

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, March 9, 2008 - 9:30 AM

Morning Worship - Fifth Sunday of Lent Sermon Series - “Eating With Jesus”

God Calls Us and We Praise Him

Welcome / Greetings: Elder Steve B.

We Greet One Another

Call to Worship from Psalm 107

Praise Songs: “Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down”
Reading from Isaiah 53
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
“Shine On Us”

Our Offerings to God

Song: “Hungry”

Congregational Prayer

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

Deacon’s Prayer

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Ministry Shares

God Offers Us His Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:30-44

Message: “**Food Without Resources**”

Prayer

Song of Response: “You Are My All In All”

We Depart to Serve God

Blessing

Closing Song: “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

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. Adult Sunday School classes meet. JJs (jr. high) and Sonlife (high school) meet at 11:00 am today.

******* Next Sunday at SJCRC*******

March 16, 9:30 AM, Palm Sunday: Morning Worship Service and Lent season continues with Pastor Brad Smith preaching for us. Special offering: Deacon’s CARE Fund. Adult Sunday School meets March 16 at 11:00am in the Fireside Room. JJs and Sonlife meet at 11:00am.

Parents of children ages three through grade 6: Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and we would like to have the children of the church enter in a procession near the beginning of the worship service waving palm branches. If you would like to have your child take part in this, please have them in the tri-room classrooms in building B by 9:15 am on Sunday, March 16. Please contact Grace M. with any questions. Thank you!

Opportunities for Service and Ministry

Family Shelter Breakfast: Five volunteers are needed for Saturday, April 12. Also, look ahead at the following months to see when you can serve. The sign up sheet is located by the coffee window. Please consider serving on April 12 or May 10. This is a great ministry...we need some new volunteers. Thank you to all for your faithfulness for serving in the past.

Stephen Ministry- all meetings at 7 pm (contact Brenda L.):

-Peer Supervision: Wednesdays, March 12 and 26 at COTC

Looking Ahead

March 15: Bowling League

March 16: Palm Sunday, All-Church Potluck

March 21: Good Friday Service at 7:30pm

March 23: Easter Sunday Service “He is Risen”

March 30: All-Church family photo session

April 13: All-Church family photo session

April 19, Saturday: Senior Lunch hosted by GEMS/Cadets

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

* **Charlie B., Irvin D., Rein G., Rich M., Cobe R., and Jerry 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.

* **Sally H.** will begin radiation treatment at Stanford on Tuesday. Sally will need someone to be with her during some of the time at her home. Please contact Agnes L. in the office on Tuesday if you can help. Keep Sally in your prayers as she battles cancer.

* **Andrew Z.** has mononucleosis and will not be able to play basketball with the team at Santa Clara University until this fall.

Diane H., Andrew's fiancée, also has mono along with some in the household where she is a nanny. Please pray for both Andrew and Diane that they will recover quickly from this contagious virus.

* **Bruce B.'s brother, Bill,** was hospitalized two weeks ago with bleeding in the brain. Bill lives in Massachusetts. Please pray that the source of bleeding will be determined and for complete healing for Bill.

* **Christine I.'s father, David H.,** is suffering with colon cancer. David with his doctors are deciding what to do about treatment. Please pray for David and the family. Aaron I. led us in worship last Sunday.

* **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,** began new treatment recently to continue the battle against Multiple Myeloma. They appreciate our ongoing prayers and concerns.

* **Note of appreciation from Harv & Carol V.:** We appreciate all of the cards, calls, words of support and encouragement that have been received by us regarding the recent passing of Carol's father, Clarence L.. We feel blessed to be part of a body of believers that so graciously supports in times of grief. Thank you all!

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

Church News and Announcements

Today! Photos for Directory, March 9: Photos for a new updated on-line Church photo directory will be taken after Church today, March 9 by Mark M. The directory format will be similar to the current on-line directory, listing first names and last initial only. So bring your smiles and have your picture taken! Photos will also be taken on March 30 and April 13. Any questions, contact Mark M..

