

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD’S LOVE

GREETING (SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1-4)
“I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens. As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his intention toward me was love.”

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER Sonja Flener

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (HEBREWS 12:12-15)
Leader: Lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees.
People: Make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.
Leader: Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
People: See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God.

✠**SONG OF PRAISE** WAY MAKER, w/m by Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

CALL TO CONFESSION (JAMES 5:13-16)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord, we are in need of your healing touch. We are weary in body, mind, and spirit. We are broken people. But, we are your people. Heal us, refresh us, and sustain us with your goodness and mercy. Hear now our silent prayers of confession ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (ACTS 3:14-21)

✠**GRATEFUL RESPONSE** WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR, w/m by Rodgers and Wyse

✠**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 11:2-6 Steve Schaeff
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 # 675 – I BELIEVE IN JESUS

SERIES: WHEN THE NT CONNECTS WITH THE OT AND ME

SCRIPTURE READING ISAIAH 35:1-6a

SERMON “THE MEDICAL MESSIAH” Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING AND PRAYERS OF HEALING IN JESUS NAME (GOD OF POSSIBLE), w/m by Nichole, Pardo, Hulse, and Spencer

In response to God’s love, we are invited during this moment to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (Offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. You may also place a blue connect card in the offering plate to indicate your presence or desire to connect.)

After the offering plates have been passed, you are invited to come forward, light a candle as a symbol of your prayer, and/or go to the pastor or other leader to receive individual prayers with the anointing of oil and laying on of hands.

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** (SONG OF SOLOMON 2:5-13)

✠**SONG OF DEDICATION** HYMN # 628 – WE CANNOT MEASURE HOW YOU HEAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you are here, and would like to get to know you better. We invite you to gather in the Fellowship Hall after the service for refreshments.

New Online Bible Study / Support Group on Thursday Mornings. We are starting a new online bible study, led by Pastor Brad, for people who want to be part of a weekly community that supports one another with scripture and encouragement. People of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. We may expand into additional groups in the future. Zoom meetings are from 8:15 am to 9:00 am on Thursday mornings. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/wFBZMhCCV9fyvDYB8> to express your interest and receive the ZOOM link.

Free Community Dinner, Wednesday, May 21, 5:30-6:30 pm - Everyone is welcome to come for an evening of fun fellowship and good food. This month we will be having lasagna. Invite your friends and neighbors! Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/sgPY88MXPUthvoEx6> or sign up on the clipboard in the entryway.

SMPC Scholarship Applications - Due June 1, 2025 - Applications are available for educational assistance from the SMPC Scholarship Fund for the 2025/2026 school year. The forms are available in the “SMPC Scholarship Fund” mailbox located in the hall by the church office. Recipients should be members of SMPC’s constituency. The fund was established to benefit church families and encourage further education among the church youth.

To Ensure Sufficient Funding for Future SMPC Scholarships, please consider contributing to the scholarship fund by including a memo indicating “scholarship fund” with your tax-deductible donation.

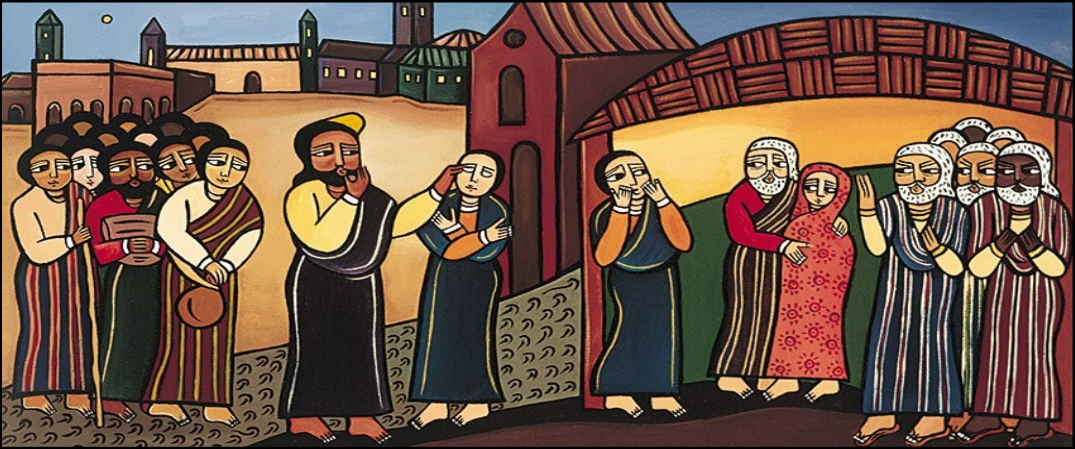
Youth Group Every Wednesday Night From 6:00 to 8:00 pm - All teenagers are welcome to come to youth group at the church for dinner, games, scripture, sharing, and support.

Deacon Offering Will Be Received Today. The ministry of deacons provides caring, compassion, and financial help for all people in our church family, while also reaching out to those in need in our local community.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Potluck Brunch, Wednesday, May 21, 10:00 am - Alicia Campbell will host a potluck brunch at Quail Hollow Community Recreation Center, 21100 NE Sandy Blvd., Fairview to celebrate completing their last study and kick off the next one. They will begin discussing *Listening to God*, a 10-week study by Carolyn Nystrom, on May 28 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to participate!

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC <i>(schedule changes in italics)</i>				
Day (next date)	Time	Event	Place	Contact
Every Sunday	11:45 - 12:15pm	Voice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sunday (6/8)	11:30 - 1:00pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Marty Strange
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 - <i>Potluck Brunch</i>	<i>Quail Hollow Comm. Ctr</i>	Sonja Flener
Every Wednesday	10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
Every Wednesday	6:00 - 8:00pm	Youth Group	Church campus	Pastor Brad
3rd Wednesday (5/21)	5:30 - 6:30pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
<i>Every Thursday</i>	<i>8:15 - 9:00 am</i>	<i>Online Bible Study</i>	<i>Via Zoom</i>	<i>Pastor Brad</i>
Every Thursday	10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Every Thursday	6:00 - 7:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2 nd /4 th Thurs (5/22)	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 (6/21)	Time varies	Outriggers	Location varies	Barb Lintner
NEXT WEEK'S (MAY 25) SUNDAY SERVANTS				
Greeters	Baiba Lackey and Pam Wetmore		Opening Prayer	Alicia Campbell
Ushers	Linda Murphy and Sandy Wagner		Scripture Reader	Lou Churchill
Children's Chapel	Janet Emch and Leesa Pomazi		Special Helper	Carla Jones
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WELCOME TO SMITH MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind by Laura James



The Revelation of the Messiah 4Q521 from the Dead Sea Scrolls

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 18, 2025

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