

# 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, November 4, 2007: World Hunger Sunday Morning Worship and Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

### **PRaise AND PRAYER**

Prelude: Our Time of Preparation for Worship

Welcome / Greetings / Announcements: Elder Jacob V.

We Greet One Another

Call to Worship- Deuteronomy 8:3: Pastor Brad Smith

Songs of Praise:                   *“To God Be the Glory”*  
  *“O God, Your Justice Towers” vs. 1, 2*

World Hunger Litany:

**Leader:** What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

**People:** God, open our ears, our hearts and our minds to your call.

**Leader:** In a world of injustice, violence and pain,  
forgive us for turning away from the suffering of your people.

**People:** God, open our ears, our eyes and our hearts  
to the needs around us.

**Leader:** Teach us to walk more closely with you.  
Empower us to walk hand-in-hand with those in need so that,  
together, we may reflect your good intentions for the world.

**People:** God, use our hands and our hearts to serve others.

**Leader:** Challenge us on life’s journey to do justice,  
love kindness and to walk humbly with you, O God. Amen.

*“O God, Your Justice Towers” vs. 3, 4*

Prayer for a Hungry World: Pastor Brad Smith

Lord’s Prayer: Congregation

CRWRC Slide Presentation: Offering our gifts of the Peter Fish

*“Gather Us In” vs. 1, 2*

*“O Worship the King”*

### **OUR GIVING**

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Faith Promise

Deacon’s Prayer

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

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture: Luke 10.25-37

Message: *“Who Is My Neighbor?”*

Prayer

Song of Response:                   *“Gather Us In” vs. 3, 4*

(Children ages 3 through grade 6 return from “Kid’s Life”)

### **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

All sing during The Lord’s Supper: *“Sing Alleluia to the Lord”*

*“There Is a Redeemer”*

Prayer

Blessing

Doxology:                               *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

### ***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.*

*Join us for our Congregational Town Hall Meeting  
following coffee and refreshments.*

*Classes for preschool through high school meet at 11:00.*

### **Next Sunday Morning at SJCRC**

**November 11, 9:30 AM:** Morning Worship and Day of Prayer for the  
Persecuted Church. Pastor Brad Smith will be preaching for us. Special  
Offerings: 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.

### **Looking Ahead**

**Thursday, November 15:** Mt. Hermon Christmas Hymn Sing: 10am

**Sunday, November 18:** Beautiful Day: Day of Community Service- 9am – 2pm

**Sunday, November 18:** Combined Worship with Communities of Hope: 6pm

**Thursday, November 22:** Thanksgiving Worship Service at 10am

**Wednesday, December 12:** Dinner with the families of GEMS and Cadets-

All SJCRC church members are invited!

## 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	

### From Pastor Brad and Karen...

Brothers and Sisters,

We wanted to say a big "THANK YOU" for your welcoming us in to this community! Karen and I have been greatly blessed by your generosity to us. Ever since you knew of our pregnancy, many have given us very gracious gifts to fill our nursery, and then the shower you threw for Karen and our nursery is overflowing!

I also wanted to thank you for the gift card on "Pastor Appreciation Sunday." I had no idea, but what a pleasant surprise.

We look forward to growing with you as we are all built up till we attain the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

God's Peace,

Brad and Karen

### Employment Opportunity

**Pastoral Support Position:** The pastoral and administrative support position will provide administrative and clerical support to relieve staff of administrative details. Examples of support may include coordinating messages, appointments, information to callers, file maintenance, office supplies, and mail; researches, compiles, and proofs word processing assignments; operates automated office equipment; may be assigned to various functional areas of the church organization.

The position is expected to require approximately 15 – 20 hours per week and have a salary in the range of \$15,000 - \$20,000 per year. For more information, please contact Al K., the chair of the Pastoral and Staffing Task Force.

## 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 and Johanna V.:** Johanna was recently admitted to the hospital. John is still recovering in the Residential Care Home. Please pray for John and Hannie's healing and comfort as they are away from each other during their illness.

\* **Pastor Don Hammond's wife, Norma,** is on 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.): The results from the October 6 CAT scan were not good. Soon they should know what chemo/radiation treatment they will schedule. Please pray for Linda and her family as they go through this most difficult and trying time.

### Denominational News

**WORLD MISSIONS:** Christian Reformed World Missions is seeking a Christian School Consultant to serve in Latin America. For a list of requirements and a detailed job description for this and other CRWM openings, visit [www.crwm.org](http://www.crwm.org).

**PRAYER REQUEST:** In the past Albania was deeply rooted in communism and religious oppression, but a new generation of listeners is asking questions about faith and Christianity. Every day at 3 p.m., Radio 7 broadcasts The Back to God Hour Spotlight program to help answer some of these questions. Pray that God will use Spotlight to draw many people into relationship with him.

**GRIP OF GRACE:** Do you choose God or does he choose you? Is it possible for the answer to be all of the above? And if God chooses you, why is the Christian life so hard? How does the answer to that question affect faith, obedience, and even evangelism? What does the Apostle Paul teach about this? Find out on the Nov. 11 Back to God Hour. Go to [www.BacktoGod.net](http://www.BacktoGod.net) for local stations and times.

