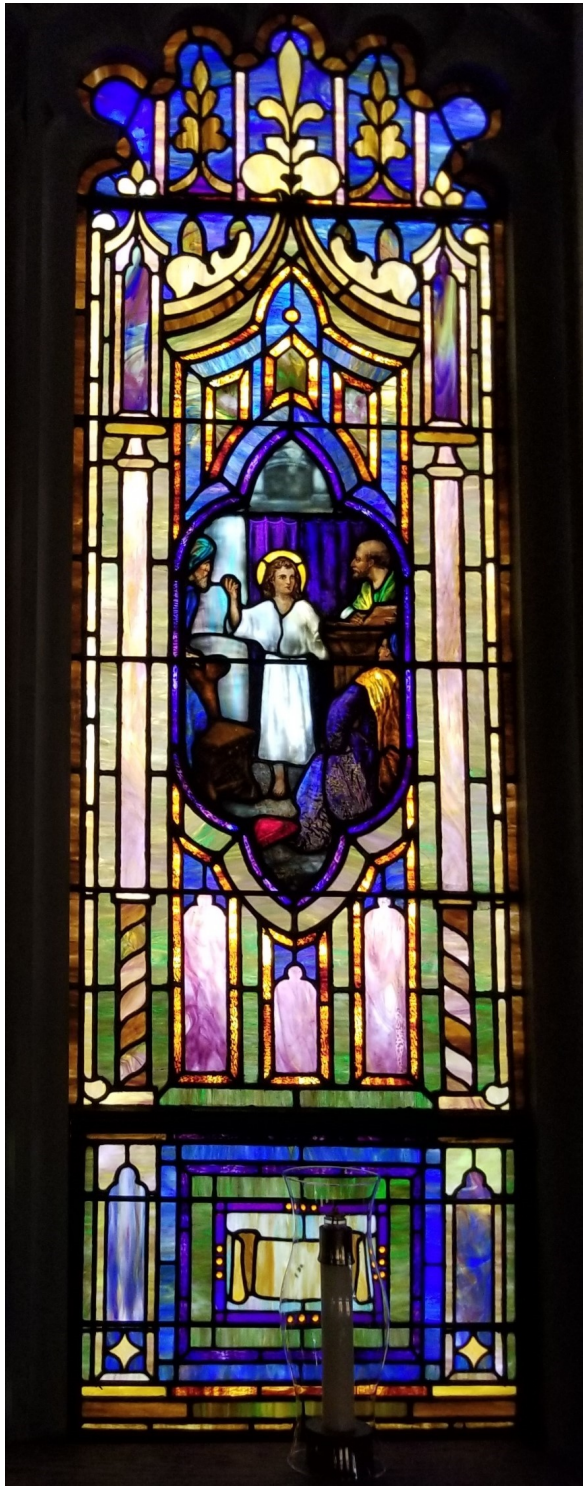
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MARY AND JOSEPH TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM -

Augustus Caesar ordered a census (every one to be counted) in Israel. Everyone returned to their hometown to register and be counted. And because Joseph was a descent of King David, he and his fiancée, Mary, traveled to Bethlehem for the census. Mary was pregnant and rode on a donkey. Luke 2: 1-5

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JESUS IN THE TEMPLE -

Jesus grew up in Nazareth and lived his life in a devout Jewish family. At the age of 12, Jesus was taken to Jerusalem for Passover. When they left Jerusalem, his parents discovered Jesus was not with the caravan. They searched for Jesus and found him at the temple in Jerusalem. Jesus was with the teachers who were amazed at his understanding.

