

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, October 14, 2007- 9:30 AM

Morning Worship and Celebration

Coming Together to Praise our Faithful God

Prelude: Please enjoy this time of preparation for worship.

Welcome / Greetings / Announcements: Elder Steve B.

We Greet One Another

Call to Worship: Psalm 95.1-7

Time of Praise: “We Bow Down”

1 Peter 2.4-6, 9

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Offering our Faith and Commitment to God

Congregational Prayer

Song of Response: “Sanctuary”

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

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Ministry Shares

Deacon’s Prayer

Opening Ourselves to the Word of God

Scripture Reading: John 17:20-26

Message: “For the World: Community Speak”

Prayer

Song of Response: “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Sent to Proclaim God’s Salvation

God’s Blessing

Closing Hymn: “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

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.

All are welcome to Adult Sunday School at 11:00 AM-

“To Worship More Deeply”.

Classes for all ages through high school also meet at 11:00.

Next Sunday Morning at SJCRC

October 21, 9:30 AM: Morning Worship and Service. Missionary Pastor James Lee will be preaching for us. Special Offering: Ministry Shares. Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the morning service. At 11:00 AM: Adult Sunday School- “To Worship More Deeply”. Classes for all ages through high school also meet at 11:00.

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

Looking Ahead

October 19 and 20 (Fri. 7:00pm to Sat. 8:30am): GEMS Sleep Over at church
Please contact Grace to RSVP and for a permission form.

October 19 and 20 (Fri. and Sat.) 7:30pm: Musicpalooza goes “Back to the Movies”- an evening of music and fun! Proceeds to benefit our church’s A/V systems.

October 20 (Sat.) 11:00am-2:00pm: Baby Shower for Karen S.

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 V.,** Carol V.'s brother-in law: Jerry had a P.E.T. Scan recently and the results were not as hopeful as they had wished for. The oncology doctor decided not to do any further treatments for a while, as Jerry feels better than he has in a long time. He has an appointment for early November, at which time the difficult topic of future treatments will be addressed. Jerry says "We can see it's in His hands, and He will do what is according to His plan. Faith, Trust, Prayer, that knowledge, although extremely difficult at times, is all we need." Please continue to pray for Jerry, Glenda and their family.

* **John V.** is recovering from his two major surgeries and a minor heart attack at the Residential Care Home located at 5392 Elrose Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124. He has made good progress and is continuing with therapy. He hopes to go home soon. Please continue to pray for John and Hannie, and while visits will be more difficult for John, cards are always welcome.

* **Pastor Don Hammond's wife, Norma,** has begun a three month chemo treatment plan for Multiple-Myeloma. Then the doctors will evaluate her condition as to further treatment. Please pray for both Pastor Don and Norma as they go through this very uncertain time. 5472 Laura Dr., San Jose, 95124

* **Linda H.** (mother of Jennifer C.): Please pray for Linda and her family as she continues to battle the cancer in her body; pray that the CAT scan scheduled on October 6 will have good results and it will help the doctors to make decisions in the course of treatment.

From the Deacons: September Offerings

CMF (Church Ministry Fund) \$24,361.89 (budgeted \$27,083.00)

Special Offerings, September:

Faith Promise Offering: \$525.00

Ministry Shares Offering: \$430.00

CARE Fund: \$1,016.00

San Jose Family Shelter (breakfast supplies): \$2,075.25

CRWRC: \$1,238.83

Opportunities for Service and Ministry

Pray for GEMS and Cadets: This morning you will have an opportunity to "adopt" a child involved in GEMS or Cadets by committing to pray regularly for them. Please sign up and select a magnet at the table in the Fellowship Hall today after our morning worship service. All the details will be provided for you there. Thank you for supporting our Wednesday evening ministry for boys and girls!

Are You Willing to Lead a Small Group? We are beginning the process of organizing small groups in our congregation for the purpose of studying God's word together and building community. Pastor Brad is looking for individuals who are willing to help with this by leading a group or by opening up their homes. If you are interested in serving our church in this way you will receive several training sessions. Please prayerfully consider how you can help, and contact Pastor Brad if you are interested or would like more information: office phone- 408-448-1745 or email- brad@sjrc.org.

Family Shelter Breakfast: Please note our need for volunteers in the months ahead. Thank you to your faithfulness for serving in the past. This is a great ministry.....we would like to see some new volunteers as well!

November 10: needs 2 volunteers

December 8: needs 3 volunteers

Volunteer Schedules: The schedules for September and October are in your mail files in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy today.

Please prayerfully consider an invitation to service and ministry in our area public schools. *Kids Club* brings the good news of Jesus into our public schools in San Jose. We are challenged especially to consider partnering with others at Lietz Elementary School on Carter Avenue. Please speak with Pastor Brad if you are interested or for more information.

Stephen's Ministry (contact Brenda L.):

- Training Classes: Monday, October 22: Dealing With Depression:
The Stephen Minister's Role

-Peer Supervision: Wednesday, October 24 at Church of the Chimes

CRC Denominational News

RUNNING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD: Do you ever fear that you are too weak for the task to which you have been called? No matter what natural abilities you have, no matter what training you receive, you fear that your strength alone is not enough. And what does a little shepherd boy named David have to say about all this? Find out on the Oct. 21 Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times. The Back to God Hour is the radio ministry of the Christian Reformed Church.

