

St John's Episcopal Church



Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

October 4, 2026

10am

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Welcome - we are grateful for your presence! If this is your first time here, or your first time back in a while, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews (or use the qr code) and give it to an usher or priest. As we worship today, you are invited to pray aloud with us, or join silently; to sing along, or enjoy listening.

During the service, please text your prayer request, birthday, anniversary or occasion of thanksgiving to 415.275.0115.

Today we also celebrate the Feast of St. Francis by offering blessings to our beloved animals. At the conclusion of our worship, you are welcome to bring your pet to Rev. Jane or Rev. Heather for a blessing.

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

Sunday

8am: Worship
9am: Intergenerational Family
Worship
10am:
Worship (in-person & live stream)
Children's Sunday School
Morning Youth Group

Monday

7:30pm: Women's Bible Discussion
(Zoom) next meeting on 10/5

Tuesday (*once a month*)

7:30am: Christian meditation
6pm: Dinner Church

Wednesday

1pm: Bible Study

Thursday

11am: Christian Classics Lite

Saturday (*once a month*)

8am: Men's Group



INFORMATION



ALTAR FLOWERS



GIVE

cover image

Title: Brother Sun, Sister Moon - Saint Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures (children's book pages)
Author: Reimagined by Katherine Paterson
Illustrator: Pamela Dalton
Year: 2011

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand.

Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

Presider and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn 405

All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

REFRAIN: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. REFRAIN

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. REFRAIN

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. REFRAIN

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. REFRAIN

Collect of the Day

Presider The Creator be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Please be seated

Job 39:1-18

A reading from the Book of Job.

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

Can you number the months that they fulfill,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?

Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?

It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?

Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.

For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
 and lets them be warmed on the ground,
 forgetting that a foot may crush them,
 and that a wild animal may trample them.
 It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
 though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
 because God has made it forget wisdom,
 and given it no share in understanding.
 When it spreads its plumes aloft,
 it laughs at the horse and its rider."

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 *sung by all*

Tallis Ordinal

- 1 I lift my eyes up to the hills,
 From where shall I find aid?
 My help will come from God on high
 By whom the world was made.

- 2 God will not let your foot be moved,
 And watches day and night.
 God does not sleep, for Israel
 Is always within sight.

- 3 God watches over all beneath,
 And gives you shade at noon;
 The sun shall ne'er strike ou by day
 Nor yet, at night, the moon.

- 4 Our God shall save us from all harm,
 Preserve our life in peace;
 God watches as we come and go,
 Whose care will never cease.

—Christopher L. Webber (b. 1952)

Gospel Acclamation

Ross Alleluia No. 2

John Karl Hirten

Sung by all, standing. Cantor will sing the first line, then all repeat the first line and continue, ad libitum.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor will sing a verse, after which all repeat the Alleluia.

Holy Gospel**Luke 12:13-21**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Heather Erickson

A moment of silent reflection follows the Sermon.

Prayers of the People

The people respond with “hear our prayer.”

Eternal God: We thank you for the beauty of the World: for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life. Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature.

God of life: **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.

God of justice: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to reconcile and heal: For Bishop Austin, for the people of the Diocese of California, for the people of St. John’s.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the human family. We exult in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence. By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us. As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect. We pray for those you have commended to our care...and for the prayers sent in by text...

God of compassion: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died...whom we entrust to your eternal love; may we support and comfort those who mourn.

God of peace: **hear our prayer.**

God, maker of marvels, you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship; your unifying love is revealed in the interdependence of relationships in the complex world that you have made. Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone, and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who topples the dividing walls by the power of your Holy Spirit, and who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Peace

You are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory Anthem, the ushers collect offerings of money for God's work in and through the church and in thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given us. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and are grateful for your generous support.

Offertory

William Byrd (1543-1623))

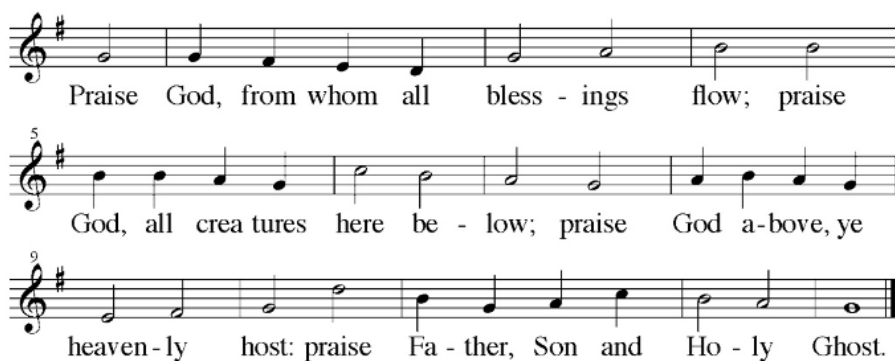
Sung by the choirs

Not unto us, O Lord, but to thy great name be praise.

