

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.

Pastor Al Helder will be preaching for us today,

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors!

Old Year’s / New Year’s Worship and Communion Service

December 31, 2006

Ending Our Year With Praise

Prelude: Our time to prepare for worship.

Bagpipes: Andy M- *“There Is a Redeemer”*

Welcome / Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Greetings

Praise to God: *“Good to Me”*

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Letting Go and Pressing On

A litany of self-awareness for a new year- a personal journey:

Pastor: We end our year needing to deal with the past and then let it go.

God calls us today to press on to his goal of health, wholeness and abundant life.

**PEOPLE: We reflect on our guilt – our failures to be God’s people,
due to sins that break God’s law,
due to broken commitments that cause pain,
due to broken covenant that breaks God’s heart.**

Reader: John 3:14-18

Pastor: Letting go means dealing with feelings that prevent our joy and intimacy with God.

**PEOPLE: We let go of our fear, anxiety, and worry –
seeking new strength to trust the love of our God.**

Reader: Philippians 4:4-7

Pastor: We are people who hide our angry thoughts, bury our resentments, and defend our right to be hateful. It can unexpectedly explode out of us and keep us from joy and health.

**PEOPLE: We let go of anger, resentment and cherished hatreds
by offering them to the Lord.
Jesus said, “Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden
and I will give you rest.”**

Reader: James 1:19-20

Pastor: It is all too easy for us to think, speak, and respond to what is negative, expecting the worst in ourselves, others and our situation.

Letting go and pressing on toward God’s goal means to change our thinking.

PEOPLE: We hear the word of God entering a new year: (Phil. 4:8)

**“Finally friends, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if
anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”**

Reader: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Pastor: We need to let go of self-hatred, feelings of inadequacy and the emptiness inside that may speak of the failures that get rehearsed over and over in our minds or grief that drains our energy.

**PEOPLE: We forget who we are, and cover the pain of our emptiness with
addictions, cover-ups, denial, or masks that destroy health and
relationships.**

Reader: 1 John 3:1-3

Pastor We offer ourselves now, as we let go and press on in the power of the Holy Spirit within us. God calls us to the freedom of beginning again in his power and love.

PEOPLE: Song: *“In His Time”*

Congregational Prayer:

Sharing thanksgiving for the gifts of a year past: Congregation

Intercession of our church and each other: Laura Mae Douglass

Children leave us for “Kid’s Life”

Deacon’s Prayer and Offering of Gratitude and Commitment: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Calvary Rehab Center

God’s Word For a New Year

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:1-14

Message: **“God’s Love to Us.... God’s Love through Us”**

(“Forgetting what is behind, and straining toward what is ahead”)

Song Response: *“Faith Begins by Letting Go”*

Beginning With Christ: Our Foundation

Institution: 1 Corinthians 11:23-36

Invitation

Prayer

Memorial in Unison

Song: *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

Communion: You are asked to make a statement of your commitment to Christ for the new year by coming forward to receive and partake of the sacrament. (If you are not able to come forward an elder will serve you in your pew.) Please come forward in the center aisle, receive the sacrament and move to the side to partake. Please return to your seat by the side aisle to avoid confusion.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Response to God as a Community: *“Bind Us Together”*

Blessing and Closing Song: *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

***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. Please join us for “Coffee Time” at 10:40
followed by the children’s Christmas drama and
a farewell celebration for Pastor Al Helder and Sandy.***

Next Sunday at SJCRC...

January 7, 9:30 am: Worship Service: Pastor Don Hammond will be preaching; Special Offering: Faith Promise. Please join us for "Coffee Time" after the morning service. Classes for children and youth at 11:00 am.

Church News and Events

Today we say farewell to Pastor Al Helder and his wife, Sandy. Pastor Al has served as our interim Pastor over the past year. Thank you, Al, for your service and leadership during this time. The cake today is in honor of Pastor Al and Sandy. Please join us in the fellowship hall to express your gratitude and appreciation.

After the morning worship service get your coffee and refreshments and join us in the fellowship hall to enjoy the children's presentation of "Come Worship the Light". Immediately after the program we will bid farewell to Pastor Al.

Thank you to all who participated in our recent Advent and Christmas Services. Your willingness to serve made our special services a wonderful time of worship and celebration! Our Worship Team will continue their work to help make our services joyous and meaningful.

Volunteers needed for the Family Shelter Breakfast on January 13: We still have two spots open for that date. Please sign up on the sheet near the coffee window in the fellowship hall. Thank you to all who are so willing to serve and keep this ministry active.

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

The New January/February Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedules are in your mail folders in the fellowship hall. Please pick up your copy today! Many thanks to Fern M. for reminding us of our duties each week!

Church Bulletin: Miss a service? Current and archived bulletins are online at www.sjcr.org. Please have any bulletin announcements for this coming Sunday into the office **this week by Thursday evening** at the latest.

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Preaching Schedule for January, 2007:

- January 7: Don Hammond
- January 14: David Vander Meulen
- January 21: Gil Suh
- January 28: Timothy Blackmon

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

- * **Jeff B.:** We are thankful with Jeff, Estella and Brendan that they are now able to worship with us again. Please pray that the radiation and chemo treatments will continue to be effective in destroying the cancer. Remember the B. Family in you prayers.
- * **Charlie B., Irvin D., Bill G., 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.
- * **Linda H.** (mother of Jennifer C.): Linda continues with her chemo treatments. Please pray that they will be effective. Jennifer thanks the congregation for your prayers and support!
- * **Pastor Don Hammond's wife, Norma:** Please pray for Norma who is recovering from her surgical procedure to repair three disks on her spine. She continues with her chemotherapy treatment.

Pray for our church while we are without a Pastor. 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 teams as they seek God's direction for our church
- God's leading as the Pastoral Search Team continues the process of searching for a new Pastor for our church.

Elder-Deacon Care Groupings

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

Last Name Beginning	Elder	Deacon
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		Steve M.
T-Z	Randy M.	Gert B.

Council Officers: Bryan P., Council President
Harvey V., Vice President
Randy M., Clerk

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Helping This Sunday, December 31

Greeters: Russ and Sue S.

Ushers: Case and Leigh Ann V.

Hospitality: Doug and Betty P.

Audio/Visual: Sean S. and Mavis M.

Coffee: Mike and Tonya M., Randy and Mavis M.

Nursery: Willie K., Laura L., Briana L.

Kids' Life: Alexis S.

Helping Next Sunday, January 7

Greeters: Allan and Judy V.

Ushers: Bud and Agnes L.

Hospitality: Bryan and Mary Ann P.

Audio/Visual: Wendell K. and Scott F.

Coffee: Carl and Lucille H., Ken and Cheryl M., Norm B.

Nursery: Kelly B., Jamie O., Trevor P.

Kids' Life: Tiffany B., Sue S., Alexis S.

Schedule of Events: December 31 – January 7, 2006

This Sunday:

9:30 am – New Year's Eve: Worship and Communion Service

10:40 am – Coffee and Refreshments

with a Christmas drama by the children and
farewell celebration for Pastor Al and Sandy
No 11:00 am classes.

Monday: *Happy New Year!*

Tuesday:

6:30 pm – Executive Board Meeting

7:30 pm – Elders and Deacons Meeting

Wednesday:

6:30 pm – Worship and Arts Ministry Team Meeting

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

Saturday:

8:00 am – Men's Life Bible Study

5:30 pm – Bowling at Moonlite Lanes

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10:40 am – Coffee and Refreshments

11:00 am – Classes for Children and Youth

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