



ST. JOHN'S

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP ADVENT 10^{am} November 29, 2009

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	Reflective Interlude in A flat by Mawby	Cyril Deaconoff
	Advent Gathering	Karen Irwin & Choir
WELCOME & CALM		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) Down To Earth vv. all	blue book 300

LIGHT *We light an advent candle. Please sing the refrain below after each section of reading, followed by silence.*

Come, O hope of your peo-ple. Come a-mong us and
stay. Lead us in mer - cy up from the
sha - dows. Shine in our dark - ness, be here to - day.

one: Loving God, Your boundless creativity enthralns us and holds us in awe. We are completely stunned by your bright presence in our lives and your activity that's shines throughout the world and in our faith.

all: *For the supreme gift of Christ – the stimulator of our vision, the bringer of hope to our despair, the creator of life out of death, the light in out darkness, we offer thanks. May our lives be marked by faith, active in love, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more.*

GREET*

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

CHOIR

Advent Kyrie by David Latz

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
 Jeremiah 33.14-16 (p. 1232) Psalm 25.1-10 (p. 863)
 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13 (p. 1839) Luke 21.25-36 (p. 1636)

ENGAGE

A Promising God

"The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I'll fulfill the gracious promise I made." Jeremiah 33.14

anxiety

readiness

capacity

formation

COMMITMENTINTERACTIVE
STATIONS

Experience self-guided faith journeys at stations for about 12 minutes.

left rear - readying my heart

right rear - seeing God's capacity

right front - formed to be a sign

left front - 2 to 4 year olds discover advent

pews - sing these repeated, meditative prayers

Surely God is in this place, holy ground.

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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 come.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

SHARE LIVES
& GIFTS

(Please pass & sign the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)
Chorale Prelude on Eventide by Parry

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 - ery - one.

DEDICATE*

God, fulfiller of promises, we come to this cold and colorful season of Advent with expectant and thankful hearts. We welcome the promise of your love, justice and righteousness breaking into our world. We offer these gifts and our lives in gratitude for all you have done, are doing and will do. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

COMPASSION

SING*

Come, Great God of All the Ages vv. 1, 4

blue book 132

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

Prelude and Fugue in F BWV 556 by J.S.Bach

TODAY

COFFEE/TEA - You're welcome to have it before, during & after worship. Feel free to bring & share snacks.

GUESTS - We welcome you to this family of faith. As your hosts we love your questions & comments.

WE LOVE KIDS - They can wander or color at front table at left. Animals & books in back for restless parents.

LIGHTHOUSE - our nursery for kids 0-4 located in the chapel on left, front.

(Little Mariners, A.R.K. & Faith Navigators participate in interactive worship today)

LITTLE MARINERS - Preschool, offered every Sunday in back of sanctuary. Help yourself to materials.

A.R.K. (All Remarkable Kids) - kids K - 5th grade, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

FAITH NAVIGATORS - grades 6-8 in the Fireside Room.

LISTENING DEVICES - Available for hearing impaired, or parents with kids in The Lighthouse - to hear worship.

NAME TAGS - Help others remember your name. Indicate on the clipboard if you wish one made for you.

PARKING - Guests: double-park on Lake St. (DPT ticket when cars blocked). Free @ St Anne's, 3rd/4th @ Lake.

RESTROOMS - On both levels (upper level is fully accessible with changing table).

THE EAGLE - Receive our Eagle (newsletter). Find it in back, on website or request it on clipboard.

WELCOME - Please indicate your wishes on clipboard as it's passed & please place page in the offering basket.

LIVING OUR VISION

OUR COMMITMENT is to passionately follow Jesus.

COMMITMENT CLASS - Explore the meaning of a journey following Christ & being part of St. John's as your spiritual home. Indicate interest on the clipboard or call/email a pastor & we'll let you know of the next class.

FAITH on TAP - at the Bitter End Pub (441 Clement, @ 5th & 6th) Dec. 16 (3rd Wednesdays), 6³⁰-7³⁰pm. A safe place to talk faith, ask questions & maintain your integrity - no faith required. 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, Feb. 1, 6³⁰-7³⁰pm, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care available by request.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Each 1st Saturday, 8-9^{am}, @ Lucky Penny, Geary/Masonic, John Lenox 7521365.

ALPHABET DINERS CLUB - Eating our way thru the alphabet. January 28 Korean – Wooden Charcoal BBQ House @ 4611 Geary - good food & conversation. Contact pastor Theresa to RSVP. More - stjohnessf.org

GOSPEL BITES - at the Bitter End Pub (441 Clement, @ 5th/6th) Dec. 2 (1st Wednesdays), 6⁴⁵-7⁴⁵pm. See pastor John or just show up. We look at the gospel of John - images and imagination for our lives.

FACEBOOK - Check the St. John's community thru 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, Jan. 4, 6³⁰-7³⁰pm, Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care upon request.

HARVEST - Saturdays, 7³⁰-9³⁰am share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

ST. JOHN'S CINEMA - Thurs., Dec. 3, 7-8³⁰pm, Dear America: Letters Home From Vietnam Veterans' emotions captured in conflict correspondence & news footage. Free. (Views not necessarily of St. John's or members.)

OUR GIVING - We strive to give away 10+% of our income. Some recipients shown on back bulletin board.

What's New!

STUDY/KNIT - Tuesdays, 7-8³⁰pm, novices welcome, see Deb McGuire.

WHOLENESS & HEALING - Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6-6³⁰pm. As healing was an integral to Jesus' ministry, so we also offer healing.

YOUTH - Dec. 5, Sat. 7-9^{am}, share food @ Harvest, see Evelyn & Iain.

CHOIR - Join choir on Open Anthem Sunday, Dec 6. See Karen Irwin. On-line tutorial available at www.karenirwin.posterous.com

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Saturday, December 19, 6 - 7¹⁵pm

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - To approve pastoral terms of call & any other business on Sunday, Dec. 13, 9⁴⁵am (before worship).

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Sunday worship, Dec. 20, all are welcome to dress up, be a part of our nativity scene & sing carols.

CHRISTMAS EVE - 4³⁰pm Kids & Families, 7^{pm} Lessons & Carols

7^{pm} CHRISTMAS EVE READERS - Sign up to read on the clipboard.

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

PALESTINE - Join the next olive tree planting trip Feb. 2-18, '10, sponsor a tree (\$20) & find info on Mideast conflict at display in back.

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - next on Jan. 24, sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided journeys. To assist, see pastor John.

see in back @ stjohnessf.org

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