

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

✦ GATHERING IN THE ENTRYWAY FOR THE PARADE OF PALMS

Those who would prefer not to join in the parade of palms are welcome to go ahead and sit on the pews.

✦ GREETING (BASED ON PSALM 118:20-27)

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

People: *I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.*

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: *This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.*

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

People: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches. Spread them up to the horns of the altar.

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN # 265 – ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Steve Marker

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN # 266 – HOSANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 PETER 2:21-24)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself, and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted, "Hosanna: 'Save us now!'" On Good Friday, they shouted "Crucify!" We confess our praise is often empty. We sing about peace and do not denounce violence. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow your ways. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

PROCLAMATION OF GRACE (ROMANS 5:6-8)

✦ GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN #257 - WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

✦ 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 and exchange signs of peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING

ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

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.*

✦ SONG OF HOPE

HYMN # 113 – REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 12:12-33

SERMON

"THE WORLD HAS GONE AFTER HIM"

Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING

HOSANNA – w/m by Brooke Ligertwood

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 PETER 2:4-6)

✦ GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN # 267 – HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

✦ POSTLUDE

✦ *Those who would like to stand, 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 lunch (see next item).

All Church Potluck Lunch. On the fifth Sunday of the month, we hold a potluck lunch after worship. Everyone is welcome even if you forgot to bring a dish to share. Help with clean up is greatly appreciated.

New Spiritual Gifts Bible Study, 10:00-11:30 am, Wednesdays, Begins April 1. The Wednesday Bible study group meets weekly in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join this new 8-week study.

Maudy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to gather with other partner churches at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, located at 11560 SE Market St; Portland, OR 97216.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm. In this very simple service in our sanctuary we will sing hymns and read the entire passion narrative. A Tenebrae service (Latin: for "Shadows") features the gradual extinguishing of lights and candles in our sanctuary as we contemplate the death of Christ. (If you are willing to be a reader, please contact Pastor Brad).

Join Us Easter Sunday, April 5

6:30 am, Sunrise Service at Camp Menucha, 38711 E, Historic Columbia River Hwy, Corbett

9:00 am, Continental Breakfast, SMPC Fellowship Hall

10:00 am, Smith Memorial Easter Worship Service

11:30 am Smith Memorial Egg Hunt on the lawn. Gather for coffee and refreshments on the patio right after worship. We will begin with some gathering activities. The egg hunt is intended for children in fifth grade and under. Older siblings and parents may assist if needed.

On Easter Sunday, we will be welcoming new members during our worship service. If you want to become a member of our church and join next week, please talk with Pastor Brad after worship today.

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC (*schedule changes in italics*)

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	Fellowship Hall	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 (4/9)	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 (APRIL 5) SUNDAY SERVANTS

Greeters	Baiba Lackey and Lyn Palmer	Opening Prayer	Marty Strange
Ushers	Janet Pomazi and LeeAnne Kindel	Scripture Reader	Lou Churchill
Special Helper	Steve Marker	Recorders	Alicia Campbell and Lyn Palmer
Refreshments	Outriggers		

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WELCOME TO SMITH MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord.”
- Psalm 118:26*

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SUNDAY*

Holy Week

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