



ST. JOHN'S

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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

10^{am} November 23, 2008

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Pastorale on Resignation" by Johnson	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Surely the Presence of the Lord"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		Theresa Cho
SING*	(*please stand as able) "Bring Many Names" vv. 1, 2, 3, 6	red book 54
PRAY	<p>one: We worship you, O God, with joyful noise - with words of praise and adoration. In harmony with you, Christ put new words in our mouths and new intentions in our hearts, especially a new understanding of power, not to be used to exploit or dominate, but to serve others as willingly as Jesus did.</p> <p><i>all: Christ's life and death demonstrated how the love of power could be transformed by the power of love. We gather here today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of your Spirit.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Loving God, we admit that there are times in our lives when we do not let the power of your love transform us – concentrating on the 'bottom line' and our survival, building up our own resources, and exercising inappropriate power. Perhaps we are guilty of putting our own comfort first; when the church becomes the center of our world and we fail to see beyond its walls.</p> <p><i>all: Forgive us O God, if our eyes have been so fixed on priorities of our own making that we have failed to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned. Remind us that we are empowered and enabled by your Spirit to witness to the values of your kingdom in and through all we do and say.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p>	

one: Amen. Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; By Christ's wounds we have been healed. For we were going astray like sheep, but now have been returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. (1 Peter 2.24)

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

"It is Good to Give Thanks" by Katherine K. Davis

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (p. 1341) Psalm 100 (p. 937)
Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 1818) Matthew 25.31-46 (p. 1542)

ENGAGE

"Thanks for Nothing!"

COMMITMENT

SING*

"As Deer Long" vv. all

blue book 189

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 E" 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* *Eternal God, we offer to you these gifts and our lives. May Christ rule in our hearts so that we are powerful witnesses to the truth of your kingdom of love, justice, mercy and peace. In Jesus' name we pray.* John Anderson
Amen

KIDS

COMPASSION

SING* "O God of Blessings" v.1, 5, 6 red book 55

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

CLOSE "Tocatta in G minor" by Pachelbel

T O D A Y

COFFEE/TEA - You may indulge before, during & after worship. You're also welcome to share in the 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, through the sanctuary to the left.

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) December 17 (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}. Contact pastor Theresa for info on the next series starting in January.

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 embodies 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.

POINSETTIAS - For the sanctuary in Advent & Christmas, give in honor, remembrance or gratitude. Use the form from the Eagle or an envelope (\$18 each) & place in offering basket or mail in.

CHURCH GREENING - Come Saturday, Nov. 29, 10-11^{am} to trim tree & sanctuary. Bring kids for fun & any goodies to share.

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - Next Sunday, 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, today & next Sunday. Contact him, 931-9998 eric-sf@pacbell.net if alternate time needed, or if you have publishing expertise - to help.

SNO TRIP - Feb 6-8 at Zephyr Point Conference Center in Lake Tahoe. 7 rooms left. Contact Leslie Bacho, lbacho@sffb.org.

ISRAEL/PALESTINE - Come plant olive trees, hear voices of justice, pray in Jesus' places & reflect on peace. February 3-19, '09, led by pastor John & Nancy. Cost: \$2750, fundraising available.

TENDERLOIN CAROLING - Sunday, Dec. 21, 4.30^{pm} 555 Ellis St.

more info @ stjohssf.org

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