



# ST. JOHN'S

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

## ADVENT

10<sup>am</sup> December 7, 2008

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

### CELEBRATION

OPEN	<p>"March from Prelude to Richard III" by Walton</p> <p>"Sing Out Earth and Skies"</p>	<p><i>Cyril Deaconoff</i></p> <p><i>Karen Irwin &amp; choir</i></p>
WELCOME & SILENCE		<i>John Anderson</i>
CANDLE LIGHTING	<p>one: The glory of the Lord will be revealed, for the Lord has spoken. <b><i>all: the word of our God will stand for ever.</i></b></p> <p>one: We wait with hope and expectation for the Word which was in the beginning with God to come into the world. <b><i>all: We light this candle as a symbol of our hope.</i></b></p> <p>one: The glory of the Lord will be revealed when love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. <b><i>all: We long for the day when the angels' song of peace and goodwill becomes reality in all the world.</i></b></p> <p>one: We light this candle as a symbol of peace.</p>	
SING*	(*please stand as able) "Come Thou Long-Expected" vv. all	<i>blue book 2</i>
PRAY	<p>one: God of glory, you call on us to prepare the way for Jesus' birth. Forgive us as we put time and energy into making material preparations which give temporary pleasure compared to the lasting peace which Christ gives. <b><i>all: You call on us to prepare for Jesus' birth by making smooth the rough places in people's lives, by seeking to reduce the mountainous problems some people experience.</i></b></p> <p>one: Forgive us as we fail to become involved with the pain of other people by pleading seasonal busy-ness. <b><i>all: We admit that we spend more time preparing for our own pleasure than preparing for Jesus to be born anew in our lives, our families, communities and nation. Help us prepare to receive the Christ-child.</i></b> <i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. God promises that salvation happens when love and faithfulness</p>	<i>Theresa Cho</i>

meet together, when righteousness and peace kiss. (Psalm 85.9,10) This is surely the gospel of Jesus Christ. In him we experience salvation.

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

AFFIRM\*

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

GREET\*

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

CHOIR

"Advent Kyrie" by David Lanz, III

### COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
Isaiah 40.1-11 (p. 1065)          Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13 (p. 923)  
2 Peter 3.8-15a (p. 1896)      Mark 1.1-8 (p. 1551)

ENGAGE

"Comfort"

"He tends his flock like a shepherd: gathers the lambs in his arms & carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young." Isaiah 40.11

by tending

by gathering

by carrying

by leading

### COMMITMENT

SING\*

"You Are the Voice" vv. all

red book 4

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 C# Minor" by Mawby

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\*

*O God, bless these gifts and our lives, we pray. May they witness to  
the way being prepared anew for your glory to be revealed so that  
every eye shall clearly see it. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen*

Cindy Harris

KIDS

SHARING  
CHRIST'S MEAL

(All seeking to follow Jesus are invited to share, regardless of background.  
Taking bread, dip it in the cup.)

PRAYING

*Gracious God, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts  
with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with Jesus, your Son, our Lord.  
Refreshed and strengthened, we go from here as Advent people, to  
live revealing your coming to the world. Through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen*

### COMPASSION

SING\*

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" vv. all

blue book 308

SEND & BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

"Prelude in G Minor" by J.S.Bach

### 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

**FAITH NAVIGATORS** - gr 6-8 in Fireside Rm, thru sanctuary & left. Breaking for 12/14, 21, 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, 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) December 17 (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** - envelope boxes for all, in back of sanctuary, or use secure eGive @ our home page, stjohnessf.org

**OUR COMMUNITY** is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

**COMMUNITY CLASS** - Explore growth in study, prayer, giving & fellowship. Monday, February 2, 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>. 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<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., Jan. 8, 7-8<sup>45pm</sup>, 4 Little Girls The story of the '63 church bombing & killing of 4 girls - a pivotal civil rights moment. 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** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, Harvest, 7<sup>45</sup>-9<sup>45am</sup>, help give out food.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - To approve pastoral terms of call & any other business on Sunday, Dec. 21, 9.45am, before worship.

**POINSETTIAS** - Give to honor, remember or in gratitude, using form from Eagle or envelope (\$18 each), place in offering basket or mail.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY** - photos of members & friends ½ hr before & after worship, Dec. 14, 21, 28 in the Fireside Rm by Eric Guarisco.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PROGRAM** - next Sunday worship, Dec. 14.

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

**CHRISTMAS EVE** - 4.30 <sup>pm</sup> Kids & Families, 7 <sup>pm</sup> Lessons & Carols

**7<sup>pm</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE READERS** - Sign up to read on the clipboard.

**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.

**DONATE OLIVE TREES** - Honor someone by planting a tree (\$20 each) in Bethlehem See back display & purchase Palestinian olive oil.

more info @ stjohnessf.org

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

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