



# 11 NOVEMBER 2018 AD 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## WELCOME to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church!

If this is your first time here we want to say a special thank you for worshipping with us today. Whether you're visiting, seeking a new spiritual direction in your life, or simply looking for a church home, we pray that *SPIRIT OF LIFE* might be the place for you to grow. Living a life of faith is no easy matter—until we try living life without faith. We're glad you worshiped here today and want you to know that your presence is always welcome! **NOTE:** Large print bulletins & Children's activity bags are available at the usher station. We also offer nursery upstairs during worship and Sunday school.

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

Rev. Rob Smith

"What Does the Lord Require of you?"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Deon Ford

One: What shall I bring? How much is enough? How big of an offering to earn favor? Should I be doing more?

**All: On this week of all weeks. So much anger. So vast of divisions. So many pressures. Out there—yes, and within my soul. Am I doing enough? What does the Lord require of us?**

One: The Lord has told us, o mortals, what is good. What does the Lord require of us?

**All: But to do justice. To love, even when it is hard, love anyway. To do our part of caring for one another and all of creation.**

One: To love kindness. Yes, kindness. At a time where anger abounds, may we help change the world beginning right here—sharing kindness.

**All: And to walk humbly with our God. To make God more in our lives, let's humble ourselves. Show empathy and seek understanding.**

One: Justice, Kindness, and Humility. This is what the Lord reminds us is good. This is what the Lord requires of us. Let us worship the God of love and peace.

### OPENING HYMN

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (#398)

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love;  
And for these blessings, We lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know, that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive, Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;  
You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Refrain

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

"Change for Change" bucket offering

Alice Gracek

### PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: God of righteous and sinner alike, God of the healthy and the sick, God of the found and the lost, God of the free and the slave,

**All: we come to praise you and worship you.**

One: What can we bring to you, Lord God, not gifts of rams, of rivers of oil, of firstborn, for you are not interested in transactions.

**All: What can we bring to worship you? We bring ourselves, as we are, for you are interested in transformations, in our connections with you and each other.**

One: We rejoice with Micah that you have told us what is good, and what can transform us into a living expression of praise and worship.

**All: Forgive us as we struggle to do what is right, as we see only weakness in mercy, and walk with pride in our own achievements, and those of our nation.**

One: Forgive us as we seek ways to buy you off, when we know that our hearts seek transformation, just as our nations, our communities, our world seeks transformation towards peaceful living. May we know your forgiveness, that it would motivate us to do what is right, loving mercy, and stepping forward in faith humbly with our God. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Rob Smith

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Rob Smith

### RESPONSE HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" (#367, ref, v3, ref)

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,  
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

These are the ones we should serve,

These are the ones we should love.

All are neighbors to us and You.

Refrain

### ANTHEM

"Jesus Loves Me" arr. by Michael Hassell

Saxophone special: Deon Ford

Choir

## HEARING

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Deon Ford

### SCRIPTURE

Micah 5: 2-5 (NLT); 6: 6-8 (NRSV)

Deon Ford

### SERMON

"Pray It Forward: What does the Lord Require?"

Rev. Rob Smith

## RESPONDING

### SERMON RESPONSE

"Come Live in the Light!"

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice;

We are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another,

To walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So hatred and violence will be no more.

Refrain

Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other

As sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain

### PRAY IT FORWARD: Stewardship Update

Steve Lewis

### TESTIMONY

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### CALL TO OFFERING

Deon Ford

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" #591

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Rob Smith

**All: 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.**

## SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

### CLOSING SONG

"I'm So Glad"

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, Singing glory, Hallelujah!

Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me. Singing glory, Hallelujah!

Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. Singing glory, Hallelujah!

Jesus lifted me.

### CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Rob Smith

### **Volunteers for today, November 11, 2018:**

**Lay Leader:** Deon Ford

**Audio Visual:** Eric Scott

**Children's Sermon:** Alice Gracek

**Ushers / Greeters:** Scott & Nikki Harves, Loretta Hunt,  
Becky Brandt, Monique Lander

### **Volunteers for next Sunday, November 18, 2018:**

**Lay Leader:** Steve Lewis

**Audio Visual:** Alfred Hicks

**Children's Sermon:** Chris Sachs

**Ushers / Greeters:** Scott & Nikki Harves, Loretta Hunt,  
Becky Brandt, Monique Lander

# Announcements ...

Please submit Sunday worship announcements to the church office each week. Announcements not received by Wednesday noon will be shared in the worship bulletin the following Sunday. Send a quick email to [spirit@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org). Thank you!

