

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9)

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM

REQUIEM, w/m by Eliza Gilkyson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 51:10-12)

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN # 68 – *COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Malakai James Morse

In the name of the whole Church of Jesus Christ, we promise to undertake with this family the Christian nurture of Malakai. We promise to guide and nurture him by word and deed, and with love and prayer, so as to strengthen his family ties with the household of faith and to encourage him to know and follow Christ.

✦ 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.

✦ GRATEFUL RESPONSE

IN CHRIST ALONE, w/m by 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

MATTHEW 15:1-9

Rob Pomazi, reader

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Message. Afterwards, preschool and elementary-aged children may go to Children's Chapel.

(As the children come forward for the Children's message, ushers will collect any written prayer requests. Forms are located in the pew pockets near the center aisle. Please raise your hand to let the ushers know to collect your prayer request.)

✦ SONG OF GRATITUDE

HYMN # 85 – *I LOVE YOU, LORD*

SERIES: WHEN THE NT CONNECTS WITH THE OT AND ME

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 29:13-24

SERMON

"AWE INSTEAD OF AUTOPILOT"

Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING

PLACE IN THIS WORLD, w/m by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

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 desire to connect or volunteer by placing a blue connect form 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 (EPHESIANS 3:16-21)

✦ SONG OF DEDICATION

HYMN # 680 – *BORNING CRY*

✦ POSTLUDE

✦ Those who are able, are invited to stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are here!

We hope that you connect with God's love in this place and that worshipping together will be meaningful for you. Everyone is invited to gather for coffee and treats after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study- The Wednesday morning group begins a new 10-week study discussing *Women of the New Testament*, by Phyllis J. Le Peau, on March 12 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join the study! Contact Lyn Palmer if you want more information.

Bell Choir Spring Rehearsals - Change of Day, from Wednesdays to Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

The bell choir will begin weekly rehearsals on March 13. Everyone is welcome to join, and no experience is necessary. Contact Michael Day for more information.

The Voice Choir is singing this morning! If you would like to join the choir, just show up on Sunday at 11:45 am in the sanctuary. Contact Michael Day for more information. Everyone is welcome!

Next Sunday Pastor Brad will be out of town. We are privileged to have Jeremiah Rice as our guest preacher.

Children's Chapel Volunteer Needed - Can you help lead and love a small group of children on the second Sunday of each month? Please talk with Pastor Brad for more information if you can help.

Free Community Dinner, Wednesday, March 19, 5:30-6:30 pm - This month we will have a baked potato bar and bunco on Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends and neighbors! Everyone is welcome. Kindly, RSVP at <https://forms.gle/51vyNCHJaJXQrvPU7>.

Youth Group Planning Meeting and Escape Room - Saturday, March 22

After the food pantry, all teenagers are invited to go to Wall Street Pizza at 1:00 pm to talk about future youth group activities followed by fun at Cinescapes escape rooms.

Congregational Gathering, March 23 after worship

Everyone is welcome to come and help plan spring activities for our church in Fellowship Hall at 11:15 am.

Sunday Funday, March 30 at Oregon Zoo - All families with children who attend worship on March 30 are invited to a free behind-the-scenes tour of the Oregon Zoo at 1:00 pm led by our former youth director Drew Barowicz. We will leave the church at 12:15 after the potluck lunch. Contact Pastor Brad for more information.

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC (*changes or variations in italics*)

