

**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.

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
OCTOBER 13, 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 Loretta Hunt*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Giving Song**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Song** All The Poor And Powerless (CCLI #5881130)

**Assurance of Grace**

**\*Passing of Peace**

**\*Song** God Whose Giving Knows No Ending (Hymn #716) (vs 1)

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Children's sermon: Pointing the Way**

**Scripture** 1 Samuel 1: 9-11, 19-20; 2: 1-10

**Sermon**

## **Intro to Stewardship Campaign**

### **Testimony**

### **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** Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest) by Jean Sibelius with additional music by Kari Jobe & Jason Ingram (CCLI #6534077) (Lisa Smith, singer)

### **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** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

**\*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 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.

**Children's Sunday school** class meets at 9:30am Sundays. **M&M** is Wednesdays at 4:30pm with family meal at 6:00pm. **Youth group** meets Wednesdays, 6-8pm.

**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.

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](mailto: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.

Friends - Mark your calendars. The next **Merry Old SoLs** gathering will be Wednesday, Oct. 23, 9:30-11:30, at Steve and Marge Braden's home. Please RSVP to Marge or Steve. Hope you can join us!

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!"

Sunday, November 3rd, is **Consecration Sunday**, a celebration of the sharing of all of your gifts. We will celebrate with a potluck brunch. See the sign up on the information table where you can sign up to share an egg bake, fruit, or pastry.

**From South of the River CROP Walk:** there is another restaurant fundraiser on October 14 at the Better Half Restaurant in Lakeville. They will donate 30% of your bill to our CROP Walk if you present the printed notice of the event; these are available on the back table, and include

details of the event. Pick up a couple of them!

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. This Sunday, October 13th Ruth Ewule is signed up provide the fellowship time coffee and treat. **No-one is signed up for Fellowship on Sundays, October 27 or November 3.** Please use this link to sign up: Spirit of Life Congregation: Spirit of Life Sunday Fellowship - Coffees/Treats (signupgenius.com). 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 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).

**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

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

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