



# ST. JOHN'S

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

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

10<sup>am</sup> January 11, 2009

*Welcome - you're invited to experience God's presence as you choose.*

## CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Bedeck Thyself, O My Soul, in Gladness" by Brahms	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Gloria, Gloria"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "O Lord You Are" vv. all	blue book 252
PRAY	<p>one: Eternal God, as you reign over the universe and our hearts, we worship you. Through you comes the energy by which the world was made - through you the darkness is overcome and the light shines. Yet, in the midst of your greatness, you chose to reveal your power and glory in of all places, a stable and a new born baby and on a cross of agonizing crucifixion: all speaking of the mystery and greatness of your love.</p> <p><b>all: <i>We praise and adore you, O God, for revealing your love so fully for us in Jesus, and for renewing our lives with your Spirit.</i></b></p> <p><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p>	Cindy Harris
	<p>one: We often consider you, O God, as majestic power and force, yet we read of your intimate words of love to Jesus after his baptism. We long to hear your words also to us, but we are so overwhelmed by uncertainty about the future, or feelings of powerlessness in the present, that we fail to recognize your words directed to us.</p> <p><b>all: <i>We long to hear your words as your beloved people. Forgive us for listening to - and believing - voices that call us worthless and unlovable. Loving God, forgive us when we allow fear and worry to stifle your voice. As you spoke to Jesus, speak to us, so that your words resonate in every corner of our being and we know that we too are your beloved, on whom your favor rests.</i></b></p> <p><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p>	
	<p>one: Amen. Our assurance of knowing the peace and joy of God's forgiveness is found in belief in the One baptized by John and identified by God in the</p>	

words: "You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Know therefore that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**all: *Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are 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.)

Genesis 1.1-5 (p. 1) Psalm 29 (p. 866)

Acts 19.1-7 (p. 1726) Mark 1.4-11 (p. 1551)

Alternative texts for today's sermon:

Exodus 12.1-11 (p. 104) Luke 10. 29-37 (p. 1613)

ENGAGE

"Serving Eternity in the Moment"

*Doug Olds,  
elder &  
candidate for  
ministry*

SING\*

"Amazing Grace" vv. 1, 3, 5

blue book 280

### 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.)

"Andante" by Rheinberger

AFFIRM\*



Praise the Lord, the world's Cre - a - tor, Praise our truth and hope, the Son,  
Praise the e - ver ro - ving - Spi - rit. Pulse of life and love for ev - ry - one.

DEDICATE\*

*Worship, honor, glory and blessing are yours, O God - ours is the joy that you came into the world in the person of Jesus Christ - Light of the world - and continue to come through the power of your Holy Spirit. We offer these gifts as a tangible expression of our love, joy and gratitude, and pray that, through them - and our continuing witness - others may come to recognize and experience your presence in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

KIDS

### COMPASSION

SING\*

"Called As Partners" vv. 1, 2, 4

blue book 343

SEND &amp; BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

"Joyful Interlude in D" 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

**FAITH NAVIGATORS** - gr 6-8 in Fireside Rm, thru sanctuary & 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, 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) January 21 (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, stjohssf.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>, Feb. 5 on, in Library, studying Galatians. More info: See 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** 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., Feb. 5, 7-8<sup>30pm</sup>, Bilin My Love. Israeli & Palestinian activists reveal fear & courage in conflicted Palestinian village. 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 - invite friends, join us for cocoa & donuts. See Evelyn, Eric & Iain.

**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE OUTING** - Feb 22, after worship, we go to the movies. Movie TBD. Contact pastor Theresa for more info.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY** - Eric Guarisco will photograph members & friends. Contact him, 931-9998 eric-sf@pacbell.net as needed .

**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. Feb 3-19, '09, led by pastor John & Nancy. Cost: \$2700, fundraising available. 6 spaces left.

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

**TOT TIME** - Parents & kids 0-4 are invited for a potluck, Sun. Feb 22, 3-6<sup>pm</sup>. 2023 Pac. info: Laura 771 3758 lauraco@sbcglobal.net

**MUSIC FUND** - Consider contributing to raise St. John's profile in the music community for our spring concert & more.

more info @ stjohssf.org

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

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