WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (PSALM 63:1-4)

"O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

WELCOME

Opening Prayer Natalie Lintner

†CALL TO WORSHIP (PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

People: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Leader: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

People: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard

your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

†Song of Praise

HYMN # 473 – WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN STUDY CATECHISM, 1998)

Leader: What is prayer?

People: Prayer means calling upon God whose Spirit is always present with us.

In prayer we approach God with reverence, confidence and humility.

Leader: Prayer involves both addressing God in praise, confession, thanksgiving, and

supplication, and listening for God's word within our hearts.

People: When we adore God, we are filled with wonder, love and praise before

God's heavenly glory.

Leader: When we confess our sins to God, we ask for forgiveness with sorry hearts.

People: When we give thanks to God, we acknowledge God's great goodness in

all that has been provided for us.

Leader: Finally, when we call upon God to hear our requests,...

People: ...we affirm that God is always near to us in times of need and sorrow.

CALL TO CONFESSION (LUKE 18:9-14)

SONG OF CONFESSIONHUMBLE THYSELF, w/m by Bob Hudson

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:26-27)

GRATEFUL RESPONSEBREATHE, w/m by Marie Barnett

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 22:39-46 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.

SERIES: WEAVING WORSHIP INTO YOUR WEEK

SERMON "PATTERNS OF PRAYER" 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 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 indicate your presence and let us know you would like to connect or volunteer by placing a gold 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 (1 Kings 8:54-61)

†GRATEFUL RESPONSE

GOODNESS OF GOD, w/m by Johnson, Cash, Ingram, Fielding, and Johnson

†Postlude

♦Those who would like to stand, are invited to stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Everyone! We are glad you have joined us for worship and hope the Holy Spirit meets you here today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee, juice, and treats.

November is Stewardship Month - Looking toward 2026, pledge cards help with the planning process and demonstrate a commitment to work together in God's mission. We invite you to prayerfully consider your anticipated giving for 2026 and return your pledge card anytime this month. All of your gifts are appreciated.

Stomping Grounds Coffee Fundraiser, Monday, Nov. 17 - All of the Stomping Grounds Coffee locations, including the new one in Gresham, will donate 25% of all sales to the East County Food Pantry. Invite a friend or two to catch up over coffee, and help support our food pantry at the same time.

Free Community Meal, Wednesday, Nov. 19, 5:30-6:30 pm - On third Wednesdays, everyone is welcome to join us for a free dinner. This month is a Thanksgiving potluck, so please sign up in the entryway and let us know if you are able to bring an item to share that fits with the Thanksgiving theme.

Today, Help us Decorate the Church for Christmas, 11:30-1:30 pm - We will be putting up our Chrismon Tree (decorated in white and gold-symbolizing the purity and glory of Christ). Help is appreciated.

Crafts & Chili, Sunday, Nov. 30, 11:30 - This is our annual Advent Workshop, so we will make Christmas crafts and decorate Christmas Cookies to take home. It is the fifth Sunday, so everyone is invited to bring a dessert to share. If you want to do crafts, please talk with Janet Emch or Janet Pomazi so there are enough.

Scrooge Performances - Dec. 5-6 and 12-13 at 7:00 pm, plus matinee shows Dec. 7 and 14 at 3:00 pm

Gresham Community Choir Concert - Dec. 7, 3:00 pm. Admission is non-perishables for our food pantry.

Conchord Chorale Christmas Concert - Dec. 21, 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 E		Event		Place	Contact	
Sundays		11:45 - 12:15pm	Voice Choir Rehearsal			Sanctuary	Michael Day	
2nd Sunday (12/14)		11:30 - 1:00pm	Deacon's Meeting			Upper Room	Marty Strange	
2nd Sunday (12/14)		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	Sonja Flener	
Wednesdays		10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group			Upper Room	Gayle Burke	
Wednesdays		6:00 - 8:00pm	Youth Group			Church Campus	Pastor Brad	
3rd Wednesday (11/19)		5:30 - 6:30pm	Community Dinner			Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad	
Thursdays		8:15 - 9:00am	Online Bible Study			Via Zoom	Pastor Brad	
Thursdays		10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise			Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy	
Thursdays		2:15-3:45pm	Line Dancing			Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch	
2 nd /4 th Thursday (12/11)		12:00 - 2:00pm	Yarn & Thread			Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch	
Fridays		9:30 - 11:30am	Food Pantry Prep			Church campus	Julie Weindel	
Saturdays		10:00 - 12:30pm	Food Pantry Distribution			Church campus	Julie Weindel	
3rd Saturday (12/20)		Time Varies	Outriggers			Location Varies	Barb Lintner	
5th Sunday (11/30)		After Worship	Crafts & Chili			Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch	
NEXT WEEK'S (NOVEMBER 23) SUNDAY SERVANTS								
Greeters	Rob Pomazi & Leesa Pomazi		Opening Prayer			Robert Pomazi		
Ushers	Janet Emch and Ron Emch			Scripture Reader		Berni Mueller		
Special Helper Steve Marker		Marker and Felista Marker	ker and Felista Marker		Counters		Leesa Pomazi and Jon Bachelder	
Refreshments	freshments Exercise Group							
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Welcome to Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church



This is one of the oldest Christian tapestries in the world. It is dated to the 500s and was found in Egypt. The two peacocks in the upper half of this composition are common symbols of immortality in the ancient Greek culture and thus many Christians associated peacocks with the resurrection. Between the peacocks is a Christogram formed by the first two letters of Christ's name in Greek, X (chi) and P (rho). Beneath the arch, an *ankh*, an ancient Egyptian symbol of life, is framed by two birds. IXOYC or icthus "fish" is an acronym for "Jesus Christ, God, Son, Savior." On the bottom section is another Chi-Rho flanked by the letters Alpha and Omega, describing Jesus as the beginning and the end. The three worshippers might be a reference to the book of Daniel in which the three worshippers were unharmed in the fire because someone was with them who had the appearance of God. This tapestry is housed at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

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