



# ST. JOHN'S

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

SEASON OF PENTECOST

10<sup>am</sup> October 26, 2008

*We welcome you to discover and experience God's presence as you desire.*

## CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Supplication" by Asper	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Clap Your Hands"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		Theresa Cho
SING*	(*please stand as able) "God You Spin" vv. all	blue book 285
PRAY	<p>one: Eternal God, we worship you with hearts full of praise and adoration. You existed before all else and yet, because you are a God of love, you are with us now in Jesus Christ and through the power of your Spirit. Our minds find it difficult to grasp the extent of such love and such grace.</p> <p><b><i>all: You, who created this world with its diverse and colorful landscapes, have shown how, in Jesus, you care even for the landscapes of our hearts, our souls and our minds. May our worship, our witness and the service of our lives reveal the extent of our gratitude for these blessings so lovingly bestowed upon us.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Jesus calls us to love God with all our hearts because it is that love which influences us and enables us to act lovingly towards not only family and friends - who may be easy to love - but towards others who may not be so easy to love. Jesus calls us to love God with all our soul because it is God's dynamic love which directs how we use our energy, our interests, and our power. Who we are and what we do can then be used to benefit others as well as ourselves.</p> <p><b><i>all: Jesus calls us to love God with all our mind because it is God's creative love which then inspires our thoughts and our will so that our wisdom and knowledge are shaped by God's kingdom values of justice and mercy, love and peace. Merciful God, forgive our weaknesses and strengthen us with your Spirit to love you with all our heart, soul and mind. Help us to know the peace of your forgiving love.</i></b></p>	

*(silent accepting of God's grace)*

one: Amen. Hear the good news: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned. (John 3;17,18a) In Jesus Christ, therefore, we are forgiven.

**all: Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, reconciled and empowered to begin again.**

AFFIRM\*

***Alleluia, alleluia!***  
***Alleluia, alleluia!***

GREET\*

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

CHOIR

"Eternal Father" by Gustav Holst

**COMMUNITY**

LISTEN

*(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)*  
Deuteronomy 34.1-12 (p. 329) Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17 (p. 929)  
1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 (p. 1838) Matthew 22.34-46 (p. 1535)

ENGAGE

"On the Mountaintop"

**COMMITMENT**

SING\*

"Sing a New Song" vv. all

red book 6

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# minor" 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\*

***Gracious God, we offer these gifts in response to your great love for us. We offer our lives because we love you with all our heart, all our soul***

*and all our mind. As we go from here to love our neighbor as ourselves, may we go in the power of your Spirit to love as Jesus loves and to serve as he served. This we pray in his name. Amen*

KIDS

ORDAIN  
& INSATLLQuestions to Elders, Deacons, and Congregation  
Laying on of Hands and Prayer**COMPASSION**

SING\*

"God of Grace" vv. 1, 2, 5

blue book 420

SEND &amp; BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

"The Fifers" by Dandrieu

**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 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 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** - Explore what it means to take a step in a journey of commitment to Christ & being a part of St. John's as your spiritual home. Indicate your interest on the clipboard or call/email a pastor & we'll let you know of the next class. Childcare available upon request.

**FAITH on TAP** - At The Bitter End pub (441 Clement, btw 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Av) November 19 (each 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30pm</sup>) 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, December 1, 7-8<sup>pm</sup>, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10<sup>am</sup> of class day. Child care available by request.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8-9<sup>am</sup>, @ Lucky Penny, Geary/Masonic Call: John Lenox 752 1365.

**STUDY GROUP** - Thursdays, 7-8<sup>30pm</sup>, 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.

**FACEBOOK** - Check out the St. John's community through our website homepage, link up & be part of it.

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

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

**HAYES HOME** - Worship with residents, 2-2<sup>45pm</sup>, 1250 Hayes St. (3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays). Info: David Miller, 673 4810.

**HARVEST** - Saturdays, 7<sup>45</sup>-9<sup>45am</sup>. Come share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

**ST. JOHN'S CINEMA** - Thurs., Nov. 6, 7-8<sup>45pm</sup>, 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** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, Harvest, 7<sup>45</sup>-9<sup>45am</sup>, help give out food - invite friends, join us for cocoa & donuts. See Evelyn, Eric & Iain.

**SNO TRIP** - Feb 6-8 at Zephyr Point Conference Center in Lake Tahoe. Contact Leslie Bacho, lbacho@sffb.org.

**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** - sanctuary stations invite our imaginations in self-guided faith journeys, Nov. 30, for Advent.

**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 a \$700k appeal for hurricane victims. To help: www.pcusa.org/pda.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY** - Eric Guarisco will photograph members & friends at church ½ hr before/after worship, all Sundays in Nov. If alternative needed, contact Eric, 931-9998 eric-sf@pacbell.net for alternate time. Also, if anyone has ideas or expertise on the actual publishing of this directory, your help is needed.

more info @ [stjohnssf.org](http://stjohnssf.org)

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

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