

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD’S LOVE

GREETING (ISAIAH 2:2-5)
In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!”

WELCOME Natalie Lintner

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP SING ME TO HEAVEN, w/m by Daniel Gawthrop

✦**CALL TO WORSHIP** (BASED ON PSALM 50)
Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence
People: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.
Leader: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.
People: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.

✦**SONG OF PRAISE** HYMN # 153 – COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Janet and Ron Emch

✦**ADVENT SONG** GOD BLESS US EVERYONE, w/m by Ballard and Sylvestri

Come together, one and all In the giving spirit Gifts abound here great and small Joyously we feel it	To the voices no one hears We have come to find you With your laughter and your tears Goodness, hope, and virtue
Blessings sent us from above Guide us on our way We raise our voice as we rejoice Bow our head and pray A miracle has just begun God bless us everyone	Father, Mother, Daughter, Son Each a treasure be One candle's light dispels the night Now our eyes can see Burning brighter than the sun God bless us everyone

✦**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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING MATTHEW 24:36-44 Becky Bush
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.

SERIES: THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS

SERMON “BLESSED WITH HOPE” Rev. Andrew Wall

WE EMBRACE GOD’S LOVE

INTRO TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER Gary Grimes
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 indicate your presence and let us know you would like to connect or volunteer by placing a gold connect form in the offering plate.)

✦**SONG AFTER OFFERING** 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** (2 CORINTHIANS 13:13)

✦**GRATEFUL RESPONSE** HYMN # 712 – SENT FORTH BY GOD’S BLESSING

✦**POSTLUDE**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Everyone! We are thankful for you and glad you have joined us for worship. We hope the Holy Spirit meets you here today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for Advent Crafts and Chili.

November is Stewardship Month - Looking toward 2026, pledge cards help with the planning process and demonstrate a commitment to work together in God’s mission. We invite you to prayerfully consider your anticipated giving for 2026 and return your pledge card anytime this month. All of your gifts are appreciated.

Please welcome our guest worship leader, the Rev. Andrew Wall. Andrew describes himself as a nerd. He loves playing board games and video games with his 5- and 7-year-old kids, geeking out over the Bible and theology, and spending time hanging out with his wife of 13 years. He graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with his MDiv and MA in Christian Education and is extremely passionate about helping people encounter the Bible’s fascinating and transformative collection of stories, laws, and poetry. Currently, Andrew and his family reside in Vancouver, WA, where he and his wife, Katie, run their business together. Andrew also fills pulpits, using his gifts to support churches around the Presbytery.

Crafts & Chili, Sunday, Nov. 30, 11:30 - This is our annual Advent Workshop, so we will make Christmas crafts and decorate Christmas Cookies to take home. It is the fifth Sunday, so everyone is invited to bring a dessert to share. If you want to do crafts, please talk with Janet Emch or Janet Pomazi so there are enough.

Scrooge Performances - Dec. 5-6 and 12-13 at 7:00 pm, plus matinee shows Dec. 7 and 14 at 3:00 pm

Gresham Community Choir Concert - Dec. 7, 3:00 pm. Admission is non-perishables for our food pantry.

Conchord Chorale Christmas Concert - Dec. 21, 2:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Dec. 24 at 7:00 pm. (Prelude begins at 6:30 pm)

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC (<i>schedule changes in italics</i>)				
Day (next date)	Time	Event	Place	Contact
Sundays	11:45 - 12:15pm	Voice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
Tuesdays	10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Wednesdays	10:00 -11:30am	<i>Bible Study Potluck</i>	<i>Quail Hollow Comm. Ctr.</i>	Alicia Campbell
Wednesdays	10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
Wednesdays	6:00 - 8:00pm	Youth Group	Church Campus	Pastor Brad
Thursdays	10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Thursdays	2:15-3:45pm	Line Dancing	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
Fridays	9:30 - 11:30am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Saturdays	10:00 - 12:30pm	Food Pantry	Church campus	Julie Weindel
5th Sunday (11/30)	After Worship	5th Sunday Potluck / Crafts & Chili	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch or Janet Pomazi
2nd Sunday (12/14)	11:30 - 1:00pm	Deacon’s Meeting	Upper Room	Marty Strange
2nd Sunday (12/14)	After worship	Family Funday	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
3rd Wednesday (12/17)	5:30 - 6:30pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
2nd/4 th Thursday (12/11)	12:00 - 2:00pm	Yarn & Thread	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
3rd Saturday (12/20)	Time Varies	Outriggers	Location Varies	Barb Lintner

NEXT WEEK’S (DECEMBER 7) SUNDAY SERVANTS			
Greeters	Baiba Lackey and Jennie Spencer	Opening Prayer	Marty Strange
Ushers	Janet Pomazi and LeeAnne Kindel	Scripture Reader	Berni Mueller
Special Helper	Steve Marker	Counters	Lyn Palmer and Alicia Campbell
Refreshments	Outriggers		
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