

# 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!*

**Palm Sunday, March 16, 2008 – 9:30 AM**

**Morning Worship and Celebration**

**Sixth Sunday of Lent: Sermon Series- “Eating With Jesus”**

## Gathering

Organ Prelude: “The Palms”, “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Welcome / Greetings / Announcements: Elder Randy M.

We Greet One Another

Call to Worship: Luke 19:28-44

Time of Praise: *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

**With Children’s Palm Sunday Processional**

*“The King of Glory Comes”*

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

*“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

Congregational Prayer

Song: *“Thy Word”*

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

## Proclaiming

Text: Luke 14:7-11

Message: **“Humility, the Seat That Suits You”**

Prayer

Song of Response: *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Deacon’s CARE Fund

Organ Offertory: “Open the Gates of the Temple”

Deacon’s Prayer

## Sending

God’s Blessing

Closing Hymn: *“Hosanna in the Highest”*

Organ Postlude: “Hosanna”

## **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 23, 9:30 AM, Easter Sunday:** Morning Worship Service with Pastor Brad Smith preaching for us. Special offering: Home Missions. Adult Sunday School class, JJs and Sonlife will resume on March 30 at 11:00am in the Fireside Room.

## **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: Wednesday, March 26 at COTC

## **Looking Ahead**

**March 21:** Good Friday Service at 7:30pm

**March 23:** Easter Sunday Service “He is Risen”

Photo Session for all church families

**March 30:** All-Church family photo session

**April 19:** Senior Lunch at Noon hosted by GEMS/Cadets

**May 11:** Kids’ Ministries Sunday

**May 14:** Pinewood Derby Race GEMS/Cadets

**May 21 - 26:** Lake Del Valle 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Weekend Campout Trip

**June 1:** End of School Year BBQ & Volleyball Tourney

## Our Church Family

### Please pray for these personal needs:

\* **Charlie B., 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.

\* **Irvin D.:** Irv recently had cataract surgery. He now has 20/20 vision and is able to see distance with driving. Praise God for this successful surgery. Continue to pray for Irv as he struggles with other health problems.

\* **Sally H.** began 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 a few 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 family. Aaron I. led us in worship on March 2.

\* **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,** as she continues to battle Myeloma and the side effects of chemotherapy. 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!

## Church News and Announcements

### Today! All-Church Potluck – Palm Sunday, March 16 at noon:

Join us for lunch and fellowship after the Sunday School classes. The Worship and Arts Committee is hosting this wonderful event!

**Photos for Directory, March 23 and April 30:** Thank you to everyone who had their photos taken last Sunday for the new updated on-line Church photo directory. The directory format will be similar to the current on-line directory, listing first names and last initial only. If you haven't had your picture taken yet, bring your smiles and have your photo taken on March 23 (Easter Sunday) or March 30. (Please note the change of dates.) Photos are being taken out near the parking lot to the right as you leave the sanctuary. Contact Mark M. with any questions.

**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! Note: No class on Easter Sunday but class will resume on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

## Church News and Announcements, continued

**Lake Del Valle 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Fellowship/Volleyball/Campfires/Swimming/Family Fun*

**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. via email 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: Please contact 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](http://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](http://www.crhm.org).

**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](http://www.SeatoSea.org)

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**FROM CROSSROAD CONNECTION**  
**Week of March 16: Passport to Paradise**

This week on *Crossroad Connection* Dr. David Feddes will remind us of the story of a convicted criminal who joined Jesus in Paradise. Go to [www.cbi.fm](http://www.cbi.fm) on the web to listen to *Crossroad Connection* - a ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

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**Helping This Palm Sunday, March 16**

***Greeters:*** Steve & Sally B.

***Ushers:*** Bruce & Robin B.

***Hospitality:*** Randy & Mavis M.

***Audio/Visual:*** Mavis M.

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

***Nursery:*** Kathy F., Zach M.

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

**Helping Next Easter Sunday, March 23**

***Greeters:*** Stryker Family

***Ushers:*** Harv & Carol V.

***Hospitality:*** Jake & Faye B.

***Audio/Visual:*** Sean S., Tony G.

***Coffee:*** Steve & Sally B., Jake & Faye B., Brenda L.

***Nursery:*** Irena R., Kelley B., Rochelle S.

***Kids' Life:*** Rose S., Diana B.

**Schedule of Events: March 16 - March 23, 2008**

***Today:***

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

Noon SJCRC All-Church Potluck sponsored by Worship & Arts Team

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

JJs and Sonlife meet

***Wednesday:***

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

7:00 pm - GEMS/Cadets

***Thursday:***

7:30 pm - Praise Team

***Friday:***

7:30 pm - **Good Friday Service**

***Next Sunday:***

9:30 am - **Easter Sunday** Worship Service & Fellowship Time

No classes today: Adult Sunday School, JJs and Sonlife will resume on March 30