



ST. JOHN'S

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

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

10^{am} January 4, 2009

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Consolation" by Liszt	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Gloria, Gloria"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "The God of All Eternity" vv. all	red book 20
PRAY	<p>one: O God, without song we would not have been able to praise you fully and joyously this Christmas season. Our radiant faces reflect our praise as we rejoice in the birth of Jesus - your love in human form.</p> <p>all: <i>God of all years and times, we celebrate the glorious fact that we move into this new year with your love in our hearts. Eternal God, we pray that our resolutions, our dreams, our lives and all our relationships are shaped by our faith in you.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: On this first Sunday of the new year, we celebrate the God who bestows newness on wearied and burdened lives; sets feet on new and level paths; creates anew an environment to cherish and enjoy. We hear the words and wonder - do they apply to us? me? our faith community? Are we called to let go of old ways and celebrate new ways of saying and doing and being?</p> <p>all: <i>Are we being called to help others not to stumble; to bring comfort to those in distress; whose care for the environment is evident through our simple, sacrificial lifestyle? There are times when we fail to respond to such challenges; our personal landscapes too often become so full of 'doing' that we fail to 'be' there as comforters and healers of the pain of people and the land itself.</i></p> <p>one: Merciful God, forgive our failure to hear your words addressed to us and our reluctance to respond even when we do hear them.</p> <p>all: <i>Fill us with the refreshment and renewal that only you can give through the gracious gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may celebrate and respond to the promises and possibilities of this new year with</i></p>	

exhilaration and enthusiasm.

(silent accepting of God's grace)

one: Amen! Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ "we have redemption through forgiveness, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us." (Ephesians 1.7) And so I declare in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

GREET*

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

CHOIR

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" by Alan Hovanes

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Jeremiah 31. 7-14 (p. 1225) Psalm 147.12-20 (p. 981)
Ephesians 1.3-14 (p. 1817) John 1.10-18 (p. 1646)

ENGAGE

"The Take Away"

"we're also chosen, ... predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will." Ephesians 1.11
grapplers

receivers

witnesses

possessors

SING*

"Different Song" vv. all

red book 1

COMMITMENT

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.)
"Good Friend, for Jesus' Sake Forbear" by Beethoven

AFFIRM*

Praise the Lord the world's Cre - a - tor
 Praise our truth and hope. the Son:
 Praise the ev - er rov - ing Spir - it.
 Pulse of life and love for ev - 'ry — one.

DEDICATE*

Loving God, you bless us abundantly. We respond to your blessings to us by offering these gifts and our lives, so we may bless others, share burdens and the gospel in word and in deed. In Jesus' name. Amen

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, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and all people, glorifying you in all we do and say, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMPASSION

SING*

"Joy to the World" vv. 1, 2, 3

blue book 40

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

"Voluntary in B-flat" by Greene

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 Rm, thru sanctuary & left. They break today.

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) January 21 (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 - envelope boxes for all, in back of sanctuary, or use secure eGive @ our home page, stjohssf.org

OUR COMMUNITY is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

COMMUNITY CLASS - Explore growth in study, prayer, giving & fellowship. Monday, February 2, 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., Jan. 8, 7-8^{45pm}, 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 - 1st Saturdays, Harvest, 7⁴⁵-9^{45am}, help give out food - invite friends, join us for cocoa & donuts. See Evelyn, Eric & Iain.

PHOTO DIRECTORY - Eric Guarisco photographs members & friends ½ hr before & after worship in the Fireside Room, today. Contact him, 931-9998 eric-sf@pacbell.net if needed or to help.

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.

DONATE OLIVE TREES - Honor someone by planting a tree (\$20 each) in Bethlehem See back display & purchase Palestinian olive oil for \$15.

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

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