

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (ISAIAH 26:19)

"Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise. O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a radiant dew, and the earth will give birth to those long dead."

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Berni Mueller

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6 AND PSALM 86:12-13)

Leader: Love is stronger than death.

People: *Passion is more fierce than the grave.*

Leader: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

People: *For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.*

✦SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN # 358 - LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

CALL TO CONFESSION (PSALM 130:1-3)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, breathe fresh life on us this day. Where our hearts are hardened, soften them. Where our spirits are weary, renew them. Lord, we know, deep in our bones, that we cannot stand on our own. We are mortal and not perfect. We confess our sins to you and plead for mercy. Redeem us in your steadfast love and lead us in the life-giving way of Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

PROCLAMATION OF GRACE (PSALM 130:4-8)

✦SONG OF GRACE

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU, w/m by Kauflin, Merker, Getty and Townend

✦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

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

Brenda Haran

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.*

✦SONG OF FAITH

HYMN # 461 - *BREATHE ON ME BREATH OF GOD*

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 11:1-47, 53, 12:10-11

SERIES: SEVEN SIGNS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

SERMON

"LAZARUS: ONE DAY MORE"

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 or volunteer by placing a gold connect card 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 (1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-54)

✦SONG OF DEDICATION

VICTORY IN JESUS, w/m by Eugene M. Bartlett

✦POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We're glad you have joined us today and hope you feel welcomed and loved! Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship for refreshments and conversations. It is good to tell and hear about how God is working in our lives and community!

Repeat of Membership Information Class, 11:15 am - 12:45 pm, Today, March 22, Upper Room. If you were unable to attend last week's class, Pastor Brad is offering it again. Church membership is a way to publicly affirm your faith in Christ and make a commitment to partner in fellowship and ministry. SMPC is a community of Christians that will nourish your faith in God's love and encourage you to follow Christ in sharing that love. Everyone is welcome and invited to bring refreshments from Fellowship Hall to the class.

Youth Game Night, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Today, March 22, Fellowship Hall. All youth (ages 13-18 including college-age helpers) are invited to a fun-filled game night at the church. Pizza will be provided.

New Bible Study, 10:00 - 11:30 am, Wednesday, April 1, Fellowship Hall. The Wednesday morning Bible study group will begin studying *I Am: Discovering Who Jesus Is*, by Douglas Connelly, an eight-week study of Jesus' claims. Contact Lyn Palmer for more information.

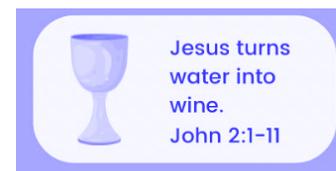
Poverty Book Group, Next Sunday, March 29, 9:00 am, Upper Room. This reading group is discussing issues of poverty. In March, we will cover Part 1-Part 4 of "The Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in an American City" by Andrea Elliott. Please contact Amy Busiek with any questions.

All Church Potluck Lunch, Right After Worship, Next Sunday, March 29. On the fifth Sunday of the month, we hold a potluck lunch after worship. Everyone is welcome even if you did not bring a dish to share. And, everyone is welcome to help clean-up afterwards too!

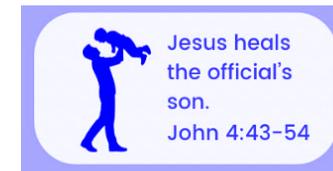
REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC (<i>schedule changes in italics</i>)				
Day (next date)	Time	Event	Place	Contact
Sundays	11:45 - 12:15pm	Voice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sunday (4/12)	11:30 - 1:00pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Marty Strange
2nd Sunday (4/12)	After worship	Family Funday	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Tuesdays	10:30 - 11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Wednesdays	10:00 - 11:30am	Bible Study Potluck	Quail Hollow Community Center	Lyn Palmer
Wednesdays	10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
Wednesdays	6:00 - 8:00pm	Youth Group	Church Campus	Pastor Brad
2nd Wednesday (4/8)	5:00pm	Healing Hearts	Bumpers Grill & Bar in Fairview	Berni or Becky
3rd Wednesday (4/15)	5:30 - 6:30pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Thursdays	10:30 - 11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Botsch
Thursdays	2:00-3:30pm	Line Dancing	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
2nd/4th Thursday (3/26)	12:00 - 2:00pm	Yarn & Thread	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
Thursdays	6:00 - 7:30pm	Jubilant Bells	Sanctuary	Michael Day
Fridays	9:30 - 11:30am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Saturdays	10:00 - 12:30pm	Food Pantry	Church campus	Julie Weindel
3rd Saturday (4/18)	Time varies	Outriggers	Location varies	Barb Lintner
Last Sunday (3/29)	9:00 - 10:00am	Poverty Book Group	Upper Room	Amy Busiek
5th Sunday (3/29)	After worship	All Church Potluck	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
NEXT WEEK'S (MARCH 29) SUNDAY SERVANTS				
Greeters	Pam Wetmore and Natalie Lintner		Opening Prayer	Steve Marker
Ushers	Rob Pomazi and Leesa Pomazi		Scripture Reader	Becky Bush
Special Helper	Jennie Spencer		Recorders	Joyce Botsch and Leesa Pomazi
Refreshments	All Church Potluck			
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WELCOME TO SMITH MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seven Signs IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



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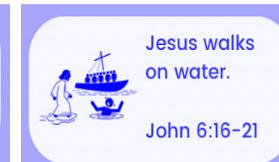
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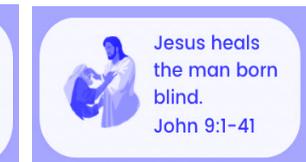
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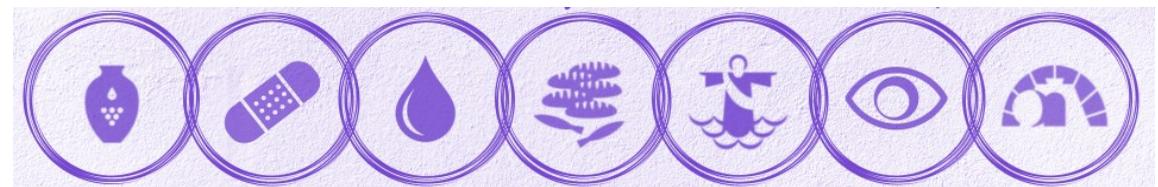
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