

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (1 KINGS 19:11-12)

"Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence."

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON PSALM 115)

Leader: Trust in the Lord! He is our help and our shield.

People: The Lord has been mindful of us; he will bless us. God will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great.

Leader: The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any that go down into silence.

People: But we will bless the Lord from this time on and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

✦SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN # 23 – ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-12)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you with humble hearts, acknowledging our sin. Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we have not honored you with our bodies and our minds. Help us to live lives that are marked by self-control—not giving in to the passions of our flesh but pursuing righteousness and holiness. Teach us to live peacefully with others and to build each other up in love. Help us to live with your merciful hope in this life and in the life to come. Hear now our silent prayers...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18)

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN # 88 – LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

✦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

MARK 8:22-25

Rob Pomazi, 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 FAITH

HYMN # 480 – OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 94

SERIES: SEVEN PSALMS

SERMON

"THE LAND OF SILENCE"

Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING

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 (COLOSSIANS 3:12-17)

Leader: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

People: Above all, let us clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Leader: And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

People: And whatever we do, in word or deed, let us do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

JESUS, I AM RESTING RESTING , w/m by Pigott and Hampton

✦POSTLUDE

✦Those who would like to stand, are invited to stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Warm Welcome to Everyone!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today and hope you feel welcomed and loved. We invite everyone to gather in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service and congregational meeting for coffee and conversations hosted by the exercise group.

Congregational Meeting Today

Right after worship we will have a brief congregational meeting to elect new elders and deacons.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Begins a 9-Week Study of Philippians on August 7

Everyone is invited to join the study in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The group will have their traditional fellowship celebratory "Get-Together" potluck on July 31 at Barb Lintner's home. Contact Barb or Lyn Palmer for more information.

5k Walk to Benefit the East County Food Pantry at SMPC, Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2024

We are hosting our first annual 5k "Walk for Your Neighbor" fundraiser as a fun way for church and community members to walk side by side as neighbors, caring for those in need and raising funds to benefit our food pantry. We would love for you to sign up to walk and hope you will invite and encourage your neighbors, friends, and family to walk with us. To register for the 5k Walk, please go to the following online link: <https://eastcountyfoodpantry.org/2024-walk-for-your-neighbor-5k/>

Help Partner with Other Churches to Spread the Gospel!

One of the great things about the Presbyterian Church is that we work together. Each of us has a wonderful opportunity to participate in the ministry of *per capita*. The ministry of *per capita* helps us to work with other Presbyterian churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. In addition to your regular giving to SMPC, we ask each person in our congregation to **make a one time donation of \$45.60 for the 2024 per capita**. Simply indicate "45.60 per capita" on the memo line of your check or on your offering envelope anytime. Our goal is to raise \$5,107.20 through our 112 members.

Regular Happenings at Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church

| Day | Time | Event | Place | Contact |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2nd Sunday | 11:30 - 1:00 pm | Deacon's Meeting | Upper Room | Connie Erickson |
| Monday | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Summer Youth Group | Youth Room | Phoebe Busiek |
| Tuesday | 10:30 -11:30 am | Gentle Exercise | Fellowship Hall | Linda Murphy |
| Wednesday | 10:00 -11:30 am | Bible Study | Fellowship Hall | Lyn Palmer |
| Wednesday | 10:00 - 3:00 pm | Sewing | Upper Room | Gayle Burke |
| 3rd Wednesday | 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Community Dinner | Fellowship Hall | Brad Busiek |
| Wednesday | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | FAM-JAM | Lawn & Classrooms | Brad Busiek |
| Thursday | 10:30 -11:30 am | Gentle Exercise | Fellowship Hall | Linda Murphy |
| 2 nd /4 th Thursday | 12:00 - 2:00 pm | Knitting and Crocheting | Fireside Room | Joyce Botsch |
| Friday | 10:00 - 11:30 am | Food Pantry Prep | Church campus | Julie Weindel |
| Saturday | 10:00 - 12:30 pm | Food Pantry Distribution | Church campus | Julie Weindel |
| 3 rd Saturday | Usually 4:00 pm | Outriggers | Location varies | Barbara Lintner |

Next Week's (August 4) Sunday Servants

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| Greeters: | Joyce Botsch and Lou Churchill | Special Helper: | Carla Jones |
| Ushers: | Willard and Sherri Burks | Scripture Reader: | Natalie Lintner |
| Children's Chapel: | First Sunday - No Children's Chapel | Refreshments: | Outriggers |
| To receive weekly announcements and bulletins via email, subscribe at http://eepurl.com/pNMUP | | | |

WELCOME TO SMITH MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Two Owls, by Thomas Moran, 1917

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