PRAYER AND ACTION: Liz is investigating answered prayers. Check out the power of prayer on this week's Kids Corner at www.kids-corner.org and also enjoy stories, devotions, puzzles and more. Then write to Kids Corner at Box 506, Worth IL 60482 for your very own Bible study and to join the Kids Corner Bible Club.

Church News and Announcements

Adult Sunday School continues today: "To Worship More Deeply": This fall the adult education program is exploring the topic of worship. We will learn how to participate in worship in a way that is full, deep, and satisfying. *Please join us TODAY at 11:00 am in the Fireside Room.* All are invited and encouraged to attend. Betsy M. is leading the sessions.

Childcare available during Adult Sunday School: Bring your child, age three through elementary school to the tri-rooms for Sunday School. Sandy Ammerman welcomes your child during this time- then go and enjoy "To Worship More Deeply".

Musicpalooza III Comes to SJCRC: The MP Players will present "Back to the Movies" this Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, here at SJCRC starting at 7:30pm. Tickets prices are \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for children 11 and under. Tickets are available at the door. It's an evening filled with great music, wonderful memories and an event the whole family will enjoy. Besides it's for a great cause... All proceeds will benefit our church's A/V systems! Several members of our church are involved so bring the family and support this wonderful ministry. You won't regret it!

The GEMS Sleep Over begins at 7:00pm on Friday and ends at 8:30am on Saturday, October 19 and 20. All girls in grades 1 through 6 are welcome. All the information you need is on the flyer in the entryway to the Fellowship Hall.

The Baby Shower for Karen S. is this Saturday, October 20, 11:00am – 2:00pm (please note the time). Ladies: please carpool- parking is limited! Contact Paula Gallay for more information.

To all Team and Group Chairpersons and Leaders: Please make sure that all doors and windows are securely closed and locked upon leaving the church after your meetings. It is important that each of us be mindful of keeping all of our church campus buildings secure.

Interested in joining our prayer chain? It's easy to join our Google Prayer List: please contact Mavis M.

Church Bulletin: Please have any bulletin announcements for next Sunday's bulletin into the office this week by Thursday evening, at the latest. If you wish to email your announcements, please send them to Grace M.

If you miss a Sunday worship service or want to listen to the service again, CDs of our morning worship services are now available from the sound booth and podcasts are available on our church website. Current and archived bulletins are also online at www.sjcrc.org.

The September/October 2007 "Today" devotionals, the October Prayer Guides and the September/October/November "Our Daily Bread" devotionals are available in the information racks. Please pick up your copies.



Stories for our Advent Worship

The Advent season begins this year on December 2nd. The Worship & Arts team is planning the services to include stories around four different themes for the four Sundays of Advent. Listening to each other's faith stories is an important aspect of faith formation. As Tom Long wrote in his book *Testimony*, "In church we are given words and ways of living that we would never dream of otherwise, not just church words..., but words and ways of living that shape our pilgrimage everyday and in every place."

Would you be willing to share your personal story? We'd like to have one person each Sunday tell their story about the theme that week. AND, we'd like to create a little booklet with all the stories that people contribute.

The themes are below. To contribute a story, please give or tell it to Mavis Moon via phone, email or in person. We hope this will be a very meaningful Advent season and, if we get enough stories to make a booklet, it will be a wonderful legacy we can enjoy and share.

Hope – Tell us about a time when you faced a particularly difficult time but through God's grace were able to have hope.

Joy – Tell us about the joy of knowing that you belong to God. This may be a conversion story, or of a particular time when you claimed faith as truly your own.

Love – Tell us about a time of experiencing the love of God through the ministry of other people.

Peace – Tell us about your desire for peace. Is there some place in the world, the city or in life for which you especially long for peace?



San Jose Christian Reformed Church
5150 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124
Pastor Brad Smith: 408-448-1745
Business Office: 408-266-4412
Web: www.sjcrc.org

Helping This Sunday, October 14

Greeters: Steve and Sally B.

Ushers: Anthony V. and Tina V.

Hospitality: Steve and Sally B.

Audio/Visual: Mavis M. and Bruce G.

Coffee: Cornell and Harriet V., Steve and Alexis S., Jackie R.

Nursery: Ann M., Marilie C., Zach M.

Kids' Life: Tiffany B., Harriet V., and Judy V.

Helping Next Sunday, October 21

Greeters: Josef and Cecilia C. and family

Ushers: Case and Leigh Ann V.

Hospitality: Tom and Diana B.

Audio/Visual: Mike K. and Scott F.

Coffee: Russ and Sue S., Harvey and Carol V., Tina V.

Nursery: Mavis M., Trevor P., Abram C.

Kids' Life: Natalie L., Sue S., and Betty P. (Paula G.- aide)

Schedule of Events: October 14 – 21, 2007

This Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship Service

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School: “To Worship More Deeply”
and classes for all ages through high school

Wednesday:

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

6:30 pm – Worship and Arts Ministry Team Meeting

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

Friday:

7:00 pm – GEMS Sleep Over begins

7:30 pm – Musicpalooza Goes “Back to the Movies”

Saturday:

8:00 am – Men’s Life Bible Study

8:30 am – GEMS Sleep Over ends

11:00 am – Baby Shower for Karen Smith

7:30 pm – Musicpalooza Goes “Back to the Movies”

Next Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship Service

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School: “To Worship More Deeply”
and classes for all ages through high school

In Building “C”: Overeaters Anonymous meets Mon., Tues. and Thurs.
evenings and Sat. mornings. Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tues. evenings.