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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

Becky Brandt

One: Listen to the Spirit urging us to get ready—

All: Our calendars are jam-packed full.

One: Listen to the Spirit calling us to wait—

All: We are not good at waiting; there's a line everywhere we go.

One: Listen to the Spirit inviting us to walk in the way of the Lord—

All: This is good news!

One: The way of the Lord is the path of peace.

All: We are glad to be in the house of the Lord!

One: Today, may we be renewed in hope and light in the presence of God.

All: We rejoice, for we are blessed to walk in the light of God!

OPENING PRAYER

Becky Brandt

OPENING SONG

"Lord Listen To Your Children" (CCLI #22829)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Karen Johnson

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Becky Brandt

One: God of Peace, we come before you this day to praise you and adore you. We come before you in your house as your people to learn and grow from your Word.

All: We thank you for the gift of languages: the languages that shape our culture, the language that express our feelings, the language that crafts

words into works of art.

One: But our words are not always used for good.

Pause

One: When our words have formed rumors, rumors that damage people, strain relationships and hinder progress, forgive us.

Pause

One: When gossip has turned words into weapons, when rumors have brought pain, division and isolation, forgive us.

Pause

One: May we not let any harmful talk come out of our mouths, rather may we say and do what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

All: Challenge us to build up and not to tear down. Inspire us to change the rumors that have plagued our pasts. But above all, Lord, may we bring the focus of our words and deeds back to where they belong, in service to you, to the furthering of your Kingdom. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (#276, v1, ref)

ANTHEM

"Come, Emmanuel" by Don Besig

Choir

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Becky Brandt

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2: 1-4

Rev. Rob Smith

SERMON

"Where Do We Find Our Security, Where Do We Find our Peace?"

Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE SONG

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

CALL TO OFFERING

Becky Brandt

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

"Siyahamba"

CHARGE & BLESSING

Rev. Rob Smith

Volunteers for today, 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*

Volunteers for next Sunday, December 2, 2018:

Lay Leader: Steve Lewis

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children's Sermon: Nikki Harves

Ushers / Greeters: Denise Lewis, Gladys Mbonifor, Loretta Hunt, Duane and Mary Brause, Comfort Amadasun, Joan Emden, Charles Assah, Deon Ford, Connie O'Sullivan

Communion: Denise Lewis (Lead), Steve Lewis, Deon Ford, Nicole Fischer

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Per Capita for 2018 is \$34.50.

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.

Reminder, **no Sunday school** today, 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 today, November 25. For questions, contact Laura Keehn or Denise Lewis.

We are sponsoring two families in the **Armful of Love gift drive for Christmas** again this year. If you wish to contribute, feel free to donate money and we will purchase the gifts. Gifts already purchased are due today, November 25th. See Wendy Barta with questions.

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!

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.

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Where Do We Find our Peace?"**

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