Luke 2: 41-52

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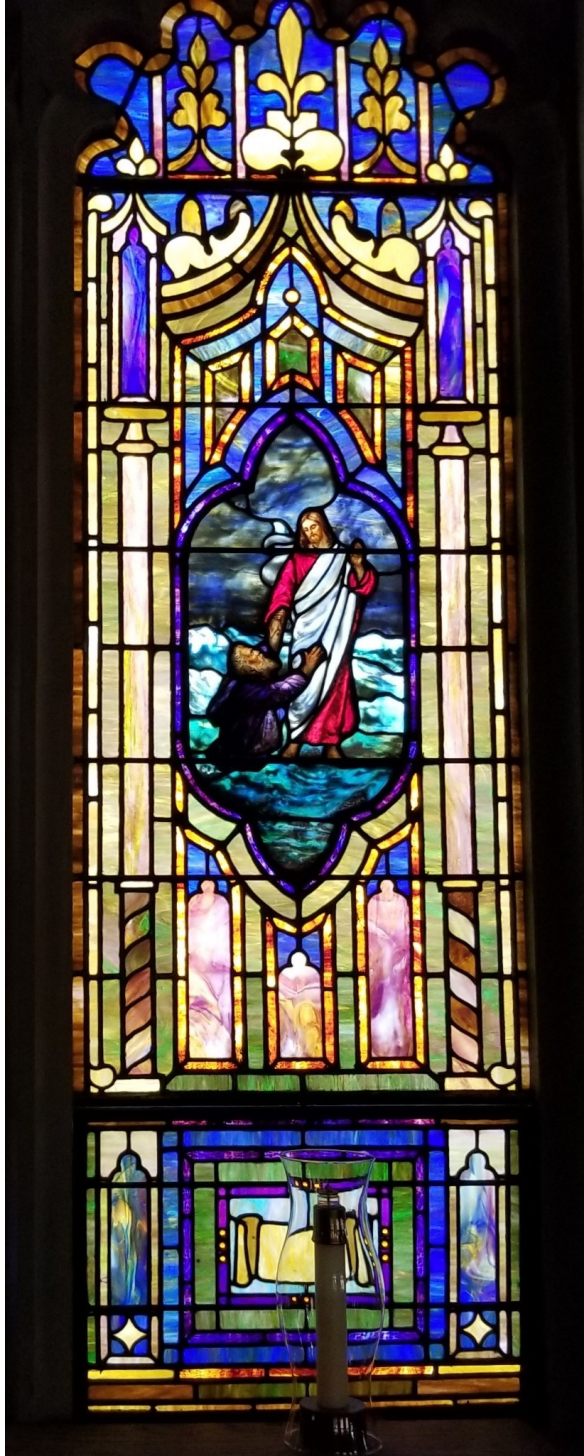
JESUS KNOCKING AT A DOOR -

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will eat with him, and he with me." If you hear Jesus knock, don't let the opportunity pass. Open the door, and invite him into your heart and mind.

Revelation 3:20

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JESUS WALKS ON WATER -

Jesus' disciples were in a boat-strong winds arose and they were fighting heavy waves. Jesus came to the disciples by walking on the water-and told them not to be afraid. Peter asked Jesus to command him to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter stepped out onto the water, he was terrified and began to sink-he yelled for Jesus to save him. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. Jesus asked Peter why he doubted him.

Matthew 14:22-23

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THE LAST SUPPER -

In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Jesus offers this special meal of bread and wine to his disciples and promises he will always be with them.

Luke 22:7-30

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THE TOUR CONTINUES WITH THE WINDOW CLOSEST TO THE PULPIT IN THE SANCTUARY.



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“GOSPEL SIDE”

JESUS BLESSES THE CHILDREN -

Jesus loves all people, including children, and thought it was important that children be allowed to come to him. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." And he took them in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Luke 18:15-17

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SERMON ON THE MOUNT -

Jesus taught his followers by preaching to them. He delivered his most famous sermon on a mountain. In it, Jesus taught his listeners to:

Love your enemies.

Do not judge others.

Trust God.

Don't be anxious about tomorrow.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. (This is called the Golden Rule.)

Luke 6:20-26

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JESUS RIDES INTO JERUSALEM -

Jesus traveled many miles. He didn't go by plane or train. He'd walk the dusty roads or sail in a boat across the Sea of Galilee. And, on one very special day, Jesus rode through the city of Jerusalem on a donkey. People followed after him and waved palms and sang as He rode along—just like they would welcome a great ruler such as a king. We welcome Jesus as our King—our Lord and Savior.

Luke 19:28-40

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JESUS IS BETRAYED AND ARRESTED-

Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus. They accused Him of blasphemy (doing and saying bad things against God ... or trying to be God) and had Jesus arrested. A Roman governor named Pilate tried Jesus (like going to court). He wanted to release Jesus. But when the Jews threatened to riot, Pilate condemned Jesus to death on a cross.

Luke 22:47-53

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JESUS IS CRUCIFIED -

Jesus was sentenced to death by crucifixion. Crucifixion was a painful and degrading execution, reserve for criminals. Jesus was beaten by Roman soldiers, stripped, and nailed to a cross. He was crucified between two criminals and died.

Luke 23:26-43

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JESUS' RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION -

On the third day after Jesus died, an angel descended, and the soldiers fled who were guarding the tomb. Jesus' disciples came and found an empty tomb. Jesus has been raised from the dead! He later appears to many believers, commanding them to teach and baptize others. Jesus then ascends into Heaven to be with God.

