

**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.

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
MARCH 9, 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. Steve Braden,  
Oghomwen Amadasun and Steve Lewis*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: We are called to love

**All: The Lord our God**

One: We are called to love

**All: With our heart and soul, our mind and strength**

One: We are called to love

**All: Our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Let us worship God.**

**Prayer**

**\*Opening Song** God of Grace and God of Glory (Hymn #307)

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

**Assurance of Grace**

**\*Passing of Peace**

**\*Song** God Welcomes All (Hymn #399)

## **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture** Luke 10: 25-42

## **Children's sermon**

**Sermon** "Just Do It!"

**Song** Jesu, Jesu. Fill Us with Your love (Hymn #203)

## **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** Bread of Life by Andrea Hamilton & Amanda Meisenheimer (CCLI #7252237)

## **Doxology**

## **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** Called as Partners in Christ's Service (Hymn #761)

**\*Charge and Benediction**

## **Postlude**

Please join us for coffee and refreshments after worship.

# **Announcements**

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

- **The Sunday morning adult class**, "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God," resumes today in the conference room. Join us in person or via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136883066>.

**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 week we return to meeting at Spirit of Life in person, or online. 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>.
- **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.

**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  
 Mar 9: Bradens  
 Mar 16: Ruth Ewule  
 Mar 23: Rebecca Shepard

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](https://signupgenius.com))

**MAY THE "FOURS" BE WITH YOU!** MN FoodShare is running its 44th Annual March Campaign, and Spirit of Life is participating again to benefit the Rosemount Resource Center food shelf, part of 360 Communities. Feeding America reports that 537,890 Minnesotans are facing hunger, and 34% of these individuals are under the age of 18.

Drawing inspiration from Star Wars, how much have we powered up our light sabers so far? Our goals are:

-Collect at least 44 lbs of non perishable food items every week in March. You can leave your contributions on the information table under the MN FoodShare display. As of March 3, we collected and delivered 48 funds of food.

-Raise at least \$44 in cash donations every week in March. Through their contracts, food shelves have amplified purchasing power, so your cash contribution stretches further. Make checks out to Spirit of Life, with "MN FoodShare" on the memo line, or donate online with that notation. As of March 3, we have not had any monetary contributions.

**Merry Old SoLs** Pie Party March 12: In honor of Pi Day (3/14), the Merry Old SoLs, our senior fellowship, is having a Pie Party Potluck lunch at the Bradens' in

Rosemount on Wednesday, March 12, 11am-1pm. Folks are invited to bring some form of pie, whether savory or sweet. To RSVP or for more details, contact Steve or Marge Braden.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Our inaugural Men's group will be on Thursday, March 13 at 6:00 PM at Andy Zumbach's home. Address is 15602 Early Bird Circle, Apple Valley. With this being the first meeting, we will discuss together about how frequently we want to meet (and dates that work for the group). For the beginning, we will be in the gospel of Luke. Andy will have wings! Just bring your Bible and a friend! And please, RSVP to Andy at [andrew.zumbach@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.zumbach@gmail.com) to help him plan for food and space.

***SoL Call***

***Hunger prevention***

Feeding America is a national organization devoted to ending hunger in our country. Please sign their online petition (link below) to tell Congress to save SNAP benefits! <https://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action>

Our **Easter Flower fundraiser** goes through March 30th. See insert for selections available for purchase. Proceeds will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

**One Great Hour of Sharing offering** this year will be received on Easter Sunday. Will you be prepared? We will have fish banks available to the kids and youths so they can begin collecting their coins, too! One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

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

2025 Per Capita is \$40.00

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

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