

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 today.

Pastor Brad Smith is preaching for us this morning.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors!

Sunday, February 17, 2008- 9:30 AM
Morning Worship- Second Sunday of Lent
Sermon Series- “Eating With Jesus”

Coming Together and Praising God

Prelude: Our Preparation for Worship

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements: Elder Doug P.

We Greet One Another

Call to Worship: Pastor Brad Smith

Songs of Gathering and Praise: *“God, You Call Us to This Place”*
“You Are My King”

Prayer- Our Confession and God’s Assurance

Call to Confession: Matthew 11:28-30 - Pastor Brad Smith

Prayer of Confession by the People:

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs.

Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through your name. Amen.

Song of Confession and Assurance: *“Good to Me”*

Congregational Prayer

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

Offerings of Gratitude and Love to God

Offering Our Gifts: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Luke Society

Deacon’s Prayer

Instruction from God’s Word

Reading: Matthew 9:9-13

Message: **“Mercy Served”**

Prayer

Song of Response: *“Table of Plenty”*

Leaving to Serve

Parting Prayer by the People:

May the God of love, who shared his love, strengthen us in our love for others.

May the Son who shared his life grant us grace, that we might share our life.

And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us empower us to be only and always for others. Amen.

Song: *“Micah 6:8”*

Blessing

Closing Song: *“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”*

WELCOME!

If you are a first time visitor, please complete a “Communication Card” and stop by the welcome table in the back of the sanctuary for a gift and information packet. Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following our morning worship service. No Adult Sunday School classes today due to Town Hall meeting. JJs (jr. high) and Sonlife (high school) meet at 11:00 today.

Next Sunday at SJCRC

February 24, 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service and Lent season continues with Pastor Brad Smith preaching for us. Special offering: San Jose Christian School. Adult Sunday School meets today, February 24 at 11:00 am in the Fireside Room. JJs and Sonlife will not meet at 11:00 because of the ski trip.

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.	Scott V.
C-G	Jake B.	Bruce B.
H-L	Harvey V.	Dan M.
M-P	Steve B.	Bruce G.
R-T	Jacob V.	Doug B.
U-Z	Tom B.	Gert B.

Church Officers:

Harvey V., Council President

Dan M., Deacon Chair

Jake B., Council Vice President

Fred R., Treasurer

Randy M., Council Clerk

Church News and Announcements

Opportunities for Service and Ministry

Family Shelter Breakfast: Volunteers will be needed for the next few months. Please consider serving on March 8, and April 12: please sign up on the sheet by the coffee window. Thank you to all for your faithfulness for serving in the past. This is a great ministry...we would like to see some new volunteers as well!

Stephen Ministry- all meetings at 7 pm (contact Brenda Loman):
-Peer Supervision: Wednesday, February 27 at COTC

Looking Ahead

February 22-24: All Church Ski Trip

March 9: Church family photo session begins

March 15: Bowling League

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

* **Charlie B., Irvin D., Rein G., Rich M., 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.

* **Jerry R.:** Jerry went to emergency on Tuesday and was hospitalized for a few days with fever and shortness of breath. Pray for Jerry to regain strength and for Tina as she cares for him.

* **Linda H.** (mother of Jennifer C.): Linda continues treatment for her cancer; pray that the treatment will be effective in killing the cancer and also strength for each day.

* **Pastor Don Hammond's wife, Norma,** was in the hospital for nine days with pneumonia and low blood count as she continues to battle Multiple Myeloma.

* **A. Family.** Randy and Alex left on Wednesday, February 6, to join Sandy in Maine where they will live for the next few months. Send them a note to say thanks for all their work while with our church.

* **Our Christian sympathy and love go out to Harv and Carol V.** and their family in the death of Carol's father, Clarence L., on Monday, February 4, in Southern California. Please pray for all the family as they grieve the loss of a loving father, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather.

* **Please pray for those who are searching for employment.** May doors of opportunity open up for them.

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers: Today, we celebrate the commissioning of our new Stephen Ministers - Diana B., Claudio H. and Betty P. As a joint ministry, Pastor Larry Burroughs from the Church of the Chimes is participating in the commissioning service.

Town Hall Meeting Sunday, February 17: Today, after the morning service, join us for a congregational Town Hall meeting. We will discuss our vision and how it guides our worship. Please pick up a letter from the Elders in your mail folder prior to this meeting.

2007 Giving Statements: The Deacons have completed the statements for 2007 contributions. Please pick them up from your mail folders today.

Adult Sunday School 11:00am – Class will not meet today due to Town Hall meeting: What does it mean to do justice? What does it mean to live as a follower of Christ in this hurting world? Using materials from the Christian Reformed Church in North America Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action and the Public Justice Resource Center, Gert B. continues to lead the classes that will help us together to wrestle with issues around social justice. **Come join the class!**

2008 Church Directory: The office is currently working on publishing a new church directory. Please edit and initial if no changes are necessary regarding your address in the directory sheets located in the church entry. *Today is the last Sunday to edit your address information.*

Photo Directory: Plans are being made for a new on-line photo directory for our Church. We will start taking photos after the morning service on March 9. Please look for future announcements for more information.

All-Church Ski Trip: Join us on a ski trip to the Sierras February 22-24. We welcome everyone: youth, families, singles and couples. We'll get up to the mountains and hang out Friday night, ski Saturday, relax together Saturday night, and return Sunday. Reservations are required and assistance is available. Payment to the D.s is due today. Please contact John D.

Church News and Announcements, continued

Singers needed for Sunday morning worship team! If you have ever considered joining our Sunday morning worship team, now is the time. We need singers every Sunday morning, and we are happy to schedule you on the Sundays that work best for you. We practice on Thursday evening (beginning at 7:30pm) for the next Sunday's worship service. We are in the process of interviewing and choosing a new worship leader, so this is an exciting time to join us! Please contact Grace M.

Elder and Deacon candidates: Congregation, please prayerfully consider names of candidates for Elder and Deacon positions for the next term. Names may be submitted to current Elders and Deacons.

Palm Sunday branches needed! Do you have a palm plant or another plant with branches suitable for our children to use during a processional on Palm Sunday morning? The Worship Team would like to have the children waving palm branches as they enter the sanctuary while we have opening praise time on Sunday, March 16. Please contact Grace M. if you have anything that might work for this purpose. Thank you!

Love food? Enjoy fellowship? Enjoy entertaining? Join the SJCRC Hospitality Committee as they plan events for 2008! Contact Estella B. by email or by calling the church office.

Church Bulletin Announcements: Please submit all announcements and information for Sundays bulletin by Thursday evening to Estella B. by email or by telephoning into the church office.

Interested in joining our prayer chain? It's easy to join our Google Prayer List: Email Mavis M. If you do not have internet access, please have a contact person who does to stay informed.

Missed a Service? If you would like a CD of today's service (or any you may have missed), please give your name to the sound booth attendants and it will be provided to you next week. Just come back to the sound booth to find it, labeled with your name. Also, remember that MP3s of recent worship services are also available on the home page of the church website: www.sjcrc.org.

Denominational News

CRWRC: A fit of tornados swept through parts of the Southern U.S. on February 5, leaving more than 500 families without homes. CRWRC-Disaster Response Services is there, helping survivors clear debris, and providing grants for local churches caring for the displaced with shelter, food and water, and clothes. Long-term relief will also be needed— please give generously to this relief effort, marking donations “February ‘08 tornados” and sending them to CRWRC, 2850 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, MI 49560; www.crwrc.org; or 800-55-CRWRC.