**SUPERSTITION:** Has anyone ever said, "Good luck" to you? Liz wants to discover if there is such a thing as being lucky. Help him figure it out on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at [www.kids-corner.org](http://www.kids-corner.org) for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

## Church News and Announcements

**Congregational Town Hall Meeting after the morning worship service TODAY, November 4.** Please attend and join in important discussions about our vision and facility needs.

**Adult Sunday School "To Worship More Deeply" takes a break today:** Please join us again next Sunday, Nov. 11, at 11:00 am in the Fireside Room. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Childcare is available during the Town Hall Meeting today and during Adult Sunday School each Sunday:** Bring your child, age three through elementary school to the tri-rooms for FUNday School. Sandy A. welcomes your child during this time.

**The Finance Team** will meet at 6:00 (not 7:00) on Thursday, November 8.

**Creeds, Confessions and Kids!** Any questions regarding what we teach our children in our Sunday morning classes here at SJCRC? Please pick up a paper entitled "Creeds, Confessions and Kids!" from the table in the entryway to the Fellowship Hall. Our own local church's website and several brochures and flyers that are circulated regularly also explain our teaching and provide links for more information. Please talk to Grace M. if you would like to view any of the classroom materials. And thank you again for your prayers and support of our ministries to children here at San Jose CRC!

**Mt. Hermon Christmas Hymn Sing:** Anyone interested in attending the annual Christmas Hymn Sing at Mt. Hermon on November 15, please contact Agnes: 266-4412. Time is 10am with buffet lunch at noon, tickets: \$12.00.

**Please note!** Plan now to attend our worship service on *Thanksgiving morning, November 22 at 10:00 am.*

**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: Email 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.sjrc.org](http://www.sjrc.org).

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

## Opportunities for Service and Ministry

**Sunday, November 18 is going to be a Beautiful Day!** Please plan to come to church at 9:00 am ready to serve the Lord outside of our own church walls. Various service projects are listed on the handouts in the entryway to the church: please pick one up and choose an area of service to get involved in. This is a joint project with Communities of Hope, and we plan to worship with them as well at 6:00 pm.

**Volunteers needed on November 18 (Beautiful Day) to care for infants and toddlers.** Families with older children are encouraged to involve them in the service project you have chosen as a family. Please sign up this Sunday if you can help us care for the babies and toddlers (to age 4) during sign up time. Thank you!

**The City Team Food Barrels** are here and will be here until November 20 for your Thanksgiving donations of non perishable food. After Thanksgiving they will be available again until Christmas for your non perishable food and new, unwrapped Christmas gifts. Thank you for your support of our neighbors!

**Hospitality Staff needed for GEMS and Cadets:** We need a few adults to be part of our Hospitality Staff on Wednesday evenings when our GEMS and Cadets meet here at church. Your duties will be to arrive at 6:45 and supervise outdoor play until 7:10, bring or arrange for someone else to bring a light snack and drinks for 40, set up the snacks for the kids and leaders, and then to supervise outside play again from 8:20 until 8:40. There are 12 meetings remaining in this season, so if we get four volunteers you will only have to serve three times. Please help us!

**Pray for GEMS and Cadets:** Thanks to all for taking a GEMS or Cadets magnet and for praying for our Wednesday evening clubs. We still have just a few magnets left- please contact Grace M. if you would like to be one of our prayer partners and supporters. 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: Pastor Brad's cellphone- 408.410.2581 or email- [brad@sjrc.org](mailto: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 1 volunteer. December 8: needs 4 volunteers

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

**Stephen's Ministry** (contact Brenda L.):

- Training Classes:

Monday, Nov. 5: Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need

Monday, Nov. 19: Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close

-Peer Supervision: Wednesdays, November 14 and 28 at Church of the Chimes



## *Stories for our Advent Worship*

The Advent season begins this year on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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?



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### *Helping This Sunday, November 4*

**Greeters:** Joseph and Cecilia C.

**Ushers:** Harvey and Carol V.

**Hospitality:** Randy and Mavis M.

**Audio/Visual:** Randy A. and Steve M.

**Coffee:** Randy and Sandy A., Doug and Tiffany B., Sherrie S.

**Nursery:** Robin B., Jackie D., Briana L.

**Kids' Life:** Tiffany B., Sue S., and Judy V. (Diana B.- aide)

### *Helping Next Sunday, November 11*

**Greeters:** Eugene and Cathy G.

**Ushers:** Anthony V., Tina V.

**Hospitality:** Doug and Betty P.

**Audio/Visual:** Sean S. and Mavis

**Coffee:** Bruce and Robin B., Steve and Sally B., Deb and Jim U.

**Nursery:** Cecilia C., Lisa V., Rochelle S.

**Kids' Life:** Patty K. and Paula G.

### *Schedule of Events: November 4– November 11, 2007*

#### *This Sunday:*

9:30 am – World Hunger Sunday- Worship and Communion Service

11:00 am – Congregational Town Hall Meeting  
and classes for preschool through high school

#### *Monday:*

7:00 pm – Stephen's Ministry Training Class:  
Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need

#### *Tuesday:*

7:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting

#### *Wednesday:*

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

6:30 pm – Worship and Arts Ministry Team Meeting

#### *Thursday:*

6:00 pm – Finance Team Meeting

7:30 pm – Praise Team

#### *Saturday:*

6:30 am – Family Shelter Breakfast

#### *Next Sunday:*

9:30 am – Worship Service: Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

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.*