



ST. JOHN'S

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP CHRISTMAS 10^{am} December 27, 2009

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	What a Friend We Have in Jesus arranged by Jones Sing to the Lord	Cyril Deaconoff Karen Irwin & Choir
WELCOME & CALM		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) O Come All Ye Faithful vv. all	blue book 41
PRAY	one: Gracious and loving God, we sing with the angels to the new born King, marveling at the greatness of your love for us – a love prepared to take on our flesh and be born in the humblest of circumstances. Our response to the breadth of your love is embodied in our love and hospitality. We praise you for your great gift of love - Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord - who brings to birth in us love for you, O God, and love for one another. <i>all: As we look to a new and unknown future, we know we can embrace it with confidence because you have blessed our lives with your presence in Jesus and empowered us with your Spirit to face whatever comes. For this we offer our praise and thanksgiving.</i> (silent offering of gratitude) one: You weave the threads of our lives together with your love. We recall times when lack of compassion and kindness have weakened the fabric of our relationship with you and with other people. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patience. <i>all: Merciful God, weave the threads of our lives in line with your design so that we are indeed clothed with your compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience - all of which so fully revealed in Jesus. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit so that whatever we do, in word and deed, we do in Jesus' name.</i> (silent accepting of God's grace) one: Amen. We are called to bear with one another and forgive each other, as the Lord has forgiven us. We are invited to let his peace rule in our hearts	Theresa Cho

and to be thankful...and with gratitude in our hearts to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. This gratitude is our response to the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. (Colossians 3.13-16).

all: *In Christ, we are reconciled and empowered to begin anew!*

AFFIRM*

*Jesus, your life is moving among us.
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Jesus, your life is moving among us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

GREET*

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

CHOIR

How Brightly Beams the Morning Star, by Dirck Janszoon Sweelinck

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

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

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26 (p.421) Psalm 148 (p. 982)

Colossians 3.12-17 (p.1834) Luke 2.41-52 (p.1592)

ENGAGE

Holy Family

"Let the peace of Christ rule ..." Colossians 3.15

passion

pacify

prize

peace

Carol Requests

SING*

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.)
Adeste Fidelis 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*

O God, may we go forward into the coming year confident of your guidance and your love binding us together. Receive these gifts, and the service of our lives as signs of our gratitude for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen

KIDS

COMPASSION

SING*

Angels We Have Heard vv. all

blue book 23

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

Prelude in C 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 - 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) 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: John johnwtempleton@yahoo.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.

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.

CHOIR - Join choir on Open Anthem Sunday, Jan. 3. See Karen Irwin. On-line tutorial available at www.karenirwin.posterous.com

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

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - Jan. 31 "Give Back to God." We Celebrate how our lives & those around you are touched. Information stations show how our gifts (time & money) support our Commitment, Community, Compassion & Celebration.

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

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.

see in back @ stjohnessf.org

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