



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 20, 2009

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN Chorale by Dubois Cyril Deaconoff

Lucus Iste by Anton Bruckner Collegium SF
This place was made by God, a priceless mystery, it is beyond reproach.

WELCOME & CALM Theresa Cho

SING* (*please stand as able) O Come, O Come w. all blue book 9

LIGHT We light advent candles. Please sing the refrain below after each section of reading, followed by silence. John Anderson

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: O God of all truth and love, our prayer is for our Lord to live anew among us and become the conscience of humankind. May we, through the urgings of your will, cause the cheerful songs at Christmas to sing out the end of wrong and sing in the new age of righteousness and peace.
 all: *Prepare us, we pray, to see in this happy festival the wonder and mystery of "God with us". Help us, O God, to prepare ourselves to receive Jesus by being loving in Christ: through gentle nurturing of one another in commitment, genuine holding of one another in*

community, enthusiastic encouragement of one another in compassion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GREET*

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

CHOIR

Missa Dixit Maria by Hans Leo Hassler

Gloria

Sanctus

Benedictus

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee.

*We give thee thanks because of thy great glory. Lord God, King of heaven,
God the almighty Father, Lord, the Son, the only begotten Jesus Christ. Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

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

Micah 5.2-5a (p. 1445) Psalm 80 (p. 919)

Hebrews 10.5-10 (p. 1873) Luke 1.39-55 (p. 1588)

ENGAGE

A Strengthening God

NATIVITY
STORY

Tobias' Story

(See enclosure - children and adults are invited to participate in the program.)

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.)

Interlude on Dunlap's Creek by Johnson

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*

Gracious God, we rejoice as we offer these gifts in response to the great things you have done for us. We give thanks especially for the great gift of your love clothed in human flesh. We pray that Jesus will be born anew into our hearts, and that the witness of our lives will convince others of the wonder and the miracle of Christmas. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

COMPASSION

SING*

Comfort, Comfort You My People w. all

blue book 3

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

Joyful Interlude in A by Mawby

TODAY

GUEST CHOIR - Collegium SF: Hanna Tervahauta (soprano), Bethany Fischer (soprano), Estelle Mays (alto), Bill Chiles (tenor), Phil Buonadonna (bass).

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, NO PROGRAM TODAY.

A.R.K. (All Remarkable Kids) - kids K - 5th grade, NO PROGRAM TODAY.

FAITH NAVIGATORS - grades 6-8, NO PROGRAM TODAY.

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.

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) Jan. 20 (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) 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.

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

TENDERLOIN CAROLING - TODAY @ 4³⁰pm with Network Ministries, 559 Ellis Street.

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

7pm 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.

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

STUDY/KNIT - Tuesdays, 7-8³⁰pm, starting Feb. 2, novices welcome, see Deb McGuire.

see in back @ stjohnessf.org

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

Ministers all members

Choral Director Karen Irwin
kcirwin@stjohnessf.org

Organist Cyril Deaconoff
cdeaconoff@stjohnessf.org

Coordinator of Ministries

Susie Moore smooore@stjohnessf.org

Parish Associate

Deb McGuire dmcguire@stjohnessf.org

Pastors

John Anderson

janderson@stjohnessf.org

Theresa Cho tcho@stjohnessf.org

**25 Lake St. SF, CA 94118
415.751.1626**