

WELCOME TO  
***SMITH MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***



**OCTOBER 25, 2026**

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# WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

## GREETING (MATTHEW 5:16)

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

## WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

Berni Mueller

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 18:1-3)

Leader: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

**People:** ***The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.***

Leader: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

**People:** ***So I shall be saved from my enemies.***

## ✠ SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN # 507 – *A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

## CALL TO CONFESSION (ROMANS 7:15)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious God, we come before you with humble hearts, acknowledging our need for grace. Lord, too often we find ourselves doing the very things we abhor. Forgive us, Lord, for the painful contradiction between what we know is right and what we end up doing. How humbling it is, Lord, to recognize that the very things we condemn can still find a place within our own hearts. In this time of silence, as we confess our sins and struggles, we thank you, God, that you do not abandon us...*

## PROCLAMATION OF GRACE (ROMANS 8:31-39)

## ✠ GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*THE GOD WHO STAYS*, w/m by West, Smith, and Pruis

## ✠ 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

GENESIS 24:1-10

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.**

SERIES: GOOD HAPPENED HERE

### SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 24:11-27, 67

### SERMON

"REBEKAH AND THE REFORMATION"

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** (JEREMIAH 31:1-3)

✠ **SONG OF DEDICATION**

HYMN # 569 – GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

✠ **POSTLUDE**

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

## Announcements

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

**Next Sunday, November 1, is All Saints' Day.** We will add candles to the communion table to represent the communion of the saints and remember those in our church who have died over the past year. As you come forward for communion, we invite you to light a candle in honor of loved ones who have died. The burning candle reminds us that they are forever alive in Christ and gather with us at the heavenly banquet.

**A Memorial Service for Richard Waterman**, celebrating and giving thanks to God for his life, will take place on Sunday, November 1, at 2:00 pm.

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

**Sharing Stories of Gratitude this November:** Would you be willing to share a brief story about how this church has touched your life or this community? As we reflect on our congregation's blessings during the season of Stewardship of Thanksgiving, we'd like to include your story to encourage others. Please talk with Rob Pomazi if you are willing to share a story of gratitude.

**Thank you for supporting our Food Pantry Fundraiser at Stomping Grounds Coffee.** Thanks to the community's support, the East County Food Pantry received \$1,406.10.

| Regular Happenings at SMPC ( <i>schedule changes in italics</i> ) |                                   |                |                       |                                |                |
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| Day                                                               | (next date)                       | Time           | Event                 | Meeting Place                  | Contact        |
| 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        | Location varies                | 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                                                      | (10/25)                           | 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 1) Sunday Servants                          |                                   |                |                       |                                |                |
| Greeters                                                          | Alicia Campbell and Lyn Palmer    |                | Opening Prayer        | Sonja Flener                   |                |
| Ushers                                                            | Jon Bachelder and Sandy Bachelder |                | Scripture Reader      | Linda Blomberg                 |                |
| Special Helper                                                    | Steve Marker                      |                | Recorders             | Lyn Palmer and Alicia Campbell |                |
| Refreshments                                                      | Outriggers                        |                |                       |                                |                |