



# ST. JOHN'S

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**10<sup>am</sup> January 3, 2010**

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

**CELEBRATION**

OPEN	Bedeck thyself, of my Soul, in Gladness by Brahms	Cyril Deaconoff
	The Lord is in His Holy Temple	Karen Irwin & Choir
WELCOME & CALM		Theresa Cho
SING*	(*please stand as able) The God of All Eternity vv. all	red book 20
PRAY	<p>one: God of love, reigning over the universe and in our hearts, we worship and praise you. Your power and glory are so great that we cannot hope to understand them, were it not for your revealing them in - of all places - a stable and a new born Baby; in a pilgrim packed river -</p> <p><b><i>all: on a cross of wood, through of all things - an agonizing death, all used to communicate the greatness of your love. We praise and adore you, O God, for revealing your love for us in Jesus and for renewing our lives with your Spirit.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: O God, we long to experience your overwhelming love. So often we are overcome by our uncertain future, our powerlessness in the present, and fail to hear you speak. We seek your voice calling us by name, telling us not to fear, that we are yours, precious in your sight, loved and honored by you. Forgive us for listening to and believing voices that call us worthless and unlovable.</p> <p><b><i>all: Forgive us when we feel imprisoned by our fears - fear of pain, of loneliness, of death. Forgive our damaged feelings about self and others. Loving and merciful God, forgive us as we allow our fears to stifle your voice. Help us to hear your words of love reverberate in all our being, so that we know that we too are your beloved, on whom your favor rests.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. The good news is that God has redeemed us in and through Jesus - who came 'to give his life a ransom for many'. (Mark 10.45)</p>	

Friends, believe the gospel.

**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

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord by Felix Mendelssohn

**COMMUNITY**

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
Isaiah 43.1-7 (p.1126) Psalm 29 (p.866)  
Acts 8.14-17 (p.1705) Luke 3.15-17, 21-22 (p.1594)

ENGAGE

In the Beginning

Theresa Cho

SING\*

Different Song vv. all

red book 1

**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.)  
Consolation by Liszt

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, you overwhelm us with the blessings of creation and of your love. Love revealed in Jesus and experienced by us through the power of your Spirit. We respond with these gifts and pray that through them - and our Spirit-filled witness - others may come to recognize and experience your presence in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen*

KIDS

### COMPASSION

SING\*

Joy to the World vv. 1,2,3

blue book 40

SEND &amp; BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

Enter His Courts with Praise! by Mason

### 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, NO PROGRAM TODAY.

**A.R.K.** (All Remarkable Kids) - kids K - 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 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>) Jan. 20 (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!**

**YOUTH** - Feb. 6, Sat. 7-9<sup>am</sup>, 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, Feb. 7. See Karen Irwin. On-line tutorial available at [www.karenirwin.posterous.com](http://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, 7-8<sup>30</sup>pm, 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](mailto:lbacho@sffb.org).

see in back @ [stjohnessf.org](http://stjohnessf.org)

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

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