I AM: Each of us has things about our life or character that we wish no one knew about. We would like to hide them in some dark corner where no one will see them. The February 24 Back to God Hour program encourages us to seek Jesus, who says, “I am the Light of the World”, and to dwell in His light. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

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FROM CROSSROAD CONNECTION Week of February 17: Islam among Prisoners

More conversions to Islam occur in prison than anywhere else in America. How can Christians ministering in American prisons respond? Join us this week on *Crossroad Connection* when Rev. David Feddes will explain how the love of Christ can turn the hearts of those lost in darkness. Go to www.cbi.fm on the web to listen to *Crossroad Connection* – a ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

Small Group News

New for 2008! These individuals have been trained to lead small groups for study and fellowship in our church community. Please read the topics below and decide which group is of interest of you. Please sign up by contacting the group leaders directly.

Brenda & John D.

We would like to encourage the young couples or young adults of our church to join our small group which will be going through the Disciple series. Ideally, we would like to meet bi-weekly at our place in Campbell on Sunday evenings. Time and location can be flexible. This would be a great opportunity to grow in the Word as a community of believers and for food and fellowship.

Rich & Fern M.

Join us for an afternoon group meeting, Sunday or a weekday, of study, prayer, fellowship, and care. We are open to any and every age interested. Most likely we will be meeting 2 times a month. We will embark on the Discipleship material.

Mark & Natalie L.

We are so excited about small groups. Our group is in Morgan Hill. We will host this small group weekly/bi-weekly depending on the groups' desires. Our plan is to go through the Discipleship material that will be mentioned in the service.

Where: L.'s place

When: Weekly/Bi-weekly depending on groups' desire.

Day of the week: Most likely Sunday afternoon/evening...flexible as well.

Who: Anyone.....kids, no kids, young, experienced, member, non-member, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, San Jose, etc! We're looking forward to caring, sharing, growing and learning together!

Brad & Karen S.

Jump in to study, community, and care through our small group for those in the 20's – 40's age group. We welcome you to join us to study the Disciples material, share meals together, and care for each other and our community.

Wendell & Patti K.

We are opening our home to a small group on Sundays. We would like you to join us for a time of faith, fun, and fellowship. The group is open to all ages.

Financial Peace – Jeremy D.

Do you worry about money? Do you wonder how to budget, how much you should spend and save? This is a class designed by Dave Ramsey, author of New York Times best-sellers *The Total Money Makeover* and *Financial Peace*. Come and grow as a group, as we learn how to take care of our finances in a God-honoring way. Please reference insert in today's bulletin.

Book Club – Mavis M.

"Books That Changed My Life and My Thinking." We'll most likely meet on a Saturday evening beginning at 7. The plan is to read books that have both challenged our beliefs and strengthened them. We'll be reading both Christian and non-Christian authors that both strengthen us and challenge us to grow.

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Helping This Sunday, February 17

Greeters: Josef & Cecilia C.

Ushers: Mark M.

Hospitality: Doug & Betty P.

Audio/Visual: Mavis M., Tony G.

Coffee: Harv & Carol V., Cornell & Harriet V., Gert B.

Nursery: Jackie D., Ciki C.

Kids' Life: Rose S., Sue S., Alexis S. (Bruce – aide)

Helping Next Sunday, February 24

Greeters: Alice K., Willie K.

Ushers: Harv & Carol V.

Hospitality: Jacob V.

Audio/Visual: Sean S., Steve M.

Coffee: Steve & Alexis S., Allan & Judy V., Henry B.

Nursery: Kathy F., Dale B.

Kids' Life: Natalie L., Harriet V., Betty P. (Paula – aide)

Schedule of Events: February 17 – 24, 2008

Today:

9:30 am - Worship Service followed by coffee

11:00 am - Town Hall meeting in Social Hall

11:00 am - No Adult Sunday School class today due to Town Hall meeting.
JJs and Sonlife meet

Wednesday:

10:00 am - No Coffee Break Women's Bible Study class today

7:00 pm - GEMS & Cadets

Thursday:

7:30 pm - Praise Team

Friday: All-Church Ski Trip February 22 – 24

Saturday:

5:30 pm - Bowling League

Next Sunday:

9:30 am - Worship Service & Fourth Sunday of Lent

11:00 am - Adult Sunday School meets in Fireside Room
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