

**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
OCTOBER 6, 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 Karen Johnson*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***Opening Song** Hakuna Mungu

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Come All You People/Uyai Mose (#388 Purple Hymnal)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Exodus 32:1-14

Children's sermon

Sermon

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 In Remembrance from Celebrate Life! By Buryl Red (Spirit of Life Choir, Kristen Ehlert, flute)

Communion: Welcome to the Table**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving / Prayers of the People**

One:

All:

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 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Communion Prayer**Announcements****Commissioning of our Walkers and Helpers**

***Closing Song** We Are Marching in the Light of God/Siyahamba (#853 Purple Hymnal)

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 class meets at 9:30am Sundays. **Youth group** meets Wednesdays, 6-8pm.

Fall is just around the corner. And **M&M started up this past Wednesday!** We still need people to bring in snacks. 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, send an email lorettahunt5678@gmail.com or use the signup genius link [Spirit of Life Congregation Members: Spirit of Life Meet in the Middle \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com). We still need snacks provided for **Meet in the Middle** on Wednesdays, October 23 and October 30. Thank you so much for helping.

Our **LITTLE FREE PANTRY** is being used often and in need of frequent restocking. Please leave a couple items, or monetary gift marked accordingly, for **Replenish the Little Free Pantry Sunday** today! Leave items on or in the cabinet in the entryway, money may be put in the offering. 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!

The **12th Annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk** is here today, 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. Sign up to be part of the team, or to volunteer; 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.

Adult Class: Christian Nationalism will be the focus of a single-session adult class after worship on October 13. Steve Braden will lead the discussion.

Celebrate **Trunk or Treat** at Spirit of Life Church on Sunday October 27th at 11:15 in the parking lot. Please decorate your car trunk and yourself and be prepared to hand out candy. This year we encourage you to also have a game or activity for the kids to play. Ideas could be Corn Hole, Fishing for candy, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, ring toss, etc. There will be prizes for costumes, decorated cars, most fun activity. Please use sign-up at the back so there's no duplication of décor ideas. Thanks! Please talk to Karen if you have any questions.

Spirit of Life is once again participating in the **Armful of Love** project which supplies Christmas gift cards to families in need in our community. In order for parents to have time to shop for their families our gift cards or cash donations are due much earlier. We are therefore requesting that donations be made by SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – just after Halloween! (See our Halloween Giving Tree/"Arms Full of Love" display) Please purchase gift cards in \$25 increments from Target, Walmart, Cub, Aldi, Visa, MasterCard, or Amazon or make checks payable to Spirit of Life with Armful of Love in the memo line . THANKS FOR HELPING US PROVIDE A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR ALL!"

How are you serving? It takes all of us to be the church. Leadership has worked diligently to organize the opportunities and share many of these through the

following Sign-Up Genius links. Would you please take a few minutes and help make a commitment to help pick up a part. **No-one is signed up for Fellowship on Sundays, October 20, 27 or November 3.** Please use this link to sign up: Spirit of Life Congregation: Spirit of Life Sunday Fellowship - Coffees/Treats (signupgenius.com) **We have no ushers or greeters for today, October 6th, or next Sunday, October 13th.** Please use this link and signup to serve: Usher/Greeters/Offering: Spirit of Life Congregation Members: Spirit of Life Usher/Greeter/Offering (signupgenius.com). **We still need snacks provided for Meet in the Middle on Wednesdays, October 23 and October 30.** Click on this link to sign up: Spirit of Life Congregation Members: Spirit of Life Meet in the Middle (signupgenius.com). Links are also included in weekly email. Thank You, Pastor Rob

ADVENT FLOWERS for order! We will be using Flowerama for our advent flowers this year (raising funds for the community garden). The three options available are:

6" Red Poinsettia - \$22.50 / 6" Red Cyclamen - \$18.50 / 6" White Cyclamen - \$18.50

Sales will run from 10-6-24 thru 11-3-24. Flowers will arrive 11-30-24. You are welcome to order flowers in honor of, or in memory of someone of your choice, and have them adorn the sanctuary. Order forms will be available in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, October 6th. Payment made to Spirit of Life, Flowers in memo line. Any questions can be directed to Becky Brandt (thebrandtfam@gmail.com) or Ruth Ewule (ruthewule@gmail.com).

October 20th, following worship, we will be sharing together with the return of our **Harvest of Talents Ministry Fair**. This is a chance for sharing the many ministries and opportunities to share our gifts. Leaders, help organize a table with details about your ministry. This is also the return of our **Chili Cook-Off**. Chili's have included traditional, white chicken, African, Texas, spicy, smoked... Anyone can enter a chili with a chance to add your name to our growing chili-pepper trophy. Email spirit@spiritoflifeav.org by Wednesday, October 16th to help us with planning. Everyone, help stay and share as community visiting the tables and sharing together a meal in the harvest of many talents.

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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