

**WELCOME TO
SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Thank you for joining us!

We hope you experience the joy of God's love in our diverse, inclusive, and compassionate community. Come as you are; all are welcome!

- ◇ Worship is at 10:00 am Sunday mornings, and can be live-streamed or watched later on YouTube or Facebook.
- ◇ Restrooms are in the first hallway to the left on exiting the sanctuary.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
JULY 28, 2024**

** All who are able are invited to stand.
Hymnals are available on the cart by the sound booth.
Regular attenders, visitors, & members, please complete &
return Connect/Prayer cards in offering plate
or to the Welcome Table at the back of the sanctuary.
Today's worship leaders: Rev. Rob Smith and Becky Brandt*

Prelude

Welcome

Welcome Song (Gladys Mbonifor, singer)

Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the Creator,
inviting us always to risk the unknown.
We gather in the name of the Christ,
fully human, fully divine, full of gift and mystery.
We gather in the name of the Spirit,
unveiling for us what feels long-hidden. Amen.

Prayer

***Opening Song** Ancient Words (CCLI #2986399)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Spirit of the Living God (Hymn #288)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture John 3:1-10

Children's sermon Kids Camp Song "Loved, I Am Loved"

Sermon Song (Gladys Mbonifor, singer)

Sermon "N is for Nicodemus" (Rev. Rob Smith)

Our Call to Generosity

Call To Offering

Ushers will circulate offering plates for those who wish to give in this way. Online giving is also available on our website.

Offertory Let Us Be Known By Our Love by Micah Massey, Ryan Flanigan, Matt Armstrong and Nate Moore (CCLI #7055575) (Afanwi Kube & Ruth Ewule, singers)

Prayers of the People

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.

Announcements

***Closing Song** We Are Marching in the Light of God

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and refreshments after worship.

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Announcements

Visitors: Welcome to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church! Thank you for worshiping with us. Visitors, regular attenders and members, please complete the Connect/Prayer card and indicate if you wish to receive our weekly emails. If you don't have a card, please pick one up from our Information Table at the back of the sanctuary. Please return completed Connect/Prayer card in offering plate or in box labeled accordingly at the back. If you have any questions, please ask at the Information Table or Pastor Rob.

KIDS CAMP will be August 5-9, 2024! If you haven't registered your child yet, pick up your registration forms at the information table or online at <https://forms.gle/qVgpz3P8U8bzSCWJ9>.

School Supply Drive for Highland Elementary will start Sunday. There will be an announcement in church. Supplies can be placed in the large basket under the table in the entry. If you want to buy supplies this week, large quantity items needed are 100 #2 pencils, 50 colored two pocket folders, 50 Post-its 3". The complete list of supplies will be on the table in the entry where bulletins are handed out. Your help is so appreciated. The Community Service Team.

Our LITTLE FREE PANTRY is being used often and in need of frequent restocking. Please pick up a couple items from the store or your cupboards and bring next Sunday, **Replenish the Little Free Pantry Sunday**. Leave them on or in the cabinet in the entryway. Suggestions Include: Pasta Products, Pasta Sauce, White Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Boxed Potatoes, Cereal / Oatmeal, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Canned Meats, ANY Nonperishable Items. With warmer weather, any type of container is acceptable. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FEED OUR NEIGHBORS!

FROM COMMUNITY SERVICE: You are invited to help in the gardens on our grounds! **Sundays after worship**, and **usually Monday mornings** (time dependent on weather), you can join our crew in harvesting the vegetable garden for donation to Rosemount Resource Center food shelf, and/or weeding in the vegetable garden or flower beds. Check in with Denise, Loretta, or Karen for details. Currently, our raspberries are ripening; they are labor intensive to harvest, so if you want to pick raspberries, wear solid shoes (no flip flops or sandals), long pants, and long sleeves. Thanks for

supporting this important ministry!

It takes all of us to be the church. Leadership is working diligently to organize the opportunities and sharing many of these through the Sign Up Genius links sent in the email blasts. Would you please take a few minutes and help make a commitment to help pick up a part. Especially, would you consider becoming part of the Sunday Fellowship Team, as well as the Ushers and Greeters? Thank you for all of the ways you help us be the body of Christ.

Prayer Ministry at Spirit of Life Please use the connect card and turn in at the offering time if you have a prayer request to share today. During the week, please email our deacon, Chris Sachs at sachs123@gmail.com to share a prayer request with our Spirit Care Prayer Team.

2024 Per Capita is \$38.50

Usual Church Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 10-3. Call ahead to make sure as we work remotely some days.

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