The Doxology

Sung by all, standing

Old Hundredth



Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing

Presider The Creator be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise to you most Holy God.
Out of darkness and chaos you brought light to all creation,
and you brought the light of your Son to the world.

Throughout time you have always remembered your people,
and kept your promises to us.

Therefore we proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Missa Simplex

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

Sung by all.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Presider continues:

We thank you gracious God for the gift of creation.

We thank you for the sky, the sea, and the land;

for the sun, moon, and stars;

for all creatures that swim and swarm and crawl and walk upon the earth.

We bless you for creating each one of us, and filling us with your love. Above all, we thank you for sending Jesus Christ among us to show us the way of self-giving love.

We thank you for His birth and time in the temple, His baptism and temptation in the desert, His teaching and healing. We thank you for the last supper, His death on the cross and His glorious resurrection.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to you for it. Then he broke it, gave it to his friends and said, "This is my body. Whenever you break the bread like this and share it, I will be there."

He also took a cup of wine, gave thanks to you for it, gave it to his friends and said, "This is my blood. Whenever you share a cup of wine like this, I will be there."

We pray that the Holy Spirit bless these gifts of bread and wine, making Christ present to us as we share them. We pray that the Holy Spirit bless us also, that we may see the face of God in ourselves and in each other, for Christ has no body now but ours. All this we ask through Christ and with Christ and in Christ.

People **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Presider and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Plainchant (*Peregrine Tone*)



Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. —REFRAIN**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you would like to receive the common cup, please help guide the chalice so you may drink from it. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion

Earth and All Stars

David N. Johnson

Sung by the St. John's Choristers and members of the Choir

Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new song!

O victory, loud shouting army, sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain, loud blowing snowstorms, sing to the Lord a new song!

Flowers and trees, loud rustling dry leaves, sing to the Lord a new song! —*Refrain*

Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals, sing to the Lord a new song!

Harp, lute, and lyre, loud humming cellos, sing to the Lord a new song! —*Refrain*

Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom, sing to the Lord...

Daughter and son, loud praying members, sing to the Lord... —*Refrain*

— Herbert F. Brokering (b. 1926).

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Post Communion Prayer

Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Blessing

The Presider offers God's blessing.

Prayer for Animals

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant the animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and God's servant Francis. **Amen.**

Hymn 400, stanzas 1, 4, 7 All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

Sung by all

All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams.

Refrain:

O praise God, O praise God
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise God, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them God's glory also show, O praise God, *etc.*

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise God, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise God, *etc.*

Dismissal

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve God's Creation!

People

Thanks be to God the Creator!

Blessing of the Animals

Please come forward with your animals for a blessing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvest Gala Silent Auction Open: Now Open We are holding our annual Harvest Gala fundraiser on Saturday, October 17 from 5-9pm. Dress is formal with suits or tuxedos for men and gowns or dresses for women; masquerade masks will be provided or you can bring your own. The event begins, as in previous years, with cocktails, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks on the patio. We will then move into the "Masquerade Ball" around 6pm with a procession of all attendees. As you enter the church, you will see an open dance floor, hear a professional string quartet, and smell delicious hor d'oeuvres and a dessert station - all served throughout the event. After everyone gets settled in, our professional dance instructors will teach attendees a waltz to begin the ball. Then, we begin to dance, continue conversations, and/or enjoy more delicious food and wine. At 7:30pm, the children will join us in the church for a performance by the choir and fund-a-need for the music program. This year, we are not holding a live auction at the gala, but instead, listing all of our items online at the silent auction opening at noon on Friday, October 2. The silent auction will include Harvest parties, special wines, and trips to bid on through October 18. You can help best by purchasing tickets (until Oct 7) for the event and joining the fun! Go to www.stjohnsross.org.

