

**SMITHS GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

“Christ centered worship and service in a family of faith open to all”

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PRELUDE/WELCOME/JOYS AND CONCERNS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord does not require your sacrifice.

**We will be a people who lives justly.**

The Lord does not need rivers of toil.

**We will offer loving kindness to the world.**

The Lord does not ask you to ignore your loved ones.

**We will walk humbly with our God.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 15: 1-5 (pg. 495)

\*PRAISE SONG: Open the Eyes of My Heart

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and holy presence, no matter our state of being, you are with us. When we mourn, you call us blessed. When we yearn for righteousness, you call us blessed. When we worry that we might be fools for our faith, your wisdom guides our lives. Open our minds and our lives this day to your blessings. In the blessings of your presence, may we speak your truth from grateful hearts. Amen!**

GIVING OF OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF DEDICATION/PASSING THE PEACE

\*PRAISE SONG: In Remembrance of Me

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, Holy One, that in our human foolishness, we often seek to appear wise. Help us know the wisdom of your ways and the truth of your Word. We confess that we often seek our own way instead of seeking you. From this centeredness on self, we let you down, we let others down. Help us follow your direction, your call, and your guidance. Help us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen!**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**No matter how we come before the Lord, the wisdom of the Holy One will be with us. Your being overflows with the very forgiveness that will allow you once again to walk humbly before you.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5: 1-12 (pg. 4)

MESSAGE: “Bless You”

COMMUNION

\*PRAISE SONG: My Lighthouse

\*DEPARTURE/BENEDICTION

Be aware of the presence of God who love each of you as you are.

**We will be aware of the grace of Jesus Christ who calls us blessed.**

Be aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit who guides your life.

**We will be aware of the truth, wisdom, and love found in God.**

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\* All those who are able are invited to stand

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Pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

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Thank God for your brothers and sisters in Christ.  
Pray for each other, neighbors, family, friends, and loved ones.

Tuesday

Thank God for His blessings and His love.  
Pray for others to be introduced to His love, grace and mercy.

Wednesday

Thank the Lord for each new day.  
Pray for those who are struggling with loneliness.

Thursday

Thank God for providing for us and for giving us opportunities to grow.  
Pray for our young adults in college, trade school, and professions.

Friday

Thank the Lord for second chances and opportunities to begin again.  
Pray for our leaders to heed God's guidance.

Saturday

Thank God for His presence with us, even when we push Him away.  
Pray for others to accept God's gift of unconditional love.

Special Joys and Concerns:

Diane Stiffey – recovering from surgery  
Shalee Mann – health concerns  
Teresa Stidham – pulmonary fibrosis  
Mike's friend – health concerns  
Mary & Cynthia's brother – heart issues  
Fran Smith, Debbie Fields – cancer  
Florence Massey, Kayren Essonprise – cancer

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