



30 DECEMBER 2018 AD

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

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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 be fully present.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Afanwi Kube

CALL TO WORSHIP

Afanwi Kube

One: Go this way. Go that way.

All: Do it this way. Do it that way.

One: Be here. Be there.

All: However we feel, wherever we are on our journey, God is with us here, now and always.

One: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World!" (#40)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Karen Johnson

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Afanwi Kube

One: Loving God, you did a wonderful thing in bringing to life your Son. A child born in your image—a miracle of creation that brought light and glory to our world. The familiar carols tell us a story of loyalty and miracle. Your love for us is unconditional and only you could have gifted us the most precious gift available to creation—the gift of your very self. In this Christmas Season, we seek to reflect the adoration of the Magi who, with the Shepherds, were the very first visitors to behold your Son. We bring him our own gift today; more precious than gold or silver, or precious perfume. We bring him our gratitude and our heartfelt promise to live as his people.

All: Merciful God, you sent a star to guide the men from the East to the place where the baby lay. You helped them understand the significance of what they saw and allowed them to decide wisely on the best road to take

home. We are sorry for those times when we turn a blind eye to the guidance you give us as we seek to follow our own path of faith. We are sorry for being slow to be moved by the miracles of your goodness that are made known to us day by day. We are sorry for the times we take the wrong paths, for being led by others when we should know it is wrong, for those times we have been diverted from the moral road, choosing instead a lesser code to live by. Lord help us. Have mercy on us. **Lead us by a brighter star, that we might walk the road that you call us. In your Son's name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor Brad Moe

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Brad Moe

CHRISTMAS CAROL REQUEST

HEARING

READING 1

Matthew 2:1-6

CHRISTMAS CAROL REQUEST

READING 2

Matthew 2:7-12

CHRISTMAS CAROL REQUEST

SERMON

"The Visit"

Pastor Brad Moe

RESPONDING

CHRISTMAS CAROL REQUEST

CALL TO OFFERING

Afanwi Kube

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

Pastor Brad Moe

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

CHRISTMAS CAROL REQUEST

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Brad Moe

Volunteers for today, December 30, 2018:

Guest Preacher: Pastor Brad Moe

Lay Leader: Afanwi Kube

Children's Sermon: Karen Johnson

Ushers: Gladys Mbonifor, Loretta Hunt, Denise Lewis & Joan Emden

Volunteers for next Sunday, January 6, 2019:

Lay Leader: Becky Brandt

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children's Sermon: Alice Gracek

Ushers / Greeters: Steve Lewis (Lead), Suzanne Plaszczy family, Gladys Mbonifor, Jerry & Karen Johnson, Marge Lewis, Chris Sachs, Eric Scott family, Claudette Robert

Communion: Steve Lewis (lead)

JANUARY CAREGIVER - Chris Sachs

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO...

Smith family - *Pastor Rob's Dad, Chuck*, passed away Monday, December 10. Prayers for comfort, peace and understanding that God is with them through this difficult time.

Family of Gladys Maberry- *Sayra Maberry's Mother, Gladys*, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, December 23. Prayers for comfort, peace and understanding that God is with Sayra Maberry and Jeff Mortimer and their family through this difficult time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Don Roeske - **Don** will have pacemaker surgery on January 2. He is expected to stay in the hospital one night and then return home. Please keep Don and his family in your prayers.

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Per Capita for 2019 is \$35.70.

Announcements ...

Please be sure to submit your announcement to the church office so we may include them in the printed bulletin. All announcements received at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org 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.

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.

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!

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

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 Genesis. 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.

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.

SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Rob Smith Email: pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org

Parish Lay Pastor: Loretta Hunt

Clerk of Session: Denise Lewis

Nursery Caregiver: Trista Hansen

Office Administrator: Shari Shaw

OFFICE

10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL ROB @ 952.807.4413

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