

# A Lamb's Tale



**Spirit of Life Christmas Program**

## **WELCOME TO SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **DECEMBER 15, 2024**

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.

*Regular attenders, visitors, & members, please complete & return Connect/Prayer cards in offering plate or to the Welcome Table at the back of the sanctuary.*

#### **Prelude**

**Introit:** What a Glorious Night by Casey Brown, Dave Frey, Ben McDonald, & Jonathan Smith (Spirit of Life Choir)

#### **Welcome**

#### **Call To Worship**

#### **Advent Candle**

**\*Congregational Song** For the Beauty of the Earth

**\*Song** O Come All Ye Faithful

#### **Christmas Program: A Lamb's Tale**

Snowflake - Anwyn Frost

Shepherd Bree - Briyelle Kube

Teacher - Keaton Kolb

Messenger - Peter Ekame

Bully #1 - Johnny Currens

Bully #2 - VeraRae Boucheu

Bully #3 -Laynie Davis

Dad Shepherd Reuben - Charlie Currens

Angel - Amelia Kolb, Josie Samaara

Bully's Dad - Jimmy Currens

Mary - Maya Sivan

Joseph - Oliver Frost

Sheep - Willa Samara, Lydia Davis, Samantha Davis, Seriyah English

#### **Children's songs:**

What a Night!

I Just Wanna Be A Sheep

When I Grow Up

Tales From the Flock

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Our Turf

Away in a Manger

Where I Belong  
Finale: What A Night / Go Tell It On The Mountain

**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** Glorious Light of Love by Jason Cox and Lee Black (Spirit of Life Choir)

**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** Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child arranged by Lloyd Larson (Spirit of Life Choir)

**\*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.

**Sunday Events:**

- **Children's Sunday School class** is suspended on Dec 22 and Dec 29. Class resumes January 5th, meeting at 9:30am Sundays.
- Today is our **Children's and Adult Christmas Program, "A Lamb's Tale"** during our morning worship. The musical is adapted by Karen Johnson, directed by Karen Johnson and Christine Kolb.

**Weekday Events:**

- **(Tuesday) Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** Plan to join us the Tuesday and come as you are. This is a gathering online and in person. It is open for you to pop in and out any time so feel free to drop in and say hello. \*Note, same time and same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/>

[j/286584190](#). The first Tuesday of the month is in person only at the McDonalds located at 21044 Kenrick, Lakeville, MN.

- **Meet in the Middle meets Wednesdays, 4:30-6pm.** It's another exciting year of Meet in the Middle at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church*! From 4:30-6pm, kids will be playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing, Bible lessons and more! Parents join the kids for 6pm dinner. (A free will offering will be taken for dinner). **Youth group** meets Wednesdays, 6-8pm.

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 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 15: Session and Deacons

Dec 22: Mary Brause

Dec 29: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

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](http://signupgenius.com)).

Your **Community Service** team is again sponsoring The Giving Tree project. Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Kwik Trip, and Holiday are requested I \$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!

**The Little Free Pantry update** Now that we've been having BELOW FREEZING TEMPS (BRRRRRRR) we need to eliminate glass jar and often canned items from our LITTLE FREE PANTRY. We suggest items in boxes, bags, paper wrapping, foil packets, plastic jars etc. We can store canned items in our entryway cupboard and put out as weather allows. Suggestions Include: Pasta Products, Pasta Sauce, White Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Boxed Potatoes, Cereal / Oatmeal, Fruits and Vegetables, tuna, ANY Nonperishable Items. Hunger persists in our neighborhood and we thank you for your help!

**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 Chris Sachs at [ccsachs123@gmail.com](mailto:ccsachs123@gmail.com) to share a prayer request with our Spirit Care Prayer Team.

2025 Per Capita is \$40.00