

**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 8, 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 Jeff Mortimer*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

ONE: Calling all children of the Living God:
the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

ALL: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

ONE: The good news is proclaimed in God's words,
and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

ALL: Let us worship together, every generation.

ONE: We come together with different abilities and disabilities,
learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

ALL: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

ONE: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the
children come!"

ALL: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.

Prayer

***Opening Song** The Jumping Song

Prayer of Reconciliation (Based on Psalm 103:8-10)

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** For the Beauty of the Earth (vs 1 & 4)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Genesis 2:4-7; 15-17

Children's sermon/ Backpack Blessing/ Introduce Teachers

Scripture Genesis 3: 1-8

Sermon You Got This

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 A Thousand Hallelujahs by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, & Phil Wickham (CCLI #7190270) (Becky Brandt, singer)

Prayers of the People (From Illustrated Ministry-Back to School Sunday)

ONE:

ALL: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

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** Loved, I Am Loved

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and refreshments after worship.

Announcements

Visitors: Welcome to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church! Thank you for worshipping 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.

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

Friends - Mark your calendars: The **Merry Old SoLs** will gather on Wednesday, Sept 25, 9:30-11:30 am, at Chris & Frank Sachs' home, 6603 134th St, Apple Valley. We hope you can join the fun! As always, RSVP to Steve or Marge Braden. Thanks.

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.

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.

The **12th Annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk** is coming

up October 6, right here at Spirit of Life! This family friendly event will have live music, a free community meal, and a bake sale starting at 12:30 pm; walk begins at 2:00 pm. Details at the CROP Walk display at the back of the sanctuary, or in the Tuesday email. Sign up to be part of the team, or to volunteer on the day of the Walk; or to provide baked goods for the bake sale; or, make a donation to the team; or, take a grocery bag to participate in the food drive — something for everyone! Questions? Talk to Denise Lewis.

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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