

connect FAITH

WORSHIP

Sunday 9am: Family Worship

Join us [here](#) for a live-streamed family service with a story and prayer for all ages.

Sunday 10am: Worship Service

Join us [here](#) for a live-streamed service with music and sermon.

Sunday Coffee Hour

Join us [here](#) for coffee hour on Zoom.

SMALL GROUPS

Sunday 5pm: Bible Study

Warm, welcoming Bible Study Sundays 5-6pm [here](#).

Monday 6:15pm: Yoga

Join us [here](#) for Yoga St. John's, live streamed from our sanctuary (and available to stream any time!)

Tuesday 7:30am: Christian Meditation

Prayer and meditation 7:30-8:00am by [Zoom](#). Please "arrive" virtually a few minutes. For more information about Christian meditation and to receive a weekly prayer outline, [email](#) group leader Melinda Ching.

1st & 3rd Saturday 8am: Men's Group

The Men's Group gathers two Saturday mornings a month via Zoom for discussion and fellowship. Please [email](#) group leaders Keith Granger or Paul Clark for a meeting invite.

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Short Daily Email for Lent: As we look ahead to the season of Lent, a time of particular spiritual focus, we are hoping to offer a short daily email reflection to those who wish to receive it.. We are also looking for volunteers to submit short (300 words max) reflections on what spiritual learning/challenge/growth has emerged from the pandemic for you. In order to sign up to receive the email and/or to submit a reflection, please click [here](#).

This pandemic is tough . . . if you or your loved ones need support, resources, or prayer, we are here. Please don't hesitate to reach out to either [Rev. Chris](#) or [Rev. Ginger](#)

connect GIVING

2021 Annual Fund Kicks Off Mid January Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the 2020 Annual Fund and ensured that St. John's was able to meet the needs of our parish and the greater Marin community as the pandemic presented so many challenges. We will kick off the 2021 Annual Fund in mid January and hope that people will continue to generously support our faith community. If you prefer to make your 2021 Annual Fund donation this calendar year, we would be grateful to receive them. If you have questions or need more information, please [email](#) Emily McFarland, Director of Stewardship.

connect COMMUNITY

Blessing Rev. Ginger & Anthony St. John's has a tradition of laying on of hands as a blessing for those in our community who leave us. Due to the current circumstance, in lieu of that we would like to offer that we symbolically lay your hands on Rev. Ginger and her fiance Anthony Solaqua, as we send them off to their new life in Boston. You are encouraged to write and submit a prayer for them. These prayers will be put together in a booklet and presented to them on their last Sunday with us. Please [email](#) your prayers to parishioner Connie Granger and she will put them together for presentation. Deadline is Monday, February 1.

THANK YOU to all who gave so generously over the Christmas season. Thanks to your time, leadership, and gifts:

~Almost 100 residents at Pine Ridge Care center received Christmas gifts, and all of their front line staff received flowers.

~Hand-knitted hats and care packages will be given to 130 of our neighbors through the San Rafael Police Department's mental health liaison and the Interfaith Street Chaplaincy.

~Novato Post-Partum Support Center will be able to hand out over 10,000 free diapers to families in need.

A Conversation About Caregiving Work Are you a caregiver for a family member, friend, or employer? Join us for a virtual "house meeting" conversation about the joys and challenges of caregiving work, as Marin Organizing Committee explores a strategy to better support caregivers in Marin County. The conversation will take place over Zoom on Monday, January 11 from 7-8pm. To register for this meeting, click [here](#).

connect MUSIC

This Sunday's Music In 1864, during the sad depths of the American Civil War, the musician-minister Robert Lowry wrote the words and music to "Shall We Gather at the River?". Its musical title, "Hanson Place", is a reference to the original Hanson Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn, where Lowry sometimes served. Two of America's greatest composers have arranged this music: Charles Ives and Aaron Copland. The song was also used in composer David Maslanka's Symphony No. 9, completed by his son after Maslanka's death in 2017. It was sung live at the 1980 funeral of American Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. The lyrics refer to the anticipation of restoration and reward, referencing Revelation 22:1-2: a crystal clear river with water of life, issuing from the throne of heaven, all presented by an angel of God. [Adapted and summarized from Wikipedia].

connect CHILDREN

A Blessed New Year to all families! There is so much to look forward to this new year though uncertain it may seem. Let us continue to persevere with courage, love & care without reservation, give & share like never before, live with hope and remain true to the faith. Onward 2021!

Online Sunday School at 11:30am continues! To let your child join, here's the zoom [link](#). (Meeting ID: 736 147 2877 / Passcode: 456268).

Printable Children's Worship Bulletin for [3+ years old](#) and [7+years old](#). Free online game included [here](#). Here's the secret code to unlock the games: **SRFJA8**

Children's Ministry Updates. If you are interested in receiving email with children's resources and updates of our ministry to children in St. John's, you can [email](#) Sandra Pathik, Children's Ministry Director.

connect YOUTH

Summary:

- 1.) Morning Youth Group - Lectionary Readings, Videos, and Creative Stories - Sunday, 1130am
- 2.) Confirmation Class - Sunday, 2:30pm on [Zoom via this link](#).



SUNDAY @ 1130AM Morning Youth Group (6-12th)

- Morning Youth Group will be discussing our readings for this week. Jokes, videos, and art will all be part of the discussion. [Zoom link](#)
- Join Meeting Number ([zoom.us](#)): [307546372](#)

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