

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 Gil Suh is preaching for us this morning.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors!

Sunday, January 27, 2008 – 9:30 AM
Morning Worship and Celebration

Gathering

Prelude: Please enjoy this time of preparation for worship.

Welcome / Greetings / Announcements: Elder Tom B.

We Greet One Another

Praising

Call to Worship: Pastor Gil Suh

Time of Praise: *“How Great Your Name”*

Leader: Lord God, we have come to worship you
as sinners in need of your forgiveness.

**People: We come tired from our work,
in need of refreshment and re-creation.**

Leader: We come with worries,
in need of your guidance.

**People: But first, please lift us
out of our preoccupation
with our own needs.**

Leader: Allow us to see you with the eyes of faith,
and to hear with the ears of understanding
what you say to us.

**People: Make us thankful for all the good
we have received from you.**

Leader: Awaken in us a longing to do what is right.

**People: And make us aware of the great company,
past, present, and to come,
with whom we join to worship you. Amen.**

“What the Lord Has Done in Me”

“My Life Is in You”

Sharing

Congregational Prayer: Elder Tom B.

Song: *“Spirit of the Living God”*

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

Information about Small Groups

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Bethany Christian Services

Deacon’s Prayer

Proclaiming

Text: Jeremiah 9:23-24

Message: **“Boasting in the Lord”**

Prayer

Song of Response: *“How Great Thou Art”*

Sending

God’s Blessing

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

Postlude

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.
JJs (jr. high) and Sonlife (high school) meet at 11:00 today.*

Next Sunday at SJCRC

February 3, 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service and Communion. Pastor
Brad Smith will be preaching for us. Special offering: Faith Promise. Adult
Sunday School will resume on February 3, at 11:00AM in the Fireside Room.
JJs and Sonlife 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.

Last Name Beginning	Elder	Deacon
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

Jake B., Council Vice President

Randy M., Council Clerk

Dan M., Deacon Chair

Fred R., Treasurer

Opportunities for Service and Ministry

Family Shelter Breakfast: Volunteers will be needed for the next few months.
Please consider serving on February 9 (we need 2 more volunteers: please
help!), 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's Ministry- all meetings at 7 pm (contact Brenda L.):

-Peer Supervision: Wednesdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 13 and 27

Looking Ahead

February 1-2 (Fri. 7 pm- Sat. 9 am): Cadet Sleepover at church

February 6 (7:30 PM): Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Communities of Hope

February 22-24: All Church Ski Trip

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

* **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.

* **Alice K.** has recovered from the virus she had for several weeks. Now she is experiencing some back problems. Please pray that the treatments will be effective and she will recover fully.

* **Rich and Fern M.:** Please continue to pray for Rich and Fern with their ongoing health problems.

* **Anthony Van D.:** Please pray that all biopsy test results will come back good and for the right treatment to correct the esophagus disorder. Anthony appreciates the prayers of our church family.

* **Jerry R.** went to the emergency room recently with a severe nose bleed and **Tina** is suffering from swollen tonsils. Please pray for both of them.

* **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,** continues to battle Multiple Myeloma. They appreciate your ongoing prayers and concerns. 5462 Laura Dr., San Jose, 95124

* **Sandy A.** is now in Maine for the next several months where her family lives. Please pray for Sandy in this adjustment and also for Randy and Alex while they stay in San Jose to complete work and school in preparation for their move. Sandy's address is: 14 Highland Ct. #A, Bangor, ME 04401. Please let her know we miss her and thank her for all the work she did while at our church. She was a faithful servant in teaching the Children's Sunday School class during the 11:00 am hour and a Stephen's Minister.

* **From the V.'s:** We truly appreciate the prayer support, cards and caring conversations during the past few months from our congregation as our family has gone through the illness and passing of our brother, Jerry Vander Kam. We have been strengthened and comforted by the outpouring of love and concern and know that you represent the caring hand of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Praise God for his goodness!

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

* **Please pray** for all of our church family and for our church as we go into the new year. May God's blessings be very real to each one of us.

Church News and Announcements

Please plan to attend the Ash Wednesday Worship Service on February 6. We are planning a joint worship service with Communities of Hope at 7:30 PM.

Adult Sunday School: What does it mean to do justice? What does it mean to live as a follower of Christ in this hurting world? These and other critical questions will be the focus of our next Adult Fellowship sessions, which *begin next Sunday, February 3rd*, during the Sunday School hour. 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. will lead the classes that will help us together to wrestle with issues around social justice. All members are invited and urged to attend.

Faith Stories from the San Jose CRC Advent Series: The stories of faith that our members shared during Advent are now available as a booklet. You may pick them up from the shelf in the narthex. There are beautiful personal stories in the themes of hope, love, joy and peace written by our own church members. The booklet also includes a "never before published" story written by Dan M., "Hope, Joy, Love & Peace in the Family of God", a beautiful testimony to the blessings we all share in being a part of this church family.

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. The cost is approximately \$100 for adults and \$50 for young people for lodging and food. Lift tickets are approximately \$50. You are responsible for your own equipment (rent or bring your own). Reservations are required and assistance is available. Please contact John D.

The Volunteer Schedules for January and February, 2008, are in the "Mail Folders". Please pick up your copy today.

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.sjrc.org.

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.

The February Prayer Guides and the **Dec./Jan./Feb. "Our Daily Bread"** and the **Jan. and Feb. "Today" devotionals** are available in the information racks. Please pick up your copies.

