

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (EZEKIEL 36:24-28)

"I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON GALATIANS 3:26-29)

Leader: In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: *There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for we are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Leader: And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

✦SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN # 649 – GATHER US IN

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

✦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

ACTS 2:1-21

Willard Burks, 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

HOLY SPIRIT, w/m by Bryan and Katie Torwalt

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 7:1-10

SERIES: ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST

SERMON

"THE ROMAN CENTURION"

Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

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 presence or desire to connect by placing a blue connect form in the offering plate.)

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN # 34 – PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

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 (ROMANS 15:13)

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE, w/m by Llewellyn, Gilkeson, and Herron

✦POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Warm Welcome to Everyone!

We are glad that you have joined us for worship today, and hope that you feel welcomed and loved. We invite you to gather in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service for yummy treats. The chance to get to know each other better is a good gift we can all give to each other.

Special Celebration Coffee & Treats Today

On third Sundays we will celebrate good news in people's lives such as birthdays, anniversaries, new jobs, and answered prayers. Hosted by the deacons in Fellowship Hall right after the worship service. Don't miss out on the fun and excitement!

We Will Have a Guest Preacher on Sunday, June 2. Pastor Brad Will Be Attending His Graduation Ceremony at Fuller Theological Seminary. Congratulations to the Reverend Doctor Brad Busiek for all his hard work and achieving this distinctive honor!

Gresham Community Choir Presents "Celebrating the Season", Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 pm

This concert benefits the East County Food Pantry. Admission is free, but bring canned or non-perishable food to donate. Reynolds High School Performing Arts Theater, 1698 SW Cherry Park Rd, Troutdale. For more information visit Greshamcommunitychoir.org.

Our Food Pantry Needs Extra Food Donations this Month

The Oregon Food Bank is undergoing renovations this month and has limited food available. Can you help? We particularly need protein items like peanut butter, or canned chili, beans, seafood, chicken, or stew.

The SMPC Scholarship Fund exists to encourage higher education. Application forms are available in the church mailbox labeled "SMPC Scholarship Submission" and are due May 31. Donations are much needed and appreciated to provide for future scholarships. Contact Barbara Grider with questions.

Pentecost Offering

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Join with Presbyterians everywhere to support children at risk, youth and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Our Pentecost offering gifts, large and small, make a difference. Look for the red Pentecost offering envelopes in the pew pockets.

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
Sunday	11:30 - 12:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
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
Wednesday	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
3rd Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	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	4:00 pm	Outriggers	To be determined	Barbara Lintner

Next Week's (May 26) Sunday Servants

Greeters:	Janet Pomazi and Pam Wetmore	Special Helpers:	Carla Jones
Ushers:	Linda Murphy and Sandy Wagner	Scripture Reader:	Lou Churchill
Children's Chapel:	Jessica Ferris and Sherri Burks	Refreshments:	Exercise Group
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