

**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
DECEMBER 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, Deon Ford, and Merry Close*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Advent Candle

Congregational Song Light a Candle Bright and Tall, copyright 2012, by David Woods, (permission given to use in worship)

***Opening Song** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Hymn #88)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** O Little Town of Bethlehem (Hymn #121)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Joel 2: 12-13, 28-29

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 Be Born in Me (Mary) by Bernie Herms & Nicole Nordeman (CCLI #6195667) (Kate Frost, 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** Glory (Let There Be Peace) (CCLI #7071972)

***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.

The children have already been preparing for the Children's Christmas Program, A Lamb's Tale. The adults have also been rehearsing their music for the Spirit of Life Choir concert, From Glorious Light of Christmas. **The Kids and Adult Christmas program will be December 15th during church.**

Please also plan to join us for **Christmas Eve worship at 5:30pm** Christmas Eve, December 24th.

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 make a commitment to help pick up a part? Please click on the link and select a date you could serve:

- Fellowship Time
- Dec. 8: Jerry and Karen Johnson
- Dec. 15: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)
- Dec 22: Mary Brause

Please use this link to sign up to prepare and serve coffee and treats for the fellowship time: Spirit of Life Congregation: Spirit of Life Sunday Fellowship—Coffee/Treats (signupgenius.com)

Your **Community Service** team is again sponsoring The Giving Tree project. Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Kwik Trip and Holiday are requested in \$25 increments. These will be offered to Spirit of Life families in need of assistance this Christmas, and for the pastor's discretionary fund throughout the year. This is another wonderful opportunity to help all have a Merry Christmas! Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

2025 Per Capita is 40.00

Your Personal Notes:

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)
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