

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (PSALM 34:11-12)

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 95:6-7)

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Leader: O that today you would listen to his voice!

✦SONG OF PRAISE

LISTEN GOD IS CALLING, Swahili hymn from Kenya

CALL TO CONFESSION (JEREMIAH 7:1-11)

SONG OF CONFESSION

HYMN # 491 – *OPEN OUR EYES*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (ISAIAH 58:8-9)

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

WAY MAKER, w/m by Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

“May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you”

At this time, the congregation may greet each other with peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 56:1-8

Brenda Haran, reader

Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Message. Afterwards, preschool and elementary-aged children may go to Children's Chapel.

(As the children come forward for the Children's message, ushers will collect any written prayer requests. Forms are located in the pew pockets near the center aisle. Please raise your hand to let the ushers know to collect your prayer request.)

✦SONG OF GRATITUDE

HYMN # 473 – *WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS*

SERIES: WHEN THE NT CONNECTS WITH THE OT AND ME

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 11:12-25

SERMON

“A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL”

Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

SONG AND SILENCE

At the end of the sermon, we will engage in a 2 minute period of silent prayer. First, we will sing verses 1-3 of Hymn # 477 - “Come and Find the Quiet Center,” with the piano. Then, we will sing verse 1 again acapella which will lead us directly into our time of silent prayer.

After 2 minutes, we will break the silence by singing only verse 2 of “Come and Find the Quiet Center.”

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING

In response to God's love, we are invited to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. You may also choose to indicate your desire to connect or volunteer by placing a blue connect form in the offering plate.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦CHARGE AND BLESSING (PHILIPPIANS 4:5-7)

✦SONG OF DEDICATION

HYMN # 477 – *COME AND FIND THE QUIET CENTER*, verse 3 only

✦POSTLUDE

✦*Those who are able, are invited to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are here, and hope that you connect with God's love in this place and that worshipping together will be meaningful for you. Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship for planning, coffee, and treats hosted by the exercise group.

Congregational Gathering, Sunday, March 23 - Right After worship - Everyone is welcome to come and help plan spring activities for our church in Fellowship Hall at 11:15 am. This gathering will be to plan projects for the church workday on April 5, propose events around Easter on April 20, and talk about other future ministry needs.

All Church Potluck Sunday, March 30 - Right After Worship - On the fifth Sunday of the month, we hold a potluck lunch. Bring your favorite food or something that is easy to prepare. Everyone is welcome to eat, even if you forget to bring a dish to share. And, everyone is welcome to help clean-up too!

Sunday Funday, March 30 at Oregon Zoo - Update on Family Funday at the Zoo - All families with children are invited to go to the Zoo together after the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday, March 30. First, we will have a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. Then, we will leave the church together around 12:15 pm and drive in our own cars to the zoo. Unfortunately, we cannot receive as many free tickets as we hoped. But, instead of the regular \$26 admission fee, each family will need to pay \$6.50 per person. If you are interested, or if you might be able to help supplement some of the cost of these families, let Pastor Brad know.

Spring Cleaning, Saturday April 5 - After the food pantry, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, come help beautify our campus for the Spring. We will need people to help pull weeds, pick-up broken tree limbs, prepare garden beds, wash windows, and do a deep clean of certain rooms and areas of the church and food pantry.

Extended Communion, Sunday, April 6 - We are organizing groups of elders, deacons, and church members to bring the communion elements to people who are homebound, in the hospital, or otherwise cannot attend worship in person. If you would like to visit people in their home, or if you would like communion brought to you or a loved one, please contact Pastor Brad.

Help Raise Extra Money for our Food Pantry - BottleDrop is celebrating Earth Week by giving non-profits like our food pantry a 20% bonus on all bottles and cans that we recycle between April 15 and April 26. Please use the blue bags and our QR coded tags in the entryway to ensure that the food pantry gets the credit.

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC *(changes or variations in italics)*

Day (next date)	Time	Event	Place	Contact
Every Sunday	11:45 - 12:15pm	Voice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sunday (4/13)	11:30 - 1:00pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Pastor Brad
Sunday (3/30)	After worship	Sunday Funday	Portland Zoo	Pastor Brad
Every Tuesday	10:30 - 11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Every Wednesday	10:00 - 11:30pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Lyn Palmer
Every Wednesday	10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
3rd Wednesday (4/16)	5:30 - 6:30pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Every Thursday	10:30 - 11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Every Thursday	5:30 - 7:00pm	Bible Study	Bachelor Home	Brenda Haran
Every Thursday	6:00 - 7:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd/4th Thurs (3/27)	12:00 - 2:00pm	Knit and Crochet	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
Every Friday	9:30 - 11:30am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Every Saturday	10:00 - 12:30pm	Food Pantry Distribution	Church campus	Julie Weindel
3rd Saturday (4/19)	Time varies	Outriggers	Location varies	Barb Lintner

NEXT WEEK'S (MARCH 30) SUNDAY SERVANTS

Greeters	Natalie Lintner and Ruth Jones	Special Helper	Jennie Spencer
Ushers	Jon & Sandy Bachelor	Scripture Reader	Becky Bush
Children's Chapel	Phoebe and Amy Busiek	Refreshments	All Church Potluck
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MARCH 23, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT