



16 DECEMBER 2018 AD

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 Martha Davis

WELCOME Loretta Hunt

ADVENT CANDLE READING Bueno family

READING

One: People of God, Isaiah promised a servant God who would come to save us.

All: The Savior will be a light to the nations.

One: People everywhere are eager for the justice he will teach and the joy he will bring.

All: We will see prison doors opened and people set free.

One: Today we light a candle to symbolize the joy we anticipate. We hope in the One who will come. We pray for God's peace to prevail.

Our joy will come with God's servant.

(Light the candles of Hope, Peace and Joy.)

One: People of God, great change lies ahead.

All: We wait to see it with joy!

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (#9, v 1-3)

READING Duane Sweep

"Come Emmanuel" Choir

READING Duane Sweep

"Carols Around" Choir

READING Duane Sweep

"Carol of the Little Angel" Choir
Flute accompaniment by Haley Harves

READING Duane Sweep

"Somewhere a Child" Choir
Vocal solo, Becky Brandt

READING Duane Sweep

"Joseph's Prayer" Choir

CALL TO OFFERING Duane Sweep

READING Duane Sweep

"Who Is This Tiny King" Choir

READING Duane Sweep

"Jamaican Noel" Choir
Vocal solos: Mary Brause, Deon Ford, Karen Johnson, Eric Scott

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" (#23, v 1-3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Loretta Hunt
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.

"Jesus What a Wonderful Child" Choir

BENEDICTION Loretta Hunt

Volunteers for today, December 16, 2018:

Adult Christmas Contata
Lay Leader: Duane Sweep
Advent Readers: Bueno family
Audio Visual: Eric Scott
Ushers: Joan Emden, Hicks family
Greeter: Joan Emden

Children's Christmas Pageant,
"Twas the Night Before Christmas"
this evening at 6:30pm

DECEMBER CAREGIVER - Rosellen Fairall

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*

Volunteers for next Sunday, December 23, 2018:

Lay Leader: Loretta Hunt
Advent Readers: Elliot family
Ushers: Gladys Mbonifor, Loretta Hunt

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AND
Twitter (SpiritOfLife@SpiritOfLifeAV)

Per Capita for 2019 is \$35.70.

Looking for cookie donations for our Kids, Cocoa, and Cookies Night on Sunday, December 16th. Please see sign up in the back of the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Nikki Harves

We also need people to sign up and provide desserts for M&M. There is a sign up sheet on the back table.

Please sign up to be Cookie hostess for Sunday fellowship. Go to www.signupgenius.com/go/508044cadab2da5ff2-spirit . We need cookie hostess for Jan. 13, 20, and 27. Thank you!

Your printed directory is available at the back. It is not available digitally so be sure to grab your copy! Thank you, everyone, for assisting with providing your updated information and updated pictures.

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! The next Sunday we will collect the bucket offering is January 13

Announcements ...

For Advent, we're keeping announcements to minimum. Please be sure to submit your announcement to the church office so we may include them in the printed bulletin. All announcements received by noon Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Those received later than, will be included the following Sunday. ~Thank you.

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

This year, *Spirit of Life* will be presenting...

...**Choir Cantata, this morning, December 16**, during our morning worship . Our adult choir has been practicing every week in preparation for this very special Christmas worship.

...**Children's Christmas Pageant, "Twas the Night before Christmas" at 6:30pm, this evening, December 16**. Join us for Cocoa, Cookies and Kids! The youth will be performing along with our children's program. After the performances, please stay for cocoa, cookies and Santa!

...**Blue Christmas Service on Friday, December 21, 7pm**. For those experiencing loss or struggling to find the Christmas joy this year, a Blue Christmas is a service that is more contemplative than traditional Christmas worship. The readings, music, and message focus on God's comfort in hard times.

...**Annual Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24, 5pm**, will be a one hour family worship including Communion.

There are several **congregational cards to sign** (birthdays, illness, new members). Everyone please be sure to see Ruth Shepard to share a blessing with several in our own community! **We also have a congregational card to be signed for Pastor Rob, Lisa, Cole and Luke**. Pastor Rob's father passed away this past week. Youth, we would especially like to have you sign the cards, as well! Memorial envelopes are available at the back if you wish to contribute toward the memorial for Pastor Rob's father.

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.)

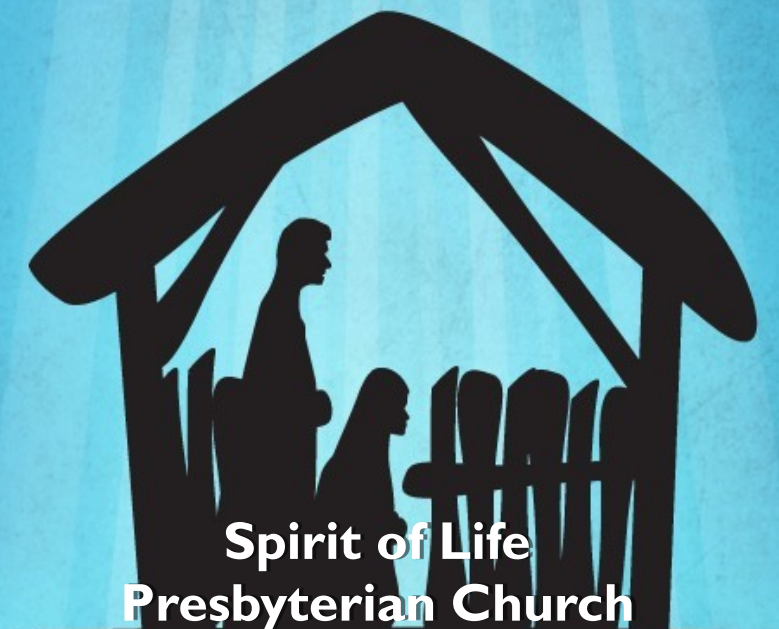
Meet In The Middle is in full swing! Kids can be dropped off at 4:30pm. At 6pm, parents can then join their kids for dinner provided by the church. From 4:30-6, kids will be: playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing to the residents of Orchard Path Presbyterian Homes, Bible lessons and more!! No need to register ahead. Please contact Nikki Harves with any questions at nikkiharves@gmail.com.

Beard Baubles: Youth leaders are having a beard contest to help support paying for our adult leaders going on the youth mission trip. Our leaders take a week of vacation from work to support our youth and serve with the additional sacrifice of

hundreds of dollars out of pocket to fund the trip while also helping fund many of the incidentals on the trip. Our long term goal is to fully fund our volunteers. The youth leader who raises the most money in their jar on the Mission Trip table in the back of the sanctuary will decorate their beard for our December 16th Christmas Program. We thank you for your support.

Adult Christmas Cantata

December 16, 2018



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