

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

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 118:24-27)

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 AND OPENING PRAYER

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

O LOVE, by Elaine Hagenberg
Community Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

Julie Weindel

✦ 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

MATTHEW 21:1-11

Cheryl Rush

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN # 267 – *HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA*

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 FAITH

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

SERIES: WHEN THE NT CONNECTS WITH THE OT AND ME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ISAIAH 53:3-12

LUKE 22:37

JEREMIAH 11:18-23

ZECHARIAH 12:10-13:1

JOHN 19:31-37

SERMON

“THE MERCIFUL MESSIAH”

Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING

STILL THE CROSS, w/m Deibler, Williamson, and 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 presence or desire to connect 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 (1 PETER 2:21-24)

✦ GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HERE IS LOVE, w/m by Rees, and Lowry

✦ POSTLUDE

✦ *Those who would like to stand, are invited to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are here and hope that you experience community and God's love. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and treats.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Our gifts to OGHS help support efforts to Repair the Breach; relieving hunger, repairing after disaster, and promoting the self-development of all people around the world. To contribute, look for the OGHS donation envelopes in the pew pockets or write OGHS on the memo line of your check. To learn more about how and where our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference, visit pcusa.org/oghs.

Children's Chapel Volunteer Needed

Would you prayerfully consider whether you can help once a month and talk with Pastor Brad about it?

Help Raise Extra Money for our Food Pantry - BottleDrop is celebrating Earth Week by giving non-profits like our food pantry a 20% bonus on everything we recycle between April 15 and April 26. Please use the blue bags and our QR coded tags in the entryway to ensure that the food pantry gets the credit.

Free Community Dinner, Wednesday, April 16, 5:30-6:30 pm - Everyone is welcome to come for an evening of fun fellowship and good food. This month we will have enchiladas in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends and neighbors! Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/KvMCCLJpoWRxBLAr7>

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:00 pm potluck, 7:00 pm Worship-Covenant Presbyterian Church in Gresham.
Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm Worship-Parklane Christian Reformed Church on Main St, west of 162nd Ave.

Outriggers, Saturday, April 19, at 1:00 pm, at Olive Garden in Gresham. - This group of middle-aged and retired people meet monthly for fellowship, devotions, and to support local missions. Newcomers are welcome.

Join Us Easter Sunday, April 20

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 (The egg hunt will move indoors if it rains)

Gather for coffee and refreshments on the Patio right after Worship. If you can help hide the eggs, please email Pastor Brad at bradbusiek@yahoo.com

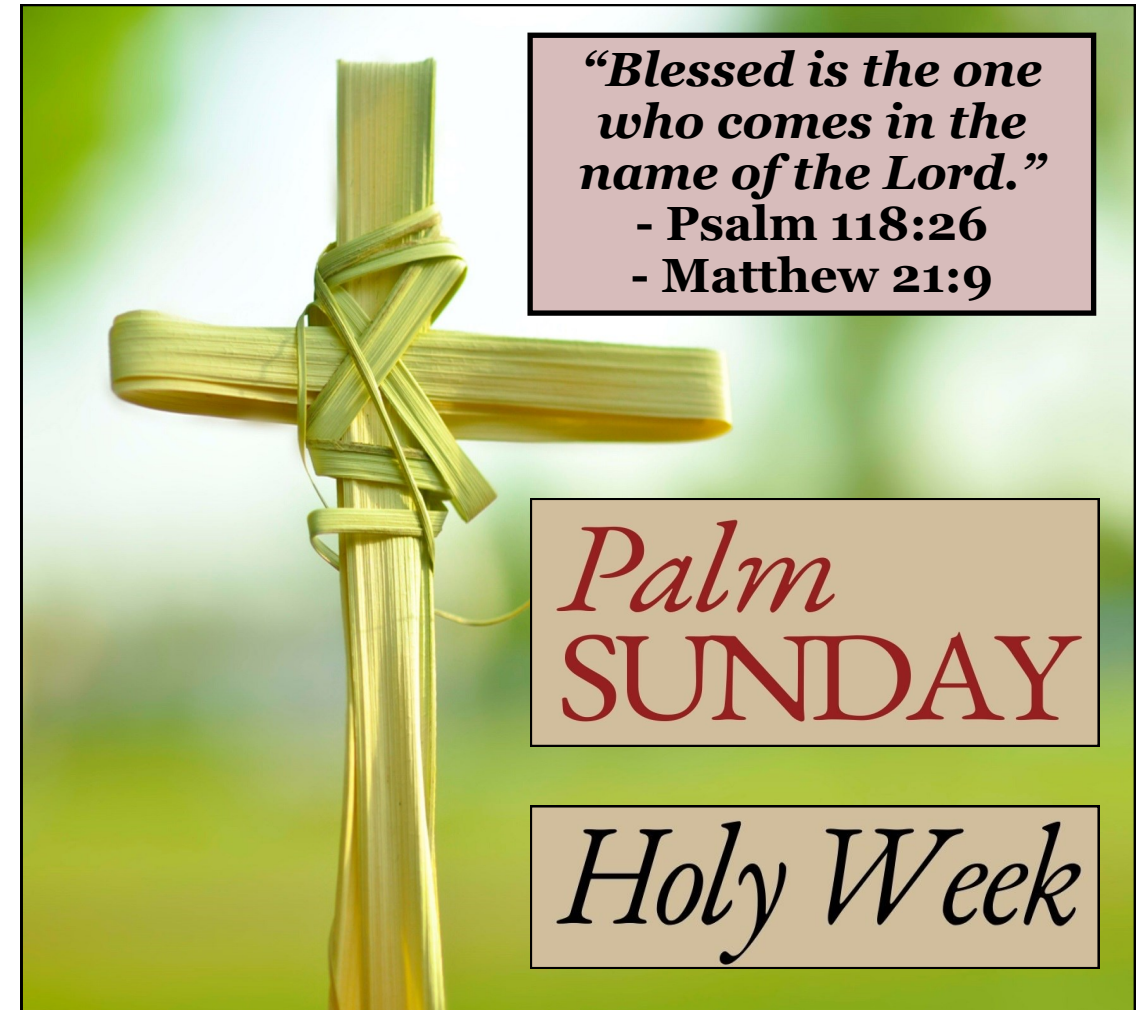
REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC *(changes or variations in italics)*

| Day (next date) | Time | Event | Place | Contact |
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| Every Sunday | 11:45 - 12:15pm | Voice Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary | Michael Day |
| 2nd Sunday (4/13) | 11:30 - 1:00pm | Deacon's Meeting | Upper Room | Pastor Brad |
| One Sunday per month | After worship | Sunday Funday | Location varies | 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 |
| 3rd Wednesday (4/16) | 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 |
| Every Thursday | 6:00 - 7:30pm | Bell Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary | Michael Day |
| 2 nd /4 th Thurs (4/24) | 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 (4/19) | 1:00pm | Outriggers | Olive Garden, Gresham | Barb Lintner |

NEXT WEEK'S (APRIL 20) SUNDAY SERVANTS

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| Greeters | Linda Murphy and Lyn Palmer | Special Helper | Steve and Felista Marker |
| Ushers | Lou Churchill and Ruth Jones | Scripture Reader | Natalie Lintner |
| Welcome | Geoff Kenway | Refreshments | 2nd Sunday Fellowship |
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