From the Personnel Staffing Team

Office Staffing Update: We extend a warm welcome to Estella B., the newest member of our office team at church. Estella began work this past week, working with Agnes and Grace to begin to learn the “ropes”. (there are many). Office duties are divided into two general areas of responsibility – Agnes L. as Business Administrator and Estella B. as Pastoral Assistant. Office responsibilities for Agnes focus around our facilities (insurance, facilities use, rentals, repairs, etc) and the administrative duties supporting our treasurer related to church finances (payroll, the annual budget, CMF offerings, paying the bills, etc.) Office responsibilities for Estella revolve around support for Pastor Brad, Sunday worship preparations, the weekly Sunday bulletin, maintaining all office files, etc. During this time of transition you may still send your bulletin announcements and calendar updates to Grace.

A special “thank you” to Agnes L. who has so ably kept everything together and running smoothly over the past couple years – a time of pastoral vacancy and helping Pastor Brad find his way over the past several months. Sincere thanks as well to Grace M. for much extra office support in general and bulletin preparation each week. Please pray for and personally thank and encourage these willing servants who give so much of themselves on our behalf and for the benefit of our church.

Regular hours of our church office are Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 4:30 pm.

Denominational News

WORLD MISSIONS: Summer Mission Program- If you're a college student or young adult, join a Christian Reformed World Missions Summer Mission Program team! You can learn, serve, and grow alongside a CRWM missionary and national ministry partners in Asia, Eastern Europe, Guatemala, Japan, Mali, Mexico, or Nigeria in 2008. Applications are due Feb. 15, so don't miss this great opportunity! Visit www.crwm.org/smp for more details.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE: “Equipping Churches for Global Outreach” Feb 16, Bethany CRC - Bellflower. Christian Reformed World Missions is hosting a global outreach conference for missions committees, church leaders and missions advocates. Gain critical information and practical training as you answer the call of cross-cultural missions. Conference and registration details are available at www.crwm.org For more information, contact Bill Thornburg at 800-346-0075 / 616-224-0848 or thornbub@crcna.org. Registration deadline is Feb.

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From Crossroad Connection: What is the basis for hope, truth, purpose and morality? Join us this week on Crossroad Connection as Rev. David Feddes explains how ultimate questions are only answered by the true starting point—faith in God. 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. Stay tuned for more information!

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 and cannot wait to get started. We would love to start a group 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: Lodewyk’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.

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.

Our Missionaries

* **Pray for our missionaries on the mission field** who we support through Faith Promise offerings:

Rev. Joel and Mrs. Alison Renkema, Theological Educator - Santiago

Rev. James and Mrs. Barbara Lee, Church Planter - Tijuana. From the Lees "We arrived safely in Tijuana, Mexico on Friday, January 11. Crossing the border was easy because of your prayers and also God was watching over us. Continue to pray for us as we adjust to the culture and the lifestyle in Tijuana, Mexico." Address: James and Barbara Lee, P. O. Box 530038, San Diego, California 92153

From the Lees-

Hello family and friends!

We wanted to tell you a quick story of an answered prayer!

We are renting a house here in Tijuana, things are going well, but it's much colder inside than outside because the house is made of tile and concrete like most houses here. Joshua enjoys hearing his voice echo throughout the house!! Also, right next door to us (like less than two feet!) are two abandoned shacks made from old broken garage doors. We have never seen anyone there, but according to some neighbors and the broken beer bottles near the house, it has been a problem in the neighborhood. The neighbors say that people meet there and drink and do drugs. So do you want to hear about a miracle? Saturday night James and I were praying, and I prayed out loud, "Lord, please let someone come and remove the drug shacks next door" and went on praying for other things, not really expecting it to happen anytime soon. We went to sleep, then yesterday morning woke to a very loud sound! We got up and from a window saw a bulldozer in the lot next door!! James went outside, and other neighbors were standing around watching the show, and they said that the owner of the property had decided to build a house there!! What a quick answer to prayer!! I was so excited, I never had a prayer answered that fast and exact! Now, they have dug big holes in the lot- like for sewer lines? and knocked down part of one shack. Please pray they will come back and finish the job soon!

If you visit our blog, you will see a picture of the bulldozer in the lot (we will post it tonight after Joshua goes to sleep).

Praise God for bulldozers, and answers to prayer!

From now on, I will always expect answers when we pray!!

-from Rev. James and Barbara Lee

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Helping This Sunday, January 27

Greeters: Stryker Family

Ushers: Bud and Agnes L.

Hospitality: Tom and Diana B.

Audio/Visual: Sean S., Josef C.

Coffee: Dan and Betsy M., Randy and Mavis M., Sherrie S.

Nursery: Tiffany B., Cory S.

Kids' Life: Natalie L., Harriet V., Betty P. (Diana B.- aide)

Helping Next Sunday, February 3

Greeters: Steve & Sally B.

Ushers: Mark M.

Hospitality: Jake and Faye B.

Audio/Visual: Wendell K., Scott F.

Coffee: Doug & Betty P., Fred & Irena R., Deb U.

Nursery: Robin B., Rochelle S.

Kids' Life: Tiffany B., Arlene D., Betsy M. (Diana B. – aide)

Schedule of Events: January 27 – February 3, 2008

Today:

9:30 am – Worship Service followed by coffee

11:00 am – JJs and Sonlife meet

Monday:

7:00 pm – Stephen's Ministry Training Class: "Follow Me"

Tuesday:

7:00 pm – Elders Mtg.

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

Friday:

7:00 pm – Cadets Nickel City Outing and Sleep Over begins

Saturday

9:00 am – Cadets Nickel City Outing and Sleep Over ends

5:30 pm – Bowling League

Next Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship Service and Communion followed by coffee

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School begins

JJs and Sonlife meet