MOC GOTV Civic Academy: October 6 All are invited to attend a Civic Academy hosted by the Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) on Tuesday, October 6 at First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael. We will work together with a pragmatic framework to understand the many propositions on the November ballot: What does a "yes" vote mean? What does a "no" vote mean? And "who funded the effort to get this on the ballot?" We will come away with ways to engage in public life in a way that reflects our shared values. Tues. Oct. 6, 7-8:30 PM, First Presbyterian at 1510 Fifth Street, San Rafael. Questions? Please contact Margaret Partlow, Karen Petterson, or John Falcone. *(Coming October 25 at St. John's: Forum on Aging and Disability Issues in Marin)*

Becoming Beloved Community - Anti-Racism Class and Training: October 11 This class and training is for anyone who would like to deepen their understanding of systemic racism and explore how we, as a people of faith, may work together to build beloved community. There are six modules (though we will only meet together four times - there will be a bit of home learning). Each module includes a video "talk" and questions for reflection and discussion. This course fulfills our diocesan anti-racism training requirement for Convention Delegates, Deanery Delegates, and Vestry members. It may also be done individually. Please let Rev. Heather know if you would like to sign up or if you would like direct access to the online course. The in person class meets on Sundays at 11:30am in the Youth Room on October 11, and October 18.

Agape Farm Night at Creekside Pizza: October 20 Join us for a delicious evening of pizza, spirits, and community at Creekside Pizza—all while helping support a wonderful cause on Tuesday, October 20 from 6–8pm at Creekside Pizza in San Anselmo. Come

hungry, raise a glass, and enjoy a great night out! A portion of the pizza and spirits proceeds will be donated to Agape Farm in Malawi, Africa, helping support the farm's important work of educating children and empowering girls and women. And, there will be a raffle for fun prizes! Bring your friends, grab a slice, and let's make every bite count! Good food. Good spirits. Good cause. Big impact.

Grief Ritual: November 1 All are invited to participate in the St. John's 2027 Grief Ritual to be held after church on All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 1, from 12:30-3:30pm. Parishioner Dave Calhoun will return to Marin to facilitate this opportunity to remember that which and those whom we have lost. Dave offers a video announcement here for you to hear a little more about the ritual. Email Dave to reserve a spot, or to find out more.

Choral Evensong: November 1 Come join the St. John's Choir for Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 1, at 4pm. This beautiful, meditative, service is based on traditional practice dating back to the 16th Century. The service will include music of Stephen Paulus, John Karl Hirten and Joanna Forbes L'Estrange. There will be a simple wine and cheese (and whatever) reception after the service. As it is a church service, there is no cost to attend.

Annual Hat Drive Begins This year marks the 7th anniversary of St. John's making hats for our unhoused neighbors in Marin. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we've been able to keep many people warm — and there are still many more we could reach if others join in! And this year we can help keep them warm head to toe if you would like to donate socks or gloves instead. The San Rafael Street Chaplaincy will distribute the hats at their Thanksgiving event, so now's a great time to get started. As in past years, you're welcome to include small gifts, toiletries, or cards along with your donation — totally optional, but always appreciated. If you'd like to participate or need more details, please contact Leslie Limpert via email . Drop-off instructions will be provided closer to the date in mid-November.

You can help by:

- Purchasing hats to donate
- Donating gloves or socks
- Knitting or crocheting hats (it's not too early to start!)

Bible Study: Wednesdays All are invited to attend bible study on Wednesdays at 1 pm in the Youth Room for our ongoing series on the "Ten Commandments." We are discuss where the Ten Commandments came from, what they meant to Jesus, and what they might mean to us today. No preparation required! Please contact Ethan Dettmer for more information.

Christian Classics Lite: Thursdays All are invited to participate in the second season of our weekly reading and discussion program facilitated by parishioner David Kinney and Rev. Heather. This session's focus is the spiritual disciplines as explored in Richard J.

Foster's book *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* (Special Anniversary Edition). The group meets in the Youth Room on Thursdays, 11am-noon, beginning on September 10 and ending on December 10. Please let Rev. Heather or David Kinney know if you would like to be included on our email list and if you need a copy of the book.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. We welcome all children from preschool through 5th grade. Throughout the program year, Class Hope (Preschool through 2nd Grade) will learn Sacred Stories through the Godly Play curriculum, while Class Faith (3rd through 5th Grade) will explore lessons connected to the Sunday liturgy.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed! We're looking for volunteers to help nurture and support our children as they grow in faith. Whether you can teach regularly or simply lend a hand from time to time, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you're interested in volunteering, please email Sandra Pathik, the Children's Ministry Director.

St. John's Choristers. Our children's choir, has started up again for the fall. Singing in a choir is a great way to gain confidence, learn how to participate in a group dynamic, and meet new friends. They sing at the 10 AM service once or twice a month. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 3:45 in the Parish Hall. Please email John Karl Hirten or call him at St. John's for more info.

Rector Search Update The first key step over the next few months is getting feedback from the congregation — not just from those of us who linger over coffee hour after the 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. services, but from everyone. This fall, that will happen through two channels: a parish-wide survey, and a series of “listening parties” with small groups. The survey — officially the “Congregational Assessment Tool,” or “CAT” has launched and is available via this link. It will run for approximately four weeks. Please note that the survey is not bespoke to St. John's. The questions are based on a third party data set of queries used by thousands of parishes in their rector searches. Using the survey feedback from our parish provides a wider context for the goals for our rector search and for appropriate candidates. Our goal is that every voice in the parish gets heard, so we'll be announcing it weekly at all three Sunday services, through Connect, and via email for the next month. For more information, please contact the Search Committee (search@stjohnsross.org) or go to www.stjohnsross.org/rectorsearch

Music Notes This Sunday, we honor the patron saint of our region, Francis of Assisi. Because we are beginning our celebration of the day with a blessing of the animals, we are omitting several of the usual prayers and responses so as not to make the service overly long.

Francis of Assisi (Giovanni Francesco di Bernardone; 1181/1182 – October 3, 1226) was a Catholic deacon and preacher. He also was the founder of the Order of Friars Minor, more commonly known as the Franciscans. He is known as the patron saint of animals,

the environment, and one of the two patrons of Italy (with Catherine of Siena), and it is customary for churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast.

There are many legends that surround the life of St. Francis, and some of the more beloved are the ones that deal with his love for animals. Probably the most famous incident that illustrates the Francis' humility towards nature is recounted in the "Fioretti" ("Little Flowers"), a collection of legends and folklore that sprang up after his death. It is said that, one day, while Francis was traveling with some companions, they happened upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on either side. Francis told his companions to "wait for me while I go to preach to my sisters the birds". The birds surrounded him, drawn by the power of his voice, and not one of them flew away. Francis spoke to them:

"My sister birds, you owe much to God, and you must always and in everyplace give praise to Him; for He has given you freedom to wing through the sky and He has clothed you... you neither sow nor reap, and God feeds you and gives you rivers and fountains for your thirst, and mountains and valleys for shelter, and tall trees for your nests. And although you neither know how to spin or weave, God dresses you and your children, for the Creator loves you greatly and He blesses you abundantly. Therefore... always seek to praise God."

SERVING TODAY

Sun, Oct 4 (Worship Prep)

Leslie Limpert	Altar Guild
Judy Valentine	Altar Guild
Beverly Wynn*	Altar Guild
Jennifer Bedford	Communion Bread Baker

Sun, Oct 4, 8:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher
Joel Belway	Usher

Sun, Oct 4, 9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Jane Gould	Clergy - Preacher

Sun, Oct 4, 10:00 AM (Worship)

Ralph Peer	A/V - Audio
John Summerlin	A/V - Video
The Rev. Jane Gould	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher
Anne Doyle	Eucharistic Minister
John Falcone	Eucharistic Minister
Margaret Partlow	Lector
Marian Mancini	Usher
John Vance	Usher

Sun, Oct 4, 11:00 AM (Coffee Hour)

Kari Chao	Goodies Supplier
Donalyn Hellar	Goodies Supplier

PRAYER LIST

Members

George Harris
Suzan Sweet
Sandy Bertelsen
Rosemary Morgan
Melinda Booth
Travis Wright
The Rev. Jan West
JT Sweet
Carol Hughes
Signe Lando

Friends & Family

Maggie Bock (friend of Anne Doyle)
Maria Bonilla (friend of the Posners)
Marlene Anderson (friend of LaTonya Summers)
Patrick Dowd (friend of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Kathy Behrendt (daughter-in-law of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Liz Colborn (relative of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Melissa Mikesell (friend of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Vera Grigorian (former parishioner)
Leslie Gay (friend of Lauren Lamm)
Marcia Summers (former parishioner)
Martin Ash (friend of Alisa Quint)
Kayley Jones (goddaughter of Rick and Marilyn Riede)

In Celebration

Theo William Roby (newborn grandson of Amy and Chris Rankin-Williams)

In Death

Noelle Mullen (former parishioner)

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Vision St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

Our Mission We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel
Responding to the needs of our communities
While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

Bishop of California	The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios
Interim Rector	The Rev. Jane Gould (<i>jane@stjohnsross.org</i>)
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Music Director	John Karl Hirten (<i>john@stjohnsross.org</i>)
Treasurer	Susan Aley
Youth Ministry	Mike Lessin, Robert McGee
Vestry	Senior Warden: Lexi Ford Kernot Junior Warden: Paul Castro Michael Hiscott, David Petterson, Donalyn Hellar, Marian Mancini, Katie McGee, Lauren Lamm, Gene Cheston, Julie Flynn Siler, Katie Hindman (<i>vestry@stjohnsross.org</i>)