

**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
NOVEMBER 3, 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

***Opening Song** My Life is in You Lord (CCLI #17315)

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #450)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Matthew 14: 13-21

Children's sermon

Sermon "Pointing the Way" (Rev. Rob Smith)

Testimonies (Christine Kolb and Bob Shepard)

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 Order My Steps by Glenn Burleigh (Spirit of Life Choir)

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 Prayer

Announcements

***Closing Song** I'm So Glad

***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.

Today, Sunday, November 3rd, is **Consecration Sunday**, a celebration of the sharing of all of your gifts. After receiving all the pledge cards in worship, we will celebrate with a potluck brunch.

Meal Train for Jen & Rosi Hansen: A Meal Train link is shared on the Spirit of Life Presbyterian Facebook page in support of Jen and Rosi Hansen. (Or type in your browser: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/kdw0wv>. Jen was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent surgery and is now blazing through her chemo. 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.

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**. (See our Halloween Giving Tree/"Arms Full of Love" display) If you haven't been able to purchase the requested gift cards, please ake 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!"

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. **This is the last week for placing flower orders for Christmas.** For transparency, we pre-ordered 8 red and 8 white cyclamen thinking a less expensive option and variety would be popular. The tradition of poinsettias is real. We will adjust for future orders. Orders are through today. Consider cyclamen if you like this as an option. 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 are available in the sanctuary. 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!

Steve Braden will facilitate a 2-session **adult class** Nov. 17 & 24 on Bruce Feiler's book on Abraham. It's actually a lecture he gave, divided into 2 parts, on the origins of and relations among Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Given what's going on in the Middle East, it's very timely. Feiler was the "Walking the Bible" author.

Exciting news. The Matsiko World Orphan Choir is coming to Spirit Of Life Nov. 11-13, and performing a special concert at our church o Wednesday, Nov 13. Many of you will remember this grou visiting us in 2012 and 2015. We will have 23 youth and 11 adults, all from Liberia, Africa and are either orphaned or at risk. The choir's mission is to empower as many of our world's 600 million orphaned and vulnerable children, like themselves with complete education, centered around Christ, in their own countries.

We need volunteers to help host kids (and adults) in their home. (For those that say yes, we will work out details as a group helping with meals and transportation). All of our prior host families express this opportunity as a tremendous gift. Ask Karen Johnson, Jeff Mortimer and Sayra Maberry, and Pastor Rob and Lisa about their experience hosting. Also, we will need help organizing a couple of meals at the church and/or with transportation. Email

pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org if you are able to help host, organize meals, or with transportation.

Let's welcome them in our church home by coming to their concert on Wednesday, Nov. 13th. Come for dinner at 6:00 with the concert at 7:00.

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 Sin-Up Genius links. Today, Sunday, November 3rd, is Consecration Sunday, a celebration of the sharing of all your gifts. We will celebrate with a potluck brunch. Next Sunday, November 10th, we have no-one signed up to prepare and serve coffee and treats for the fellowship time. Please use this link to sign up: Spirit of Life Congregation: Spirit of Life Sunday Fellowship—Coffees/Treats (sigunupgenius.com). Thank you, Patience Mbonifor, signed up to serve as usher/greeter for Sunday, November 3rd. We still need someone to serve November 10th. If you have not served as an usher/greeters, please use this link and sign up to serve: Usher/Greeteres/Offering: Spirit of Life Congregation Members: Spirit of Life Usher/Greeter/Offering (signupgenius.com)

Friends—Mark your calendars. The next **Merry Old SoLs** gathering will be Wednesday, November 20, 9:30-11:30, at Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church. Please RSVP to Marge or Steve. Hope you can join us!

Thanks to everyone who decorated their trunks and everyone who dressed in costume. Thanks to Ls for being our DJ. Thanks to Barb for managing the raffle. Thanks to Loretta for judging. Winners were: Cor Lander for children's costume, Vasanth for adult's costume, Trista for most fun game, Jacqui, Alfred and Ethan for scariest trunk, and Denise for most creative trunk.

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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