



ST. JOHN'S

St. John's exists as a new family to embody God's reality & hope in our world.

SEASON OF PENTECOST

10^{am} October 12, 2008

We welcome you and invite you to discover and experience God's presence as you wish.

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Reflective Interlude in D" by Mawby	Cyril Deaconoff
	"The Heavens are Telling"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "Shout for Joy" vv. 1, 2, 5, 6	red book 3
PRAY	<p>one: We praise you, O God, with words of thanksgiving in voice and heart - yet never doing justice to the depth of your care. We rejoice in your blessings. all: You invite us to share your life of grace and abundant love by being united with Jesus Christ through the power of your Spirit. We do not deserve such gifts and only receive them and respond, because Jesus intercedes for us in our weakness. May our worship and our daily living proclaim our thanksgiving for these lavish gifts of grace. <i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Forgive us, O God, as we use excuses to avoid following in Jesus' steps. all: Forgive us, O God, when we trivialize the gracious invitation to share your life in Christ - when we expect you to be there for us - but fail to respond to your call on our lives.</p> <p>one: Help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders a ready response to Jesus' call to follow: even as that puts our personal agendas on hold. all: Fill us with the desire to think about whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent and worthy of praise. Then we can hope to have the same mind in us, that was in Jesus. <i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. You are urged to stand firm and to rejoice in the Lord always. (Philippians 4.2,4) You are empowered to do this "as God has forgiven us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. God set this aside, nailing it to the cross." (Colossians 2.13,14). all: Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, reconciled and empowered to begin again.</p>	

AFFIRM*

Alleluia, alleluia!
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GREET*

(Share a greeting of peace, comfortable for you.)

CHOIR

"Sing to His Name" by Jane Marshall

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Exodus 32.1-14 (p. 137) Psalm 106.1-6, 19-23 (p. 944)
Philippians 4.1-9 (p. 1829) Matthew 22.1-14 (p. 1534)

ENGAGE

Being There
"I've prepared my dinner: ...everything's ready. Come to the wedding banquet."
Matthew 22.4

misread promises

unexpected territory

recognized reminders

trusted importance

COMMITMENT

SING*

"We Shall Overcome" vv. 1-4

red book 15

PRAY

(ecumenical version - or use a version or language you prefer)
Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

SHARE LIVES
& GIFTS

(Please pass the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)
"Reflective Interlude in F" by Mawby

AFFIRM*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen*

DEDICATE*

God of extravagant love, you have reached out to us and blessed us in so many ways - especially through your most extravagant gift of all - Jesus Christ. We rejoice in your invitation to share our lives with him. Bless us as we respond by offering these gifts and dedicating ourselves anew as disciples of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

KIDS

NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME*

God invites us to commit ourselves to live with you in community, empowered by the Spirit. We desire that all of us, united in faith, may grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ, being faithful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge, faithfulness and compassion of our Lord.

C O M P A S S I O N

SING*

"Spirit" vv. all

blue book 319

SEND & BLESS*

(You're invited for conversation & caffeine in the back.)

CLOSE

"Overture" from Firework music by Handel

T O D A Y

COFFEE/TEA - You may indulge before, during & after worship. You're also welcome to bring/share snacks.

GUESTS - We welcome you to this family of faith. As your hosts we love your questions & comments.

OUR KIDS - may wander or color at the table at left front. Animals & books in back are for restless parents.

LIGHTHOUSE - is our nursery for kids 0-4 located in the chapel on left, front.

LITTLE MARINERS - is Sunday School class for ages 2-4, offered 1st Sun of the month, downstairs.

A.R.K. (All Remarkable Kids) - kids K - 5th grade, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

FAITH NAVIGATORS - grades 6-8 in the Fireside Room.

LISTENING DEVICES - Are for hearing impaired, or for parents with kids in *The Lighthouse*, to listen to worship.

NAME TAGS - Help others remember your name. Indicate on the clipboard if you wish one made for you.