Luke 24:1-12; 35-53

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Martin Luther says:

"Next to the word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

ANGEL OF MUSIC - This window depicts an angel of music with an angelic chorus. This beautiful window graces the choir loft in St. John's sanctuary. This window is a memorial to Delia Herr, wife of Mr. Herr.

Nehemiah 12:46

For long ago, in the days of David and Asaph, there were directors for the singers and for the songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.

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The stained-glass window background of the chancel depicts the Ascension and is another memorial to the Herr family.

THE ASCENSION

The story in [Acts 1:6-12](#) is clear. Jesus Christ was on the Mount of Olives. There had been conversation between Him and His disciples, and in the course of it He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight ([Acts 1:9](#)). His body was uplifted till it disappeared, and while they continued to gaze up they saw two men who assured them that He would come back exactly as He had gone up.

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The stained-glass window near the baptismal font captures Christ's baptism by St. John in the River Jordan. This window memorialized Grace R. Herr and was given by her husband and children.

CHRIST'S BAPTISM

13At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. **14**But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

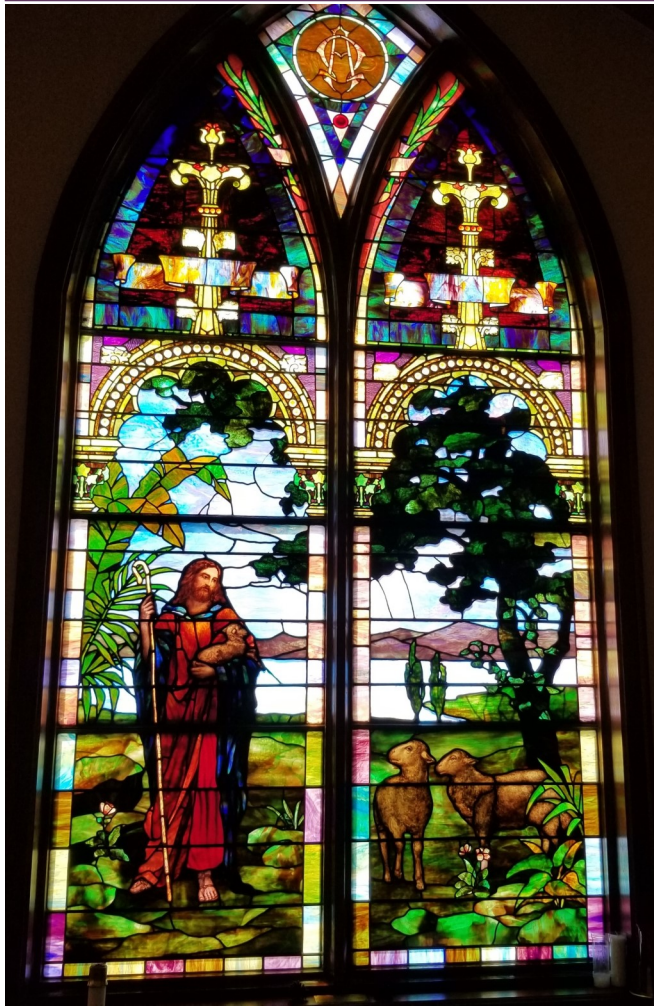
15"Let it be so now," Jesus replied. "It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness in this way." Then John permitted Him.

16As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. Suddenly the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him. **17**And a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!"

Matthew 3:13-17

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The stained glass window that is located in the Chapel (previously a Sunday School room) depicts the Good Shepherd. This window was dedicated to the first pastor, the Reverend Samuel Yingling, and paid for through popular subscription by parishioners at the time of the addition in 1928.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

11I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. **12**The hired hand is not the shepherd, and the sheep are not his own. When he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf pounces on them and scatters the flock. **13**The man runs away because he is a hired servant and is unconcerned for the sheep. **14**I am the good shepherd. I know My sheep and My sheep know Me, **15**just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep. **16**I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them in as well, and they will listen to My voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. **17**The reason the Father loves Me is that I lay down My life in order to take it up again. **18**No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father.”

John 10:11-17

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In 1928 the Sunday school rooms were separated from the nave by a massive velour curtain. The rooms feature a series of memorial windows like the one pictured here.

All the leaded stained-glass windows were designed and produced by the George Hardy Payne Studios in Paterson, NJ. They specialize in church art work.

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