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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

Scott Harves

One: As we gather here in this place, do we think of it as a place of healing? As we gather here in this place, do we look for cleansing?

All: As we come to God in worship, what is it we are looking for? Health and wellbeing, rich blessings or love?

One: God of wisdom, God of healing, God of heavenly riches, We come to you in worship and praise seeking healing and cleansing deep in our souls, richness in our lives and peace for our world. God, we come to you.

OPENING SONG

"10,000 Reasons" (Bless the Lord) CCLI #6016351

Chorus
Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1
The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3
And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Holly Bueno

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Scott Harves

One: We praise you that you encounter your people in every place, in every setting, making no distinctions of class or race or gender. You embrace us and offer forgiveness and healing to all.

All: God, forgive us for the ways that we discriminate and exclude, consciously or unconsciously. Forgive us for the limits and conditions we set on your love. Forgive us for our lack of imagination that reduces you to what we can perceive. Forgive us how in the ways we create you in our image to justify our own prejudices for our own benefit. Open our hearts and our minds and our hands to know that we cannot contain you or fathom the depths of your love, but are invited to meet you here.

One: Today may we be awed by your presence, your love, and your mercy and worship you with all that we are and all that we have. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE HYMN

"What a Friend We Have In Jesus" (#403)

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

PRAY IT FORWARD: Stewardship Update

ANTHEM

"May The Words of my Mouth" by Tim Hughes

Martha Davis

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Scott Harves

SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 5: 1-14
John 15: 1-5 (The Message)

Scott Harves
Rev. Rob Smith

SERMON

"Pray It Forward: The Next Step"

Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE HYMN

"I've Got Peace Like a River" (#368)

TESTIMONY

Joanne Boyd

CALL TO OFFERING

Scott Harves

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

Rev. Rob Smith

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: (Prayer)

One: May the God of joy be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING SONG

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

We Will Go Out with Joy



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



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Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CHARGE & BEDICTION

Rev. Rob Smith

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.

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!!

Pastor Rob is leading the **New Member class** that meets at 11:15am on Sundays, Nov 4, 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 on Sundays, November 4 & 11, after Sunday school. Talk to Gladys with questions.

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.

Reminder: **Deacons** will be meeting Monday, November 5th, at 5:30pm.

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 will be talking about this during the children's sermon and during M&M on November 7th. There will be a box at the back of the sanctuary starting on Sunday. The box will be there 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.

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

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.

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 collection will be next Sunday, November 11.

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

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Per Capita for 2018 is \$34.50.

Volunteers for today, November 4, 2018:

Lay Leader: Scott Harves
Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks
Children's Sermon: Holly Bueno
Ushers / Greeters: Scott & Nikki Harves, Loretta Hunt, Becky Brandt, Monique Lander
Communion: Deon Ford (Lead), Eric Scott, Holy Bueno, Duane Sweep, Loretta Hunt

Volunteers for next Sunday, 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

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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