Welcome to
Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church



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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (JEREMIAH 31:17)
"'There is hope for your future,' says the Lord."

WELCOME Berni Mueller

OPENING PRAYER

✞**CALL TO WORSHIP** (PSALM 80:1-3)
Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
People: ***Stir up your might, and come to save us!***
Leader: Restore us, O God;
People: ***Let your face shine, that we may be saved.***

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Lyn Palmer, Alicia Campbell, and Sonja Flener

✞**ADVENT SONG** HYMN # 232 – *LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE,* verse 1 only

✞**PASSING OF THE PEACE** "May the peace of Christ be with you.…And also with you"
At this time, the congregation is invited to greet each other with peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING ROMANS 8:18-23 Rob Pomazi
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 # 155 – *COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE*

SCRIPTURE READING MARK 13:24-37

SERMON "*THE PRACTICE OF EXPECTATION*" Rev. Roger Newell

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.

OFFERING

In response to God's love, we are invited to reflect on how we might give thanks to God by sharing our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed in the pews. There is no obligation to give. If you wish to let us know you're here, receive a call, or volunteer, please fill out a yellow connect card and put it in the offering plate.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

✞SONG OF DEDICATION HYMN # 152 – *PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION*

✞POSTLUDE

✞*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Announcements

Welcome! We are glad you are here this morning and invite everyone to gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship for our 5th Sunday All-Church potluck lunch, coffee, cookies, and conversation.

Please Welcome Our Guest Preacher, Roger Newell. He is Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon, where he taught for 20 years. He served at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego for 5 years and Claypath United Reformed Church in Durham, England, for 8 years. He and his wife Sue have been married for 51 years and have 2 adult daughters.

5th Sunday All-Church Potluck Today. Everyone is invited, even if you forgot to bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to help clean up afterward too!

Do You Have an Eye for Decorating? We need volunteers to decorate the Fellowship Hall for seasonal changes and holidays. Please contact Berni for more information or to volunteer.

Sock Tree in the Narthex. Norma and LeeAnne are collecting new packages of socks and underwear for Snow Cap. All sizes are needed. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation to SMPC labeled "Socks."

Would Your Family Like to Light the Advent Candles on Christmas Eve? Please let Berni know.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Scrooge Performances – Dec. 4, 5, and 12 at 6:30 pm, plus matinee shows Dec. 6 and 13 at 3:00 pm.
Tickets are available at: https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/grieveproductions/scrooge-the-musical-2026.
Christmas Crafts Workshop and Chili Lunch – Dec. 13 from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm
Christmas Concert with the Conchords Chorale – Dec. 22, 2:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Dec. 24 at 7:00 pm. (Prelude begins at 6:30 pm)

Regular Happenings at SMPC *(schedule changes in italics)*

Day	(next date)	Time	Event	Meeting Place	Contact
Sundays		11:45-12:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sundays	(12/13)	11:30-1:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Marty Strange
Tuesdays		10:30-11:30 am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Botsch
Wednesdays		10:00-11:30 am	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Lyn Palmer
Wednesdays		10:00-3:00 pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
Wednesdays		6:30-8:30 pm	Youth Group	Church Campus	Pastor Brad
2nd Wednesdays	(12/9)	5:00 pm	Healing Hearts	Location varies	Berni or Becky
3rd Wednesdays	(12/16)	5:30-6:30 pm	Free Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Thursdays		10:30-11:30 am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Botsch
Thursdays		2:00-3:30 pm	Line Dancing	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
2nd/4th Thursdays	(12/10)	12:00-2:00 pm	Yarn & Thread	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
Fridays		9:30-11:30 am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Pastor Brad
Saturdays		10:00-12:30 pm	Food Pantry Shopping	Church campus	Pastor Brad
3rd Saturdays	(12/19)	2:00 pm	Outriggers	Fellowship Hall	Barb Lintner
Penultimate Sundays	(12/20)	9:00-10:00 am	Poverty Book Group	Upper Room	Amy Busiek
5th Sundays	(1/31)	After worship	All Church Potluck	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch

Next Week's (12/6) Sunday Servants

Greeters	Ron Emch and Janet Emch	Opening Prayer	Jennie Spencer
Ushers	LeeAnne Kindel and Natalie Lintner	Scripture Reader	LaVelle Perry
Special Helper	Steve Marker	Recorders	Lyn Palmer and Alicia Campbell
Refreshments	Outriggers		