



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} November 9, 2008

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Canon" by Gunst	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Gentle Shepherd"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "Joyful, Joyful" vv. all	blue book 464
PRAY	<p>one: We worship you, O God, the one in whom our hope is placed. We want to tell of your blessings in our lives - the greatest is the gift of yourself in flesh, Jesus Christ. We joyfully recognize our hope in you.</p> <p><i>all: We want to serve you because you chose to touch our lives so graciously in Christ. May our faithful witness and service of our lives reveal the depth of our gratitude as we worship you and praise you in Jesus' name and in the power of the Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: God of Jesus Christ, we would not be here if you had not chosen to touch our lives with your love, and marvel that you chose to enter our lives. We admit it is hard deciding how to wholeheartedly serve you.</p> <p><i>all: We are tempted to put other than you first in our lives when faced with choices about how we share the gifts you have given us. Forgive us when our choices reflect our own selfishness, rather than your glory.</i></p> <p>one: Forgive us when the choices we make revolve around judging or condemning others without first listening to their stories.</p> <p><i>all: Gracious and loving God, strengthen us where we are weak with the renewing power of your Spirit. Help us to make choices which clearly reveal our identity as your faithful people, and as sincere and devoted followers of Jesus Christ, your Son.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. Out of love for the world, God chose to share our humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in him should not perish but</p>	

have eternal life. (*John 3.16*) So, the good news is this: In Jesus Christ we are accepted and loved.

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!
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GREET*

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

CHOIR

"Lord, Listen to Your Children" by Ken Medema

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)

Amos 5.18-24 (p. 1426) Psalm 78.1-7 (p. 914)

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 (p. 1840) Matthew 25. 1-13 (p. 1540)

ENGAGE

"Get the Party Started"

But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"

Amos 5.24

I thought this was it

let's get some answers

the host isn't here

don't just sit around

COMMITMENT

SING*

"Seek Ye First" vv. all

blue book 333

PRAY	(ecumenical version - or use a version or language you prefer) <i>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</i>	
SHARE LIVES & GIFTS	(Please pass the clipboard. Guests may share as well.) "Reflective Interlude in G minor" by Mawby	John Lenox
AFFIRM*	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen</i>	
DEDICATE*	<i>Gracious God, we gladly choose to respond to your many gifts to us by offering these gifts to you. Gifts of money, of time and talents, gifts of our lives. May they declare your praise in ways which lead others to love and serve you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen</i>	
KIDS		
COMPASSION		
SING*	"Jesus Shall Reign" vv. 1, 3, 4, 5	blue book 423
SEND & BLESS*	(You're invited for conversation & caffeine in the back.)	
CLOSE	"The Rejoicing" 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 - 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 any 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 5th & 6th Av) November 19 (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. stjohssf.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^{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.

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, January 5, 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 - Thurs., Dec. 4, 7-8^{30pm}, High Noon A retiring Marshall defends his cowardly town from evil, in this classic western. Invite friends - free. (Views 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.

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.

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - Nov. 30, for Advent. Sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided faith journeys.

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

PHOTO DIRECTORY - Eric Guarisco photographs members & friends ½ hr before & after worship in the Fireside Room, all Nov. Sundays. Contact him, 931-9998 eric-sf@pacbell.net if alternate time needed, & if you have publishing expertise - to help.

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

GO TO YELP.COM - Is there something here at St. John's worth sharing with others in SF?

more info @ stjohssf.org

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PC (U.S.A.)**

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