

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!

Sunday, November 5, 2006

CELEBRATION OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Gathering to Praise God

Prelude: Our preparation for worship

Welcome / Call to Worship / Greetings

Praise: PH #185 *I Will Extol You, O My God*
PH #517 *There’s No God as Great*

Time of Surrendering Ourselves to God

Call to Confession

Hymn : PH #260 vs. 1 *Not What My Hands Have Done*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance and Joy: PH #260 vs. 2, 3 *Not What My Hands Have Done*

Congregational Prayer

Song of Response: PH #544 *Lead Me, Guide Me*
Children ages 3 through grade 6 leave us for Kid’s Life

Worship with Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-22, Hebrews 2:14-18

Message: **Deliverance from Temptation and Evil**

Lord’s Prayer #8

Institution: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Invitation

Memorial (in unison)

Hymn: PH #554 *In Sweet Communion, Lord, With You*

Communion

The elders will serve you, first the juice – please place it in the holder in the pew -- then the bread, so we can partake of both elements together without interruption.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Response of Gratitude:

Deacon’s Prayer

Offering Our Gifts: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Faith Promise

Blessing

Closing Song PH #633 *He is Lord*

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.

Cake is being served in honor of Cobe R.’s 85th birthday, which she will celebrate Tuesday, November 7. Happy Birthday, Cobe! Classes for children, youth, and adults meet at 11 am.

Next Sunday at SJCRC...

November 12, 9:30 am: Worship Service- Pastor Gil Suh will be preaching. Special Offering: San Jose Christian School. Please join us for “Coffee Time” after the morning service. Classes for children and youth meet at 11 am.

News from Your Council

On Sunday, October 29, the Council voted to extend a call to Dr. Bruce Ballast to be Pastor of the SJCRC. Sadly, Bruce declined to accept our call and accepted a call extended by the Covenant Life Church of Grand Haven, Michigan (a copy of his letter is provided). We wish Pastor Bruce and his wife Pat every blessing as they pursue God’s leading.

In an effort to keep the congregation informed of the activities of the Council, here is a summary of the meeting of October 10:

- The Elders have agreed to write a formal description of the responsibilities of Elders in the San Jose CRC. There is a general description in the form of ordination and the church order but the Elders believe that it will be helpful to have a written mandate specific to our congregation.
- The council interviewed Pastor Onephanh Vilay as the stated supply Pastor for Friendship Agape CRC (which shares our building) and will petition Classis to examine Pastor Vilay for license to exhort within the Classis pending study and work towards ordination in the CRC. Pastor George Ebbers will be Pastor Vilay's mentor in this process.
- The finance committee is beginning work on the budget process for next year and will need budget recommendations from each committee.
- Bryan P. will continue as Council President, Randy M. will continue as Clerk, and Harvey V. was elected to replace Tom B. as Vice President.

Church News and Events

Volunteers needed for the Family Shelter Breakfast on November 11: We still have three spots open for that date. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board between the serving windows in the Social Hall.

Plan to attend our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday evening, November 22 at 7:30 pm.

San Jose Christian School's Fall Financial Drive is underway. "Life in the Son" is the theme chosen for this year's Drive. Today's bulletin insert provides additional insight on this theme. The goal for this year's Drive is \$85,000. Please take the time to read this insert and the information you will receive in the mail. Your prayerful and financial support of SJCS will be appreciated by many.

You are invited to the San Jose Christian School Music Department's annual Christmas Band and Choir Concert. Bands featured are Grade 5 Concert Band, Grade 6 Concert Band, 7-8 Concert Band, 7-8 Jazz Band and the 6-8 Choir. Come join us at Crossroads Bible Church (1670 Moorpark, San Jose, 95128) on *Friday night, December 1 at 7:30 pm* for a wonderful night of music, worship, reflection and joy.

