

**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
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

** All who are able are invited to stand.
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 Oghomwen Amadasun*

Prelude

Welcome

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** How Great Thou Art

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** The Lovingkindness Song

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Jonah 1: 1-5; 11-17

Children's sermon

Sermon F is for Fish

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 God Is Still With Us (Pastor Rob and Dan Kurtii)

Communion: Welcome to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving / 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.

Holy Communion

Communion Song As We Gather At Your Table (Christine Kolb)

Communion Prayer

Deacon Installation

Deacons class of 2027: Rose McMurray

Announcements

***Closing Song** All of Us

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and refreshments after worship.

[Liturgy in the bulletin today is adapted from © Church Anew and used with Permission.]

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.

Our **LITTLE FREE PANTRY** is being used often and in need of frequent restocking. Today is Replenish the Little Free Pantry Sunday. Please leave your grocery donations 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!**

Coming soon... **Children's Sunday school** kick off Sunday is September 8th, with class beginning the following week, September 15th. **Youth group** will begin Wednesday, September 18th, 6-8pm.

Fall is just around the corner. So, that means that **M&M will be starting up soon. It actually begins on Wednesday, October 2, 2024.** We need people to bring in snacks and prepare meals. We will be serving snacks when the kids arrive. So, snacks should be at the church by 4:15 p.m. Meals will be served at 6p.m. If you can bring a snack or prepare a meal, please sign up on the sheets that are on the table in the back of the sanctuary or send an email to: lorettahunt5678@gmail.com. Thank you so much for helping.

Many of us have suffered the loss of a loved one, someone dear to our hearts who has been an important part in our lives. The grief that we encounter can be overwhelming at times and causes us to reach out for help. Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church in Apple Valley

is initiating a 13 session Christ centered program produced by a network of thousands of grief recovery groups meeting around the world. With **GriefShare** you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way. It is a place where grieving people find healing and hope. We will begin the series on Thursday evening, September 12, at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm via a zoom link. Please contact Bob Shepard at shepardsprairie@gmail.com or the church office if you or someone you know would like to participate.

The Highland Elementary School staff is grateful for the many school supplies you donated for their students. We have some backpacks and school supplies that were contributed for Spirit of Life families. Contact Pastor Rob if you could use help. The Community Service team appreciates all you do.

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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