

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (PROVERBS 11:24-25)

"Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON PSALM 147:7-11)

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

People: *God covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.*

Leader: God gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. God's delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

People: *But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.*

✦SONG OF PRAISE

10,000 REASONS, Chris Tomlin

CALL TO CONFESSION (PSALM 103:1-2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have blessed us beyond measure. Yet, we often forget to say "thank you" for all that you have given to us. Please forgive our ingratitude. Please forgive us for taking your love for granted. And, please forgive us for not being content with what we already have. Help us to seek you above seeking more and more things which just end up cluttering our closets. Widen our perspective about what really matters and help us to find joy in the simple blessings that you give to us. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (ACTS 20:32-35)

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN # 359 – GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

✦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

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15

Cheryl Rush

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 FAITH

RECKLESS LOVE, by Culver, Asbury, and Jackson

SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 24:1-21

SERMON

"300 GALLONS OF GENEROSITY"

Rev. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING (MATTHEW 20:15)

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. (Offering plates will be passed down the pews, but there is no obligation to give. You may also place your pledge cards and blue connect cards 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 (Exodus 35:4-9)

✦SONG OF DEDICATION

HYMN # 22 – LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

✦*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We are thankful that you are here worshiping with us today! We hope you feel God's love filling this space this morning and staying with you all week long. We would love to get to know you better, and invite you to gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and refreshments.

BLOOD DRIVE - Tues. November 21st from 12:00 to 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

If you would like to sign up to give blood, please go to the Red Cross website at www.redcross.org and search for November 21 and our church. Appointments are available between 12:00 and 5:00 pm.

NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

We appreciate all your contributions of time, talent, and treasures. Anticipating what our financial resources might be helps our planning for the coming year. Turning in a pledge card is an important way to help with the planning process and express that what we do matters. We invite you to turn in your pledge card anytime this month. Thank you for all your generous support of Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church's mission and ministries.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Congregational giving during October met monthly projections, but year-to-date giving remains \$15,000 less than needed, leading to a Budget Deficit of \$7,000.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS - Sundays 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

The Christmas Choir will sing in church on Dec. 10. If you like to sing, please talk to Michael Day.

CONCHORDES CHORALE PRESENTS "THE TOYS AND JOYS OF CHRISTMAS"

A musical concert of holiday music in the Sanctuary at 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 3. The Conchords Chorale performs a range of music from classical standards, romantic ballads, and show tunes, to jazz, blues, folk, ethnic music, and seasonal favorites.

GRESHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR PRESENTS "CELEBRATING THE SEASONS"

Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3:00 pm at Reynolds High School Performing Arts Theater, 1690 SW Northstar Loop, Troutdale. Please bring canned goods or non-perishable food in lieu of admission. Food items will benefit the East County Food Pantry here at Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Date	Time	Event	Place	Contact
Sunday	11:30 - 12:30 pm	Community Christmas Choir	Sanctuary	Michael Day
Tuesday	11:00 am	Exercise Group Lunch	Elmer's on 181st	Linda Murphy
Wednesday	10:00 -11:30 am	No Bible Study this week	Fellowship Hall	Lyn Palmer
Wednesday	10:00 - 3:00 pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
Thursday	10:30 -11:30 am	No Exercise Class	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Thursday	6:00 – 8:00 pm	No Bible Study This Week	Bachelor House	Brenda Haran
Friday	10:00 am - noon	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Saturday	9:30 - 12:30	Food Pantry	Church campus	Julie Weindel

Next Week's (11/26) Sunday Servants:

Greeters:	Pam Wetmore and Sonja Flener	Special Helper:	Geoff Kenway
Ushers:	Jennie Spencer and Joyce Botsch	Scripture Reader:	Jon Bachelder
Children's Chapel:	Phoebe and Amy Busiek	Refreshments:	Session

Weekly announcements and bulletins delivered to your email inbox, subscribe at <http://eepurl.com/pNMUP>.

WELCOME TO SMITH MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*As you therefore have received
Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to
live your lives in him, rooted and
built up in him and established in
the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.*

- Colossians 2:6-7

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