



# ST. JOHN'S

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**ADVENT**

**10<sup>am</sup> December 6, 2009**

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

## CELEBRATION

OPEN	Aria by Pinkham	Cyril Deaconoff
WELCOME & CALM	Advent Gathering	Karen Irwin & Choir
SING*	(*please stand as able) O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? vv. all	John Anderson
LIGHT	We light advent candles. Please sing the refrain below after each section of reading, followed by silence.	blue book 11

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.

PRAYER

one: God of truth, we see Jesus' behavior and wish to avoid exploiting others, demanding preference, abusing roles of leadership. Forgive our preference for money and power, more than generosity and mercy.

**all:** *Forgive us when our attitudes favor those who have much to give over those who have little to give. God of justice and peace, forgive our actions which lack integrity and justice. Renew and refresh us with the gentle, tolerant love of Jesus, so that we know what it is to be his followers not only in name, but in reality. Amen*

GREET\*

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

CHOIR

Little David, Play On Your Harp, arr. Philip Kern

### COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)

Malachi 3.1-4 (p. 1490) Luke 1.68-79 (p. 1590)

Philippians 1.3-11 (p. 1825) Luke 3.1-6 (p. 1593)

ENGAGE

Commitment Matters

St. John's  
members

SING\*

Walk in the Reign vv 1, 3

red book 60

### 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 & sign the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)

Theresa Cho

Pastorale by Burney

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\*

***Generous God, we offer these gifts and our lives, not for the sake of appearance, but in gratitude for all you give us. Above all, we thank you for the great gift of Jesus, for his selflessness and sacrificial love. May our discipleship possess his being and compassion. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen***

KIDS

LAY CARE MINISTER  
COMMISSIONINGSHARE  
CHRIST'S MEAL*(All are invited to share, regardless of background, as you seek to follow Jesus. Taking bread, dip it in the cup.)*

SING

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord;  
O, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord,  
of the Lord.*

PRAY

*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. Strengthened and refreshed, we go from here to reveal your  
love and your power in the world. We pray through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen***COMPASSION**

SING\*

○ Sing a Song of Bethlehem vv. all

blue book 308

SEND &amp; BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

Joyful Interlude in A flat by Mawby

**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** - Preschool, offered every Sunday in back of sanctuary. Help yourself to materials.**A.R.K.** (All Remarkable Kids) - kids K - 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> @ 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, @ 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) Dec. 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays), 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup>pm. 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, 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup>pm, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10<sup>am</sup> of class day. Child care available by request.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - Each 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8-9<sup>am</sup>, @ 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, @ 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>) Jan. 6 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays), 6<sup>45</sup>-7<sup>45</sup>pm. 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, 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup>pm, Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10<sup>am</sup> of class day. Child care upon request.

**HARVEST** - Saturdays, 7<sup>30</sup>-9<sup>30</sup>am share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

**ST. JOHN'S CINEMA** - Thurs., January 7, 7-8<sup>30</sup>pm, When We Were Kings Boxers, Foreman & Ali, travel to Zaire for the '74 title, in Oscar-winning documentary. 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, 7-8<sup>30</sup>pm, novices welcome, see Deb M<sup>c</sup>Guire.

**YOUTH** - Dec. 5, Sat. 7-9<sup>am</sup>, share food @ Harvest, see Evelyn & Iain.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - To approve pastoral terms of call & any other business on Sunday, Dec. 13, 9<sup>45</sup>am (before worship).

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - Saturday, December 19, 6 - 7<sup>15</sup>pm

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

**CHRISTMAS EVE** - 4<sup>30</sup>pm Kids & Families, 7<sup>pm</sup> Lessons & Carols

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

**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.

**SNO TRIP** - Feb 6-8 at Zephyr Point Center in Lake Tahoe. Great sno fun—all are welcome! Contact Leslie Bacho, lbacho@sffb.org.

**LAY CARE MINISTRY** - A one-to-one ministry of trained caregivers who have received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care, walk beside a person, listen & offer the opportunity of a confidential relationship providing care and encouragement.

**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

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

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