



ST. JOHN'S

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

A D V E N T

10^{am} November 30, 2008

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Invocation in B-flat"	Cyril Deaconoff
WELCOME & SILENCE	"Sing Out Earth and Skies"	Karen Irwin & choir
		John Anderson
CANDLE LIGHTING	<p>one: We wait with hope and anticipation for God's love to be revealed. all: <i>As we wait in the clear sky of winter, we hear anew that the world will be pierced with an even greater light.</i></p> <p>one: We wait with hope and expectation for the Light of the World to be revealed. We light this candle as a symbol of our hope.</p>	
SING*	(*please stand as able) "Lift Up Your Heads" vv. all	blue book 8
PRAY	<p>one: How good are we at watching for signs of God's presence in the world in our lives, in our homes? Advent God, forgive us when we pay more attention to satisfying our own needs than seeking you and your will for our lives – for being more interested in possessing the material things of life, rather than your spiritual gifts.</p> <p>all: <i>Turn our lives around so that we are looking in the right direction - towards you. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert in this Advent season.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we have been enriched in every way – in everything we say and in everything we know. In addition, through God's grace, we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait in anticipation for Jesus to be revealed. He is the one who will keep us strong to the end, so that we shall be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1.5-8)</p> <p>all: <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*

*Jesus, your hope is living within us.
Let not my doubts & my darkness speak to me.
Jesus, your hope is living within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

GREET*

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

CHOIR

"Watchman, Tell Us Of the Night" by John Ness Beck

Michael Jordin
soloist

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Isaiah 64.1-9 (p. 1161) Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19 (p. 919)
1 Corinthians 1.3-9 (p. 1771) Mark 13.24-37 (p. 1578)

ENGAGE

"In Waiting"
"O Lord, ...we're the clay, you're the potter; we're all the work of your hand."
Isaiah 64.8

there's no place for fear

there's no place for rigidity

there's no place for aloneness

there's no place for precision

INTERACTIVE
PRAYER
STATIONS

You're invited to individually experience the sanctuary stations (15 minutes).
left or right rear - Find an ornament to represent the promise you await in your faith journey. Hang it on the Jesse tree & let it be your prayer this advent season. (kids too)
center rear - Come kneel & receive a prayer for your particular need.
pews - Pray with these repeating, sung prayers.

*Surely God is in this place, holy ground.
Surely God is in this place, holy ground.*

*Come & fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come & fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!*

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!*

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice,
look to God, do not be afraid,
lift up your voices the Lord is near, lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

COMMITMENT

SHARE LIVES
& GIFTS

(Please pass the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)
"Chorale" by Dubois

AFFIRM*

*Praise the Lord the world's Creator;
Praise our truth and hope, the Son;
Praise the ever roving Spirit,
Pulse of life and love for everyone.*

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.
Amen*

Cindy Harris

KIDS

COMPASSION

SING*

"O Come, O Come" vv. all

blue book 9

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

"Joyful Interlude in A minor" by Mawby

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 - gr 6-8 in Fireside Room, through sanctuary & left. They break 12/14,28, & 1/4.

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.

PHOTO DIRECTORY - photos of members & friends ½ hr before & after worship, today & Dec. (except for the 7th) in the Fireside Rm. by Eric Guarisco, 931-9998 eric-sf@pacbell.net if needed, or - to help.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PROGRAM - Sun., Dec. 14, in worship.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Sun., Dec. 21 in worship, all are welcome to dress up, be a part of our nativity scene & sing carols.

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

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - January 18 for Epiphany - sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided faith journeys.

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.

more info @ stjohssf.org

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PC (U.S.A.)**

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