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 next Sunday, March 16. Please contact Grace M. if you have anything that might work for this purpose. Thank you.

All-Church Potluck – Palm Sunday, March 16 – Sign up today: Join us for lunch and fellowship after the Sunday School classes. The Worship and Arts Committee is hosting this wonderful event! There is a **potluck sign up sheet** in the social hall—please sign up. Any questions contact Mavis M. or Estella.

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.

Adult Sunday School 11:00am – Class will meet today. 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!**

Church News and Announcements, continued

Lake DeValle 16th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Campout Trip May 21 - May 26: Sign up in Fellowship Hall to participate in this annual camping trip! Please contact Judy V. with any questions.

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.

SJCRC Missions Team: “Beautiful Day” coming! We are holding another “Beautiful Day” in the spring. Inform Willie K., SJCRC Missions Team Chairperson, if you know of any projects in your neighborhood, work or school that can benefit from our volunteer services that will be performed on this “Beautiful Day.”

Church Bulletin Announcements: Please submit all announcements and information for the Sunday bulletin by Wednesday evening or earlier to Estella B. or by calling into the church office. Estella works Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Friday all day.

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.

Prayer Guides & Devotionals: The March Prayer Guides and the March/April/May “*Our Daily Bread*” and the March & April “*Today*” devotionals are available in the information racks. Please pick up your copies.

Additional Church News and Announcements

From the Deacon’s February Offerings

CMF (Church Ministry Fund): \$15,753.00 (2008 monthly budgeted: \$25,791.00)

Special Offerings, February:

Faith Promise: \$1,150.00

Ministry Shares: \$360.00

CARE: \$500.00

Luke Society: \$177.00

San Jose Christian School: \$826.00

Denominational News

HOME MISSIONS: Christian Reformed Home Missions has created a special Holy Week devotional, with devotions written by Home Missions missionaries and staff. To read or download the devotional, please visit www.crhm.org.

SCANDALOUS INABILITY: The March 16 *Back to God Hour* program brings us to the scandal of the cross. How could the Messiah die? And even more, how could He die to save us? The program encourages us to embrace the weakness of Christ, and so find strength. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

LIZ’S PROGRESS: What’s the big deal about sin? Are all sins equally bad? Help Liz figure out how to say “NO” to sin on this week’s *Kids Corner*. Then check out the *Kids Corner* website at www.kids-corner.org for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

SEA TO SEA BIKE TOUR – 16 WEEKS TO GO! One of the Sea to Sea partners is the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee and its disaster relief, community development, and anti-HIV programs. Please pray for CRWRC and its board, staff, and partners around the world. www.SeatoSea.org

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Helping This Sunday, March 9

Greeters: Evelyn S., Pat V.

Ushers: Norman B.

Hospitality: Steve & Sally B.

Audio/Visual: Mike K., Josef C.

Coffee: Tom & Diana B., Doug & Tiffany B., Estella B.

Nursery: Liz H., Trevor P.

Kids' Life: Patty K., Willie K., Judy V., (Bruce - aide)

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Greeters: Steve & Sally B.

Ushers: Bruce & Robin B.

Hospitality: Tom & Diana B.

Audio/Visual: Mavis M.

Coffee: Josef & Cecilia C., John & Brenda D., Holliane G.

Nursery: Kathy F., Zach M.

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

Schedule of Events: March 9 - March 16, 2008

Today:

9:30 am - Worship Service & Fellowship Time, 5th Sunday of Lent

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

JJs and Sonlife meet

11:00 am - Have your photo taken Today for the online Directory All-Church

Tuesday:

7:00 pm - Council Meeting

Wednesday:

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

7:30 pm - Stephen Ministers, Peer Supervision at COTC

Thursday:

7:30 pm - Praise Team

Saturday:

5:30 pm - Bowling League

Next Sunday:

9:30 am - Worship Service & Fellowship Time, Palm Sunday

Noon - Potluck - SJCRC All-Church potluck sponsored by

Worship & Arts Team

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