



# 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> November 16, 2008

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

## CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Romanza from Christopher Columbus" by William Walton	Cyril Deaconoff
	"The Heavens Are Telling"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "God of the Sparrow" vv. 1, 3, 4, 6	blue book 272
PRAY	<p>one: Great and glorious God, we praise you as the one who creates life and speaks mercy. We see you in the wonders of creation, but you widened our vision forever when you entered our world in person.</p> <p><b>all:</b> <i>Jesus brought your love into sharp focus by emptying himself of power and filling himself with the needs of others. Our lives are ever blessed through his sacrificial love. We humbly and gratefully offer ourselves.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Merciful God, you have entrusted us with much - especially the good news of Jesus Christ. We want to share this with others, so they may know of your love.</p> <p><b>all:</b> <i>Forgive us for investing our energy in personal prosperity rather than enriching people's lives, squandering our gifts and failing to use them to build people up. Forgive us when we fail to be adventurous in spreading the gospel. Help us to take risks in sharing the good news in word and deed. Help us to be eager to share the treasures that we have, knowing that much more, will be given.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. "God has destined us for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us. So encourage one another and build each other up..." (1 Thessalonians 5.9-11) in the knowledge that in Jesus Christ we are enriched, we are loved.</p> <p><b>all:</b> <i>Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, reconciled and empowered to begin again.</i></p>	

AFFIRM\*

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

GREET\*

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

CHOIR

"Offertory" by John Ness Beck

### COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
Judges 4.1-7 (p. 376) Psalm 123 (p. 966)  
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 (p. 1840) Matthew 25.14-30 (p. 1541)

ENGAGE

"Avail-ability"  
"He died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we may live together with  
him." Thessalonians 5.10

a vista of God

a picture of self

a landscape of community

a vision of meaning

### COMMITMENT

SING\*

"I've Got Peace" vv. all

blue book 368

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.)  
"Evensong" by Martin

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\*

*Generous God, we have been entrusted with proclaiming the good news of the greatest gift of all - Jesus Christ. We offer these gifts and the service of our lives in response to your generosity and grace. We pray that our lives may reveal these same qualities in abundance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

Theresa Cho

KIDS

BAPTIZE

WELCOME\*

*We commit ourselves to these parents as they lead this child in the way of Jesus Christ. We offer ourselves for support and encouragement, with our prayers and lives of service, striving to build a community, nurtured by God's Spirit. We promise to do this with God's strength.*

### COMPASSION

SING\*

"Lord Your Light" vv. 1, 3, 4

blue book 425

SEND & BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

"Second Piece for Manuals" by William Walton

### 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 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 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. 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<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, January 5, 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., Dec. 4, 7-8<sup>30pm</sup>, 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!

**FLOWERS** - Our flowers today celebrate the memory of Winnie Arthur, grandmother of Lauren Grace Polanowski, who is being baptized today.

**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.

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

**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, or 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** - Want to share what's here at St. John's w/ SF?

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

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

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