PARKING - Guests may Dble-park on Lake St. (DPT ticket if cars blocked) & free @ St Anne's Home, 3rd & Lake.

RESTROOMS - Behind the sanctuary on both levels (upper level is fully accessible & has changing table).

THE EAGLE - Getting the Eagle newsletter? It's in back & on our website. Request to get it, on the clipboard.

WELCOME - If you'd like to help welcome others, bring snacks or tidy after fellowship, any Sunday, please indicate that on the clipboard as it's passed. Please place clipboard pages in the offering basket. Thanks.

LIVING OUR VISION

OUR COMMITMENT is to passionately follow Jesus.

COMMITMENT CLASS - Come explore what it means to take a 1st step in a journey of commitment to Christ & consider making St. John's your spiritual home, being a committed part of it, indicate your interest on the clip-board or call/email a pastor & we'll let you know about an upcoming class. Childcare available upon request.

FAITH on TAP - At The Bitter End pub (441 Clement, btw 5th & 6th Av) October 15 (each 3rd Wednesday, 6³⁰-7^{30pm}) No faith required, but curiosity to explore with your own integrity. See pastor John or just show up.

GIVING - '08 envelope boxes for all, are in back of sanctuary, or use our secure eGive on our home page. stjohnssf.org Questions: Treasurer, David Miller, 673 4810 / millerd2@prodigy.net.

OUR COMMUNITY is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

COMMUNITY CLASS - Explore growth in study, prayer, giving & fellowship. Monday, October 6, 7-8^{pm}, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care available by request.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Every 1st Saturday, 8-9^{am}, @ Lucky Penny, Geary/Masonic Call: John Lenox 752 1365.

STUDY GROUP - Thursdays, 7-8^{30pm}, studying Jonah & Micah, in the Library. For info: contact pastor Theresa.

PASTORAL CARE - Pastors are available for questions, care & short-term counseling. Feel free to contact them.

OUR COMPASSION is embodied in the peace & justice of God.

COMPASSION CLASS - Discover gifts, talents & passions - your compassion. Monday, November 10, 7-8^{pm}, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care available upon request.

HAYES HOME - Worship with residents, 2-2^{45pm}, 1250 Hayes St. (3rd Sundays). Info: David Miller, 673 4810.

HARVEST - Saturdays, 7⁴⁵-9^{45am}. Come share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

ST. JOHN'S CINEMA - Thursday, Nov. 6, 7-8^{45pm}, Deliver Us from Evil Unsettling, Oscar-nominated documentary examines a pedophile priest & Church corruption allowing abuse of countless children. Bring friends - free. (Views expressed aren't necessarily of St. John's or members.)

OUR GIFTS - 10+% of our income is for others. Some recipients shown on back bulletin board.

What's New!

YOUTH - 1st Saturdays, Harvest, 7⁴⁵-9^{45am}, help give out food - invite friends, join us for cocoa & donuts. See Evelyn, Eric & Iain.

CROP HUNGER WALK - Walk with us to help end hunger! Next Sunday, October 19, 1³⁰ - 4^{pm}. West Bluff Picnic Area of Crissy Field. Just show up. Sponsor forms & info are in the NE entry rack.

LAY CARE MINISTRY TRAINING - A Lay Care Minister is trained in Christian care to walk with others dealing with illness, transition, aging, disability or crisis. For participation info: contact pastor John.

NEXT INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - Nov. 30, for the beginning of Advent. Sanctuary stations engage our imagination in hands-on, self-guided faith journeys.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES - Share this dream with a donation to the music fund. Speak to Cyril or Karen.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE - (PDA) issued an appeal of \$700k for hurricanes Fay, Gustav, Hanna & Ike victims. To help: www.pcusa.org/pda

YOU! - What ministry effort do you wish to initiate? Talk to a team member or pastor & let's do it!

more info @ stjohnssf.org

**ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PC (U.S.A.)**

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