Our nursery (2nd floor) is open during worship for children ages 1-6 years.

Throughout the month, we collect our change and then we bring it, on the second Sunday of the month, TODAY, to give in the “Change for change” bucket offering. Some are familiar with this, others may have questions. With the help of our children, we continue collecting change in our metal buckets on a monthly basis. This is a great teaching tool to help us show each other and the younger generation how fun it is to give when we hear the change drop in the buckets!

It's that time of year again, folks! We'd like to update our church directory and make it available to you December 2<sup>nd</sup>. In order to make that happen, we need your updated MEMBER INFORMATION page turned in!! Several have turned theirs in already – THANK YOU! Others still need to take a few moments and “do a little paperwork”, please. Holly Bueno will also be snapping family photos beginning today. It's nice to have an updated snapshot so people may connect the names with the faces as we get to know each other. Thank you, again, for your participating!!

Pastor Rob is leading the New Member class that meets at 11:15am on Sunday, Nov 11, and 12, here at the church. We'll be receiving the new members in worship on Sunday, November 18.

We are organizing a Spirit of Life Drama Group. We are inviting older youth to join us today, November 11, after Sunday school. Talk to Gladys with questions.

Christian Education is asking for all children (and adults) to think about donating some of their candy from Halloween to the troops this year. Deon Ford will be packing care packages for our troops the end of November and we would like to contribute. Please talk to your children about donating some of their candy! We talked about this during the children's sermon and during M&M as well. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary for the next few weeks. Thanks! See Nikki with questions.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. Regular “office hours” are at the Dunn Bros., 15265 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley, on Tuesdays, 10am-12noon. If you need to talk regarding life issues, church, or other things, please feel free to drop by or set up an appointment to meet with him.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the weekly study on Wednesdays, 10-11:30am, with Pastor Rob leading. Our current study is covering the book of Mark. Anyone can join at any time. Class meets at the new Orchard Path Presbyterian Homes located just down the road at 5400 157th St. W., Apple Valley (South on Pilot Knob and turn left onto 157th St W. Orchard Path to the right after the traffic circle.)

Meet In The Middle is in full swing! Kids can be dropped off at 4:30pm. At 6pm, parents can then join their kids for dinner provided by the church. From 4:30-6, kids will be: playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing to the residents of Orchard Path Presbyterian Homes, Bible lessons and more!! No need to register ahead. Please contact Nikki Harves with any questions at [nikkiharves@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiharves@gmail.com). Parents please note: Next Wednesday, November 14, the M&M children will go to Orchard Path Presbyterian Homes to sing for residents there. We will leave the church at 5pm and return to the church at 6pm.

Next Sunday, November 18, is Consecration Sunday and we will be sharing in a nice giving thanks meal immediately following worship. (Sunday school will be cancelled). We ask everyone to please come hungry and be prepared to stay for a delicious celebratory meal.

Everyone is invited to the Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Grace Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, on Wednesday, November 21, at 7pm. Those who are interested in participating, the choir rehearsal begins at 6pm Nov 21.

Please sign up to be Cookie hostess for Sunday fellowship. Go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/508044cadab2da5ff2-spirit](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044cadab2da5ff2-spirit).

Peruvian Sweaters for sale! Vickie and Nicole Fischer will be selling sweaters in the narthex before and after worship in November. Proceeds will go toward the Matsiko girl Spirit of Life sponsors, and supporting the choir. See Vickie or Nicole with questions.

We are sponsoring two families in the Armful of Love gift drive for Christmas again this year. There will be name tags with gift requests in the back of church. You can purchase a gift on your own, partner with another church member to buy a gift, or donate money and we will purchase the gifts. We will need all of the gifts wrapped and brought back to church by Sunday November 25th. See Wendy Barta with questions.

Reminder, no Sunday school on November 25th. We will decorate the church for the Advent Season. Karen Johnson will bring soup. Everyone is invited to come help, and please bring bread or something to share. Thanks, Karen

## NOVEMBER CAREGIVER - Patience Mbonifor

SpiritCare Prayer Team:  
1.507.263.5975 or 952.423.2212-Office

*“First, I tell you to pray for all people, asking God for what they need and being thankful to Him. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior.”  
1 Timothy 2:1, 3*

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### OFFICE

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