



18 NOVEMBER 2018 AD 26TH 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.

***Thank you for silencing/turning off your electronic devices** during rehearsals and worship. This helps everyone stay focused.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Rob Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 42: 10-12)

Steve Lewis

One: Sing to GOD a brand-new song, sing God's praises all over the world!

All: Let the sea and its fish give a round of applause, with all the far-away islands joining in.

One: Let the desert and its camps raise a tune, calling the traveling nomads to join in.

All: Let the villagers from our surrounding towns round up a choir and perform from the tops of the mountains.

One: Make GOD'S glory resound; echo the Lord's praises from coast to coast. With Thanksgiving, Let us worship God!

OPENING SONG "God is So Good" (CCLI #5017832)

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me.

God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me, God's so good to me.

God answers prayer, God answers prayer, God answers prayer, God's so good to me.

I praise God's name, I praise God's name, I praise God's name, God's so good to me!

Reception of New Members

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor Rob: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

(Everyone please stand and join the candidates in affirming the faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed).

***Apostles' Creed (traditional) hymnal page 14**

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ

his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. (Congregation may be seated.)

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Wendy Barta, JoAnne Boyd, Mike & Rachel Elliott, Joan Emden and Suzanne Peer

ANTHEM

"Dona Nobis Pacem" by Jay Althouse

Choir

HEARING

CALL TO OFFERING

Steve Lewis

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Steve Lewis

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 126: 1-3 (The Message)

Psalm 126: 4-6 (The Message), I Corinthians 4: 13-15

Steve Lewis

Rev. Rob Smith

SONG

"Thank you Jesus"

Gladys Mbonifor

SERMON

"Thanksgiving! Pray It Forward"

Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say "We are strong!"

Let the poor say, "We are rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks.

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 18, 2018:

Lay Leader: Steve Lewis

Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks

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

Volunteers for next Sunday, November 25, 2018:

Lay Leader: Becky Brandt

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children's Sermon: Karen Johnson

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

NOVEMBER CAREGIVER - Patience Mbonifor

SpiritCare Prayer Team:

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*"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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Announcements cont'd ...

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.

Please **sign up to be Cookie hostess** for Sunday fellowship. Go to www.signupgenius.com/go/508044cadab2da5ff2-spirit.

Throughout the month, we collect our change and then we bring it, on the second Sunday of the month, 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! Our next bucket offering will be collected on Sunday, December 9.

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. Thank you!

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

Today, 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 stay for a delicious celebratory meal.

It's that time of year again, folks! We'd like to update our church directory and make it available to you December 2nd. 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!!

Anyone wanting to assist with serving this month's meal at **St. Stephen's shelter**, there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Questions - please contact Wendy Barta at wbarta@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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

Saturday, December 1; we will gather for brunch, then carpool to St. Paul for the **Historic Alexander Ramsey House / Victorian Christmas Tour**. Please sign up no later than Sunday, November 25. For questions, contact Laura Keehn or Denise Lewis.

For the month of November, the **women's book club** will be reading “Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India, and Indonesia” by Elizabeth Gilbert. Here is a link to purchase the book on Amazon:
https://www.amazon.com/Eat-Pray-Love-Everything-Indonesia/dp/0143038419/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1541123688&sr=1-1&keywords=eat+pray+love We will meet at the Smith home on Thursday, November 29 at 7 pm. Please join us!

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