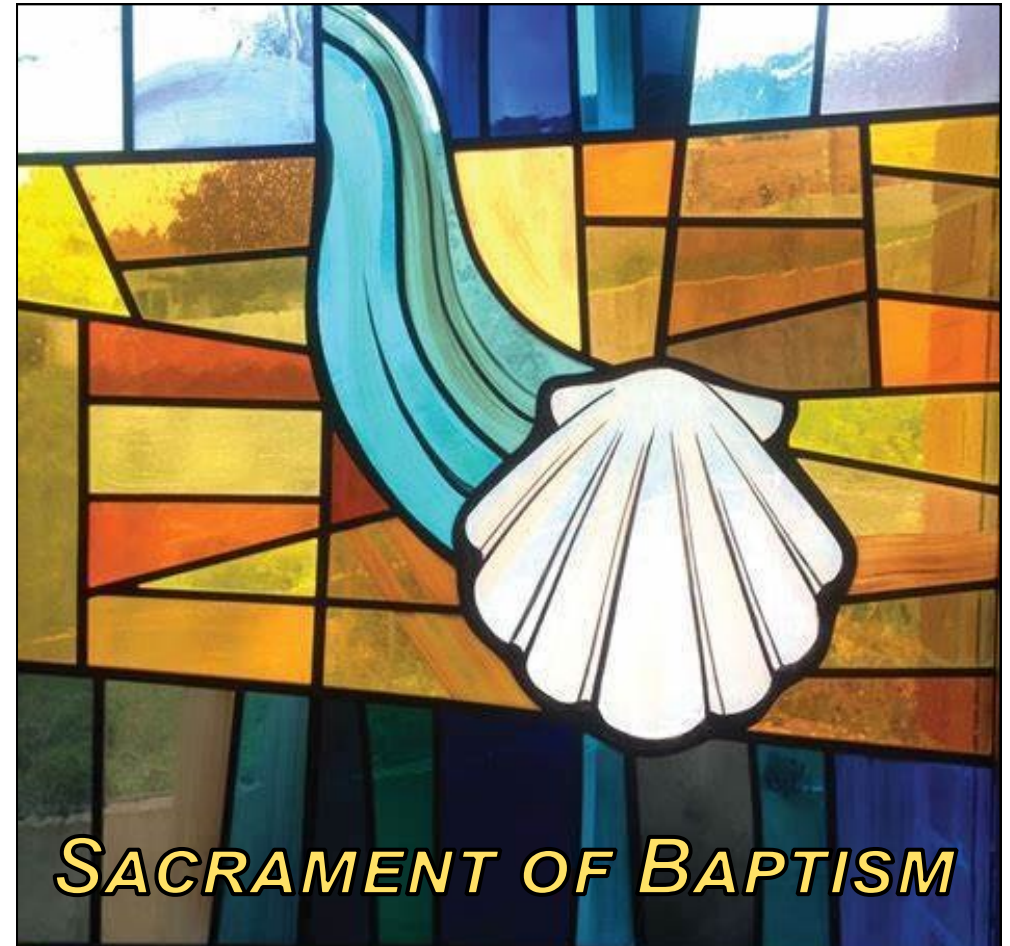
Day (date)	Time	Event	Place	Contact
Every Sunday	11:45 - 12:15pm	Voice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sunday (3/9)	11:30 - 1:00pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Pastor Brad
Sunday (3/30)	After worship	Sunday Funday	Portland Zoo	Pastor Brad
Every Tuesday	10:30 - 11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Every Wednesday	10:00 - 11:30pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Lyn Palmer
Every Wednesday	10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
<i>Every Thursday</i>	<i>6:00 - 7:30pm</i>	<i>Bell Choir Rehearsal</i>	<i>Sanctuary</i>	<i>Michael Day</i>
3rd Wednesday (3/19)	5:30 - 6:30pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Every Thursday	10:30 - 11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Every Thursday	5:30 - 7:00pm	Bible Study	Bachelor Home	Brenda Haran
2 nd /4 th Thurs (3/13 & 27)	12:00 - 2:00pm	Knit and Crochet	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
Every Friday	9:30 - 11:30am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Every Saturday	10:00 - 12:30pm	Food Pantry Distribution	Church campus	Julie Weindel
3 rd Saturday (3/15)	Time varies	Outriggers	Location varies	Barb Lintner

NEXT WEEK'S (MARCH 16) SUNDAY SERVANTS

Greeters	Lou Churchill and Trish Weatherbee	Special Helper	Carla Jones
Ushers	Barbara Grider and Barbara Lintner	Scripture Reader	Jennie Spencer
Children's Chapel	Janet Emch and Leesa Pomazi	Refreshments	Deacon Celebration

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