Welcome to
Smith Memorial
Presbyterian Church



November 8, 2026

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (COLOSSIANS 3:12)
"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER Steve Marker

✞**CALL TO WORSHIP** (PSALM 86:3-5)
Leader: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.
People: ***Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.***
Leader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
People: ***and you abound in steadfast love to all who call on you.***

✞**SONG OF PRAISE** HYMN # 61 – *THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY*

CALL TO CONFESSION (MICAH 6:8 KJV)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful and loving God, you have shown us what is good and what you ask of us: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Yet, Lord, we confess that loving mercy is not always easy for us. We hold on to anger, rehearse old wounds, and find it difficult to let go. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have allowed bitterness to take root in our hearts. Soften our hearts and make us people who reflect your love. Hear now our silent prayers of confession…

PROCLAMATION OF GRACE (LAMENTATIONS 3:2)

✞**GRATEFUL RESPONSE** *HIS MERCY IS MORE,* w/m by Papa and Boswell

✞**PASSING OF THE PEACE** "May the love 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 LUKE 15:11-32 Lyn Palmer
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.***

INTERACTIVE MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES
All children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Message.

✞SONG OF FAITH HYMN # 382 – "*FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE*"

SERIES: GOOD HAPPENED HERE

SCRIPTURE READING GENESIS 33:1-10

SERMON "*FORGIVENESS AND THE FACE OF GOD*" 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 by sharing our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down 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 (PSALM 23:6)

✞SONG OF DEDICATION *GOODNESS LOVE AND MERCY,* w/m by Tomlin, Cash, Rinehart, and Rinehart

✞POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

Welcome! We are glad you are here worshiping with us this morning and invite everyone to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee, cookies, and conversation.

Second Sunday Family Funday. We host special Family Funday events on the 2nd Sundays of the month and create an interactive experience during worship for children and families. After worship today, everyone is invited to create gratitude jars in the Fellowship Hall. We will provide everything you need. All ages are welcome.

A Memorial Service for Grant Beldin, celebrating and giving thanks to God for his life, will be held today, November 8, at 2:00 pm.

Healing Hearts is a group that meets monthly for fellowship and grief support. This month, the meeting will be on November 11 at 5 pm, at Red Lobster, 240 NW Burnside, Gresham.

The SMPC Choir has started rehearsals to prepare music for the holiday season. Rehearsals are from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm every Sunday after fellowship. We will sing in November and December. No experience is necessary; we invite you to join us in praising God with beautiful music!

November is Stewardship Month - All your contributions of time, talent, and treasures are appreciated. Turning in a green pledge card helps with planning for 2027 and shows your commitment to working together in God's mission of love for this world. We invite you to prayerfully consider your anticipated giving for 2027 and return your pledge card anytime this month.

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 (11/8)	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 (11/11)	5:00 pm	Healing Hearts	Red Lobster	Berni or Becky
3rd Wednesdays (11/18)	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 (11/12)	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 (11/21)	1:00 pm	Outriggers	Chen's Chinese Kitchen	Barb Lintner
Last Sundays (11/22)	9:00-10:00 am	Poverty Book Group	Upper Room	Amy Busiek
5th Sundays (11/29)	After worship	All Church Potluck	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch

Next Week's (November 15) Sunday Servants			
Greeters	Ian McAlevy and Jacque McAlevy	Opening Prayer	Joyce Botsch
Ushers	Ron Emch and Janet Emch	Scripture Reader	Brenda Haran
Special Helper	Steve Marker	Recorders	Joyce Botsch and Bonnie Lind
Refreshments	Deacons		