



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} December 13, 2009

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	Invocation in B-flat by Guillmant	Cyril Deaconoff
	Advent Gathering	Karen Irwin & Choir
WELCOME & CALM		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) Come Thou Long-Expected vv. all	blue book 2

LIGHT *We light advent candles. 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.

PRAY

one: Merciful God, we know that real repentance is exercising love and justice to all. May we not escape living lives of true faith, by only paying lip service to the gospel while exploiting others out of a desire to increase our power and prestige. For we are to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

all: *Advent God, you call on us to prepare the way for Jesus' birth and yet - each year it seems that we spend more time making preparations for our own pleasure rather than preparing for Jesus to be born anew in our hearts and lives - in our families, our*

communities, our nation, our world. Forgive us for getting so involved in partying, buying gifts, ordering food, writing cards, that we have no energy left to celebrate the reason for such activity. Help us, O God, to prepare ourselves faithfully and sincerely to receive the Christ-child. Amen

GREET*

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

CHOIR

There Is No Rose, by Graham J. Ellis

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Zephaniah 3.14-20 (p. 1466) Isaiah 12.2-6 (p. 1078)
Philippians 4.4-7 (p. 1830) Luke 3.7-18 (p. 1593)

ENGAGE

A Rescuing God
"I'll deal with all who oppressed you; I'll rescue the lame & gather those who've been scattered. I'll give them praise & honor in every land where they were put to shame." Zephaniah 3.19

confidence

confusion

correction

consequence

SING*

Jesus Comes with Clouds vv all

blue book 6

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. Members & Guests may share.)

Theresa Cho

Adeste Fidelis arranged by Charles Ives

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*

We rejoice, O God, in your care for us and we offer these gifts and the service of our lives in glad response. We pray that they will bear fruits worthy to be harvested in Jesus' name. Amen

KIDS

COMPASSION

SING*

Gifts of the Spirit vv. all

red book 61

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

The Majesty and Power of His name arranged by Leatherman

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 - 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 752.1365.

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) Jan. 6 (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., January 7, 7-8³⁰pm, 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!

YOUTH - Jan. 2, Sat. 7-9^{am}, share food @ Harvest, see Evelyn & Iain.

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Saturday, Dec. 19, 6 - 7¹⁵pm for all ages.

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

TENDERLOIN CAROLING - Dec. 20 at 4³⁰pm with Network Ministries, 559 Ellis Street.

CHRISTMAS EVE - 4³⁰pm Kids & Families, 7^{pm} Lessons & Carols - free parking @ St. Anne's, 3rd & Lake.

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

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! For more info: Leslie Bacho, lbacho@sffb.org.

LAY CARE MINISTRY - A one-to-one ministry of trained caregivers who provide distinctively Christian care, encouragement, listening & offer the opportunity of a confidential relationship. Contact pastor John if you know of someone who may benefit.

see in back @ stjohnessf.org

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