

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD’S LOVE

GREETING (ISAIAH 9:6-7)
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (PSALM 89:1-4)
Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
People: *I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.*
Leader: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:
People: *‘I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”*

✠**SONG OF PRAISE** HYMN # 153 – O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Youth

✠**ADVENT SONG** GOD BLESS US EVERYONE, w/m by Ballard and Sylvestri

Come together, one and all In the giving spirit Gifts abound here great and small Joyously we feel it	To the voices no one hears We have come to find you With your laughter and your tears Goodness, hope, and virtue
Blessings sent us from above Guide us on our way We raise our voice as we rejoice Bow our head and pray A miracle has just begun God bless us everyone	Father, Mother, Daughter, Son Each a treasure be One candle's light dispels the night Now our eyes can see Burning brighter than the sun God bless us everyone

✠**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 1:26-35 Geoff Kenway
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: THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS

SERMON “A DIFFERENT KIND OF KING” Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING HYMN # 183 – ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY
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** (TITUS 2:11-13)

✠**GRATEFUL RESPONSE** HYMN # 185 – HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

✠**POSTLUDE**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! 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, treats, and Christmas cookie decorating.

Christmas Joy Offering - This PCUSA special offering provides support for Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need and leadership development and educaitonfor communities of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. To donate, look for the purple envelopes in the pews, or write a memo on your donation check payable to Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Second Sunday Family Funday Right After Worship Today - Every second Sunday of the month, we have a fun activity for families of all ages, shapes, and sizes. Today, Dec. 14, we will decorate Christmas cookies in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.

Final Performance of Scrooge the Musical Today - Come back and join us today, at 3:00 pm in our sanctuary for a fun show of this timeless classic with plenty of dancing, singing, and humor.

The Art of Christmas - On Wednesday morning, Dec 17 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, everyone is invited to Pastor Brad’s special class in the Fellowship Hall on the Christmas story through famous paintings.

Free Community Dinner - On Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a delicious pot roast dinner. Everyone is welcome! Help with preparation and clean up will be greatly appreciated. Let us know you’re coming. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall so we know how much food to prepare.

Conchord Chorale Christmas Concert - Dec. 21, 2:00 pm

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight, 7:00 pm - A traditional Christmas Eve service will include beautiful music, a passionate sermon, communion celebration, and lighting candles while we sing “Silent Night.” Come early for an extended musical prelude beginning at 6:30 pm.

Year-end giving — As a reminder, the last day you can submit your donations to the church to receive credit on your 2025 taxes is December 31. You can drop any extra offerings in the plate during worship, donate online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZWRB>, or mail a check to the church at Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, PO Box 69; Fairview, OR 97024 (The envelope must be postmarked by December 31.)

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC <i>(schedule changes in italics)</i>				
Day (next date)	Time	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	<i>Gentle Exercise (canceled)</i>	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Wednesdays	10:00 - 11:30am	Bible Study (Art)	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Wednesdays	10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
Wednesdays	6:00 - 8:00pm	Youth Group	Church Campus	Pastor Brad
3rd Wednesday (12/17)	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
2nd/4th Thursday (1/8)	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 (3/29)	After Worship	All Church Potluck	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch

NEXT WEEK’S (DECEMBER 14) SUNDAY SERVANTS			
Greeters	Linda Murphy and Lyn Palmer	Opening Prayer	Brenda Haran
Ushers	Joyce Botsch and Lou Churchill	Scripture Reader	Natalie Lintner
Special Helper	Steve Marker	Counters	Bonnie Lind and Joyce Botsch
Refreshments	Deacons		
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SMITH MEMORIAL
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 14, 2025

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