

**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
JANUARY 5, 2025**

** All who are able are invited to stand.
Hymnals are available on the cart by the sound booth.
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, Jeff Mortimer and Merry Close.*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***Opening Song** We Three Kings (Hymn #151)

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** He Came Down (Hymn #137)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Luke 2: 21-38

Children's sermon

Sermon

***Song** I've Got Peace Like a River

Baptism: Vasanth Sivan and Mark Devine

Welcome New Members: Dan and Yuko Kurtii, Mark Devine and Vasanth Sivan and Rebecca 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 There is a Time (by Anna Golde & Thomas Daniel - CCLI #7174732) (Odosu Amadasun, singer)

Communion Instructions

We welcome you to an open table where all are welcome. To share this welcome, the bread served is gluten free, and for the cup we share both grape juice (white) and wine (red). As you are able, come to the front to receive communion and bring it back to your seat where we will all receive the bread and cup together as one. If needed, remain in your seat and we will bring communion to you.

Welcome to the Table

Communion Song

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.

Communion

Announcements

***Closing Song** Holy Water (CCLI #7136648)

***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** resumes today, January 5th. Class starts at 9:30am and goes until 10:15, then the kids will join adults in sanctuary for the Children's sermon.

Weekday Events:

- **(Tuesday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** Plan to join us 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, Jan 7th, is in person only at CRACKER BARREL, 17189 Kenyon Ave, Lakeville, 55044. Coffee and conversation will meet again January 21st at Spirit of Life and online.
- **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. **NOTE:** We will be taking a break over the holidays and will resume on JANUARY 15.

M&M MEALS: M&M will begin on Wednesday, January 15th. Meals will be served at 6 p.m. We need people to prepare meals on: Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, and April 23. If you would like to prepare a meal, please contact Loretta at: lorettahunt5678@gmail.com.

The **Merry Old SoLs** will meet Wednesday, Jan. 15, 9:30-11:30 at Marge & Steve Braden's in Rosemount. Rides can be provided. RSVP to Steve or Marge.

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

Jan 5: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Jan 12: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Jan 19: (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)

Little Free Food 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!

The **Valentine Cabaret** will be held on 2/8. Tickets are \$30 and will be sold by youth after church on 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26 and 2/2. There will also be a silent auction and any donations are appreciated. We will be seeking talent as well. Invite your friends!

Attention Women, you are invited to attend **Clearwater Chrysalis** Friday Feb 21 to Sunday Feb 23 at Clearwater Forest Church Camp, Deerwood, MN. Chrysalis is a balanced, faith-building Christian program for adult women from all beliefs. Our vision is to nourish and support the body, mind, and spirit in community with other women. Theme is Claiming Your God Given Woman Wisdom, by Speaker Rev. Chris Bellefeuille (lead pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater). There will be: speakers, workshops, crafts, nature walk, snow shoeing, stretches, bingo, etc. Cost is \$250 which covers a double room for two nights and meals. A \$75 deposit is required with registration. First Time Campers are eligible for a \$50 discount. Scholarships are available. Registration ends Feb. 10th. <https://clearwaterforest.org/retreats/> If you have any questions, contact Karen Johnson.

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 ccsachs123@gmail.com to share a prayer request with our Spirit Care Prayer Team.

Note: Pastor Rob Smith will be taking family time January 11th—19th and the church office will also be closed. If you have a crisis emergency, contact Steve and Marge Braden at (574-849-0470).

2025 Per Capita is \$40.00

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

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