

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (PHILIPPIANS 4:3-5) Brad Busiek, pastor
"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus"

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (BASED ON PSALM 145:9-12)
Leader: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
People: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.
Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
People: To make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

✦ **SONG OF PRAISE** ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING, words by Francis of Assisi

CALL TO CONFESSION (ROMANS 12:16-18)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
When we are slow to praise and quick to criticize, forgive us, O God. When we settle for less than your vision of a world made new, forgive us, O God. Where we keep silent when we should speak and speak when we should keep silent, forgive us, O God. O God, giver of grace, increase our faith and decrease our pride. Quicken our steps as we follow your Son. And, hear now our silent prayers of confession...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (ROMANS 15:2-7)

✦ **GRATEFUL RESPONSE** HYMN # 34 – PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

✦ **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 MARK 9:33-37 Linda Murphy, reader
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**

HYMN # 576 – MAKE ME A SERVANT

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 4:14-30

SERMON

"A QUESTION EVERY CHURCH MUST ANSWER"

Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING

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. (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 by placing a blue connect card in the offering plate.)

SONG DURING OFFERING

HYMN # 502 – BE THOU MY VISION

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** (MATTHEW 22:37-39)

✦ **GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

HYMN # 273 – JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO SMITH! We hope you feel the love of God here. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and treats. Everyone is welcome. This is a great way to meet other people.

Please welcome Mary Towsley as our guest accompanist this morning. Mary is the former pianist at Cherry Park Presbyterian and Lou Churchill's roommate.

Children's Chapel/Sunday School - Halfway through the worship service, children (pre-K to 5th grade) are invited to come forward for a special children's message. Afterwards, they are invited to attend Children's Chapel downstairs in the Christian Education wing. Trusted teachers will escort the children to the classroom and parents/guardians may pick up their children downstairs after the worship service.

Photos Needed - We want you in our secure online picture directory. During the next six weeks, Janet Emch and Jon Bachelder will have their cameras ready before or after worship to take your pictures. If your photo is not in our online directory, please seek them out and have your photo taken. Or, you may submit your own photo. You can email a photo to smithmemorial@gmail.com or you can just bring it to the office and we can scan it for you.

Annual Congregational Meeting Today—Immediately after worship we will have our annual congregational meeting to elect new elders and deacons, vote on the pastor's terms of call, and to receive the annual report and budget.

Sun, Jan 29 - Outriggers event at Nutz-N-Boltz theater at 2:00 pm

Tues/Thurs, Jan 31/Feb 2 - Gentle Exercise Group, 10:30 to 11:30 am—This group from Cherry Park, meets weekly for exercise in Fellowship Hall.

Wed, Feb 1 - Sewing Group, 10 am to 3 pm—This group from Cherry Park, meets weekly in the Upper Room.

Wed Feb 1 - Bible Study, 10:10 to 11:30 am—Our Wednesday Bible Study meets weekly in the Fellowship Hall to learn about the Fruit of the Spirit. For more information call Ruth Jones 503-719-5240.

Thurs, Feb 2 - Bible Study, 7:00 to 8:00 pm—Our Thursday Evening Bible Study meets weekly in the Fellowship Hall to discuss *He Chose the Nails* By Max Lucado. Extra books are available. For more information call Brenda Haran 503-317-8251.

Fri, Feb 3 - Food Pantry, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm—Food Pantry grocery bag packing.

Sat, Feb 4 - Memorial Service for Del Flener, 3:00 pm.

Sat, Feb 4 - Food Pantry, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm—Food Pantry grocery bag packing and food distribution. To volunteer, sign up online at <https://signup.com/go/xTpDGs>, email Julie at eastcountyp@gmail.com, or call the church office at 503-667-6800.

It is time to share in the joy of *Per Capita* - Partnering with Other Churches to Spread the Gospel!
One of the great things about the Presbyterian Church is that we work together. Each of us has a wonderful opportunity to participate in the ministry of *per capita*, which means "each head" or "each person." The ministry of *per capita* is an annual offering in which each member of our congregation works with the wider Presbyterian church to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. In addition to your regular giving to SMPC, we ask each person in our congregation to make a one-time donation of \$46.50 for the 2023 *per capita*. Simply write "per capita" on the memo line of your check payable to Smith Memorial Presbyterian. Our goal is to raise \$5,563.20 through our 122 members. This gift will be sent to our presbytery who will spread it out to support other ministries all across the world. If you are able, we ask that you share your gift of \$46.50 *per capita* by February 26.

Next Week's (2/5) Sunday Servants:

Greeters:	Ruth Jones and Bonnie Lind	Special Helper:	Steve Marker
Ushers:	Barbara Grider and Janet Pomazi	Scripture Reader:	Brenda Haran

WELCOME TO SMITH MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Jesu, Jesu
Fill us with Your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors
we have from You



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