

**WELCOME TO
SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

14401 Pilot Knob Road / Apple Valley, MN 55124
www.spiritoflifeav.org / spirit@spiritoflifeav.org
952.423.2212

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 27, 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,
Ruth Ewule and VeraRae Boucheu*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***Opening Song** Loved, I Am Loved

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** God Whose Giving Knows No Ending (Hymn #716, vs 3)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture 1 Kings 5: 2-5; 8: 27-30, 41-43

Children's sermon

Sermon "Serving Outside the Box" (Rev. Rob Smith)

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 The Way by Tim Hughes, Nick Herbert & Ben Cantelon (CCLI #7023304) (Beauty Amadasun, 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** Lord, Listen To Your Children (CCLI #22829)

***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.

Celebrate **Trunk or Treat** at Spirit of Life Church today, October 27th at 11:15 in the parking lot. We have decorated our car trunks and dressed up and are prepared to hand out candy. We also have a game or activity for the kids to play at each vehicle.

Meal Train for Jen & Rosi Hansen: A Meal Train link has been created in support of Jen and Rosi Hansen. Jen was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent surgery and began chemo treatments last week. While going through this tough time, they need a little extra support. To help support them in Mason City, IA, options available include financial donation and online meal options. <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/kdw0wv>.

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. Our goal is to receive \$500 in \$25 gift cards (20 cards) and \$300 in cash/check donations. 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.

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. Ruth Ewule is signed up to provide the fellowship time coffee and treats this Sunday, October 27th. 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. Please use this link to sign up: Spirit of Life Congregation: Spirit of Life Sunday Fellowship - Coffees/Treats (signupgenius.com). We have no-one signed up to serve as ushers/greeters this Sunday, October 27th or November 3rd. If you have not served as an usher/greeters, please use this link and sign up to serve: Usher/Greeters/Offering: Spirit of Life Congregation Members: Spirit of Life Usher/Greeter/Offering (signupgenius.com)

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).

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, November 3rd, for 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. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FEED OUR NEIGHBORS!

Successful Chili Cook Off/Harvest of Talents: Thank you to everyone involved for a successful Chili Cook off/Harvest of Talents on Oct 20th after church. We had 9 tables with information on committees and activities that are organized here at Spirit of Life. Thanks to Community Service, Christian Ed, Youth Group, Deacons, Pastor Rob, Music, Merry Ol' SOLs, Hub and Session. We voted with \$\$\$ for our favorite chili. We raised \$364 for the Stewardship kickoff. Winning entries were:

4th place - Community Service - Denise Lewis (Ukranian Vegetable chili)

3rd place - Merry Ol' SOLs - Marge Braden (Asian inspired chili)

2nd place - The Pastor is In - Rob smith (smoked chili)

1st place - Hub - Duane Brause (My Mom's special recipe chili)

Duane will have his name written on the chili pepper /Chili Cook off Ladle trophy. Thanks everyone for making this a fun time and helping raise money for the church. Thanks, Karen Johnson, Generosity Committee

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.

Staff: Pastor: Rev. Robert (Rob) Smith (pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org)
Music Director: Martha Davis (davis.martha@live.com)
Office Administrator: Shari Shaw (spirit@spiritoflifeav.org)
Nursery Director: Trista Hansen
Tech Director: Jacqui Hicks

Lyrics & music are projected & printed under CCLI License #3049316 & Streaming License #20010882