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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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

Rev. Rob Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Becky Brandt

One: As a new year dawns, God is with us.

All: In our service of others, in our hopes and our dreams, in our regrets and uncertainties,

One: in our church and our worship, in all of our lives, God is with us. Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN *"A Voice Was Heard in Ramah"*
(tune of *"Lead On, O King Eternal"*, #447)

A voice was heard in Ramah that could not be consoled,
As Rachel wept for children she could no longer hold.
For Herod ruled the nation, yet feared the Infant King.
How great the devastation that fear and anger bring!

O God, we hear the crying for little ones of yours;
For many still are dying in conflicts and in wars —
In every troubled nation, on every violent street,
How great the lamentation when fear and anger meet!

Whenever one is weeping, the whole world suffers, too.
Yet, Jesus, as we serve them, we're also serving you.
So may we not ignore them, nor turn our eyes away,
But help us labor for them to bring a better day.

O Prince of Peace, you lead us in ways of truth and grace.
May we be brave to practice your peace in every place —
To love each fear-filled nation, to serve each troubled street.
How great the celebration when peace and justice meet!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Song: *"All Night All Day"*

Chorus

All night all day, Angels watchin' over me my Lord
All night all day, Angels watchin' over me.

Verse 1

Day is dyin' in the west, Angels watchin' over me my Lord
Sleep my child and take your rest, Angels watchin' over me

Verse 2

Now I lay me down to sleep, Angels watchin' over me my Lord
Pray the Lord my soul to keep, Angels watchin' over me.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Becky Brandt

One: Merciful God, sometimes the world can be harsh. This is not of your choosing.

All: The weak and vulnerable find it hard to escape from the challenges they face; chased down by the dark forces of poverty, of hunger, of poor health, the future looks bleak. This is not of your choosing.

One: Those who live under the scepter of violence, domestic or more widespread, hide away in the shadows trying to stay safe. This is not of your choosing.

All: The power lies with a small proