

# San Jose Christian Reformed Church

**“God’s love to us, God’s love through us...”**

*May the Lord bless us all as we worship Him here this morning.  
We welcome Pastor Bruce Ballast who is preaching for us today,  
and we also extend a warm welcome to all our visitors!*

## Sunday, October 15, 2006 Encountering God in Worship

### We Come into His Presence with Praise

Prelude: We prepare ourselves for Worship

Welcome / Greetings

Offering Praise to Our God: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing PH#486  
How Majestic is Your Name  
How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*

### We Come in Transparent Confession to Our God

Reading: 1 John 1:5-9 (from The Message)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession in unison:

Lord God, you are the light, and we confess that too often we cling to our darkness – to our self-centeredness, to our prejudices, to our fears, to the justification of our anger. Lord, we would walk in the light – surrender it all and walk in the light so that we can have fellowship with each other and receive the purification from our sin by the blood of Jesus. Lord, hear our confession and embrace us we pray, for Jesus’ sake. *Personal Silent Prayer*

Song of Confession and Assurance: *Good to Me*

### We Offer Ourselves in Prayer and Offerings

Congregational Prayer

Song: *I Worship You*

Children ages 3 through grade 6 leave us for “Kid’s Life”

Deacon’s Prayer

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

### We Open Ourselves to God’s Word

Introduction of Dr. Bruce Ballast

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26 – 2:5

Message: *The Cross in the Center*

Prayer

Song: *What the Lord Has Done in Me*

### We Take Our Worship into All of Life

Invitation to Q & A with Dr. Ballast and brunch together

God’s Blessing

Closing Song: *My Peace*

*If you are a first time visitor today, please complete a “Communication Card”  
and stop by the welcome table in the back of the sanctuary  
for a gift and information packet.*

*Today we welcome Dr. Bruce Ballast, a prospective pastor who will be preaching  
for us this morning. Following the service there will be a question and answer  
time for the congregation with Dr. Ballast in the Social Hall. A brunch will be  
served at about 11:15 am: No 11:00 classes.*

## Next Sunday at SJCRC...

October 22, 9:30 am: Worship Service- Pastor Al Helder will be preaching. Special Offering: San Jose Christian School. Please join us for “Coffee Time” at 10:40. The adult class meets in the Fireside Room at 11:00 for Pastor Al’s class: “How to Read and Understand the Bible”. Classes for children and youth also meet at 11:00: FUNday School (preschool through grade 5) meets in the “Tri-rooms”, JJs (jr. high) meets in “The Gym”, and Sonlife (high school) meets in “The Loft”.

## Church News and Events

**From Your Pastoral Search Team:** *Today* we welcome Pastor Bruce and Pat Ballast, and we look forward to getting to know them. Please join us in the Social Hall after the morning service for a question and answer time with Dr. Ballast. All are invited to a brunch at about 11:15 am: No 11:00 classes. Please join us!

**Coffee Break meets this Wednesday, October 18, 10 am:** All ladies are welcome to our Wednesday morning Bible study. We are doing a study on heaven. Please join us!

**Worship and Arts Ministry Team Meeting:** This week Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm.

**Stephen’s Ministry Training and Supervision Meeting:** This week Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm.

**Choir Begins This Week, Thursday at 8:00 pm:** All singers welcome! We will begin learning our Christmas music. Join us!

**GEMS:** Girls in grades 1-6 are invited to our sleepover on October 20-21 (Friday at 7pm through Saturday at 8:30am). We’ll be working on our Painting Badge and having a great time with our friends. If you have any questions contact Grace M. Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 18.

**Reserve this date, Saturday, November 4, 8:00 am to 10:00 am.** The Deacons invite the congregation to a "Pancake Breakfast". Come and bring your friends and family to enjoy delicious pancakes made by the Deacons themselves. Please plan to attend.

**“Musicpalooza 2006: America in Song” is coming to San Jose CRC!** Members of SJCRC and members of New Creation Lutheran Church will be performing one encore performance of this musical to benefit our own ministry (lighting and sound here in our sanctuary). Everyone is invited to the performance on *Saturday, November 4 at 7:30 pm:* dessert and fellowship after the program. Admission is \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Please contact Deb U. for more information.

## Church News and Events (continued)

**Communities of Hope invites our congregation** to attend their Sunday evening service tonight at 5:45 pm (October 15). They are presenting a satellite broadcast entitled "Just Walk Across the Room" by Bill Hybels. This teaches how to build relationships that help people cross the line of faith.

**Grief and Dying Seminar:** next Saturday, October 21 (9:00am to 4:00pm) at Granite Springs Church. Dr. Robert De Vries and Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge, from Calvin Seminary, will be leading a seminar on the process of grief. This promises to be a fine event for pastors, elders, deacons and anyone personally experiencing grief. If you're planning on attending, please RSVP to the Granite Springs Church (near Sacramento) at 916.645.9620. That will help us supply the right amount of lunch (please feel free to come "spur of the moment as well). More information is available in a flyer on the information rack in the entryway to church.

**Stephen's Ministry:** Many families have children with special needs. Often these needs affect the whole family. If you are feeling stressed with your situation and would like to talk to someone, There are Stephen Ministers available. Stephen Ministers have been trained to be a confidential resource. If you, or someone you know, would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Al or Brenda L. We want to be there for you.

**What does it mean to be Christian Reformed?** Have you ever wondered this yourself? An attractive booklet "What it Means to Be Reformed" is available for your reading. Please pick up a copy at the information rack in the entry of the church.

**Church Bulletin:** Miss a service? Current and archived bulletins are online at [www.sjrc.org](http://www.sjrc.org). *Please have any bulletin announcements for this coming Sunday into the office by Thursday evening at the latest.*

## Deacons' Report

Sept., 2006: CMF (Church Ministry Fund) \$21,251.10 vs. a monthly budget of \$26,416.00

Special Offerings, Sept.: Faith Promise: \$502.00  
Ministry Shares: \$1,299.00  
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee: \$697.00  
Care: \$796.00

## Our Church Family

**Please pray for these personal needs:**

- \* **Jeff B.**— Jeff will be going home from Mission Oaks Hospital on Wednesday to continue his recovery from brain surgery. He will have therapy at home and begin radiation treatments at Mission Oaks. The Barckley family wishes to thank the congregation for all their acts of kindness including meals, cards, flowers and especially your prayers, love and support. Jeff, Estella and Brendan continue to need your prayers and support during this difficult time of uncertainty.
- \* **Bill G.** – Bill was recently in the hospital to have a procedure done to his heart. This has helped him to be a bit more mobile and comfortable. Continue to pray for Bill.
- \* **Charlie B., Irvin D., Rein G. and Cobe R.** – Please pray for these members of our church family who have continuing health problems. Remember these friends with your cards and visits: they appreciate your thoughtfulness.

**Please be in prayer** for Jennifer C.'s mother, Linda H., who recently had extensive surgery. She is making a good recovery from the surgery, and will begin treatment in a couple of weeks. Also, remember Jennifer and her family.

**Congratulations to the Doug and Betty P. family** on the birth of a baby girl born to Leah and Matt B. Anna Grace was born last Sunday, October 8. We praise God with the family for this beautiful new addition!

**Pray for our church. Please remember:**

- our youth (JJs and Sonlife) as they spend time learning and having a great time together.
- our GEMS and Cadets: we continue our partnership with other churches and are seeing wonderful growth and enthusiasm.
- our Sunday children's groups: we experience good attendance and are thankful for a faithful staff.
- our men's and women's Bible studies
- our various committees as they seek God's direction for our church
- our search for a new Pastor

**Elder-Deacon Care Groupings:** Elder/deacon phone numbers are in the church directory. *Please inform them directly* of any need you might have.

<u>Last Name Beginning:</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
A-B	Doug P.	Mark L.
C-F	Jake B.	Steve S.
G-Ki	Harvey V.	Dan M.
Ko-L	Steve B.	Bruce G.
M-O	Bryan P.	Doug B.
P-S	Pastor Al H.	Steve M.
T-Z	Randy M.	Gert B.

*To contact Pastor Al Helder: Please call his cell phone: (209) 614-5761 or the church office: (408) 266-4412 Email: [PastorAl@sjrc.org](mailto:PastorAl@sjrc.org)*

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**Helping This Sunday, October 15**

**Greeters:** Tony and Tana G.

**Ushers:** Bud and Agnes L.

**Hospitality:** Doug and Betty P.

**Audio/Visual:** Mike K., Bruce G.

**Coffee:** Cornell and Harriet V., Bryan and Mary Ann P., Norm B.

**Nursery:** Brenda L., Abram C., Isaac V.

**Kids' Life:** Rose S., Sue S., Bill C.

**Helping Next Sunday, October 22**

**Greeters:** Gert B. and Pat V.

**Ushers:** Case and Leigh Ann V.

**Hospitality:** Harvey and Carol V.

**Audio/Visual:** Randy A. and Tony G.

**Coffee:** Allan and Judy V., Case and Leigh Ann V., Fern M.

**Nursery:** Sue S., Rochelle S., Paul V.

**Kids' Life:** Natalie L., Brenda D., Bill C

**Schedule of Events: October 15 - 22, 2006**

***This Sunday:***

9:30 am – Worship Service: Pastor Bruce Ballast preaching

Question and Answer Time after the service

Brunch to follow at about 11:15 am

No classes at 11:00 today

***Wednesday:***

10:00 am – Coffee Break Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm – Worship and Arts Ministry Team Meeting

7:00 pm – Stephen's Ministry Supervision and Training Meeting

***Thursday:***

7:30 pm – Praise Team

8:00 pm – Choir begins

***Friday:***

7:00 pm – GEMS sleep over begins

***Saturday:***

8:00 am – Men's Life Bible Study

8:30 am – GEMS sleep over ends

5:30 pm – Bowling at Moonlite Lanes

***Next Sunday:***

9:30 am – Worship Service

10:40 am – Coffee and refreshments

11:00 am – Classes for children through adults

*Overeaters Anonymous meets Mon., Tues. and Thurs. evenings  
and Sat. mornings. Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tues. evenings.*