Love one another as I love you... loving as Jesus calls us to in today's world can be difficult in modern, busy lives. Fall in love all over again on a Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Mar. 2-4, 2007 in Modesto, CA. **NOW** is not too early to register with Roger and Edie Dornbush, (530) 662 5632 or go on line at www.reformedme.org for more information and registration.

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.	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	Pastor Al H.	Steve M.
T-Z	Randy M.	Gert B.

To contact Pastor Al Helder: Please call his cell phone: (209) 614-5761 or the church office: (408) 266-4412 Email: PastorAl@sjcrc.org

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

- * **Jeff B.**– Jeff started his radiation treatments on October 18, and continues to tolerate the treatments very well. He began his chemo treatments on Thursday, October 26, and will receive them daily through November 30. Please pray that the side effects will be limited and that Jeff will respond very well to the treatments. Continue to pray for Jeff, Estella and Brendan.
- * **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.
- * **Tina R.** had a surgical procedure done on Friday morning, October 27. Please pray for good results on all of her medical tests.
- * **Linda H.** (mother of Jennifer C.) recently had extensive cancer surgery. Last week she had an MRI which showed no spread of the cancer to any other area of her body. We praise God for this good news! She continues to recover at home and will begin treatment in a couple of weeks. Please pray for Linda, Jennifer and family as they go through this time of uncertainty.
- * **Dan K.** (brother of Mavis M.) is very ill with ALS. Mavis spent a week in Washington with her brother, and she tells us that Dan is now unable to eat, but has some relief from the severe pain he had earlier. He now receives hospice care. Please pray for Dan, his wife and children, and all of their family as they go through this difficult time together.

Pray for our church. 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.

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The November/December Volunteer Schedules are in your mail folders in the Social Hall. Please pick up your copy today!

The November "Prayer Guides" and the **November/December "Today"** devotionals are available in the information racks. Please pick up your copies.

Church Bulletin: Miss a service? Current and archived bulletins are online at www.sjcrc.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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Helping This Sunday, November 5

Greeters: Allan and Judy V.

Ushers: Bud and Agnes L.

Hospitality: Jake and Faye B.

Audio/Visual: Wendell K. and Steve M.

Coffee: Randy and Sandy A., Doug and Tiffany B., Betty R.

Nursery: Irena R., Emily B., Zach M.

Kids' Life: Tiffany B., Sue S., Bill C.

Helping Next Sunday, November 12

Greeters: Russ and Sue S.

Ushers: Tina V., Anthony V.

Hospitality: Randy and Mavis M.

Audio/Visual: Mike K. and Mavis M.

Coffee: Steve and Sally B., Jake and Faye B., Sharon O.

Nursery: Cecelia C., Marilie C., Isaac V.

Kids' Life: Robin B., Harriet V., Betty P.

Schedule of Events: November 5-12, 2006

This Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship and Communion Service

10:40 am – Coffee and refreshments

11:00 am – Classes for children through adults

Tuesday:

6:30 pm – Executive Board Meeting

7:30 pm – Elders and Deacons Meeting

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

8:00 pm – Choir

Saturday:

6:50 am – Family Shelter Breakfast

5:30 pm – Bowling at Moonlite Lanes

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9:30 am – Worship Service

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*

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Bruce Ballast

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a tremendous privilege it has been to get to know you and hear your passion for your church and the community! It is with some sadness that I am announcing via this letter that I am declining the call to become your pastor.

Though this seems like a rapid and perhaps hasty response to your call in that it comes so soon after the congregation has voted, know that Pat and I have been wrestling with this decision for the past two weeks—ever since we learned that I would be on single nomination. We have considered serving at San Jose CRC since meeting with your search committee in September. This is a difficult announcement for us because we came to know so many of you, and genuinely enjoyed being part of your fellowship for a weekend. However, it became clear in our process of listening for God's voice that we are being called to the Covenant Life church in Grand Haven, Michigan.

We will remember the process with your search committee, council and you with fondness. You are a good church! And we will continue to pray for God to lead you to the person he has chosen for your next pastor.

Blessings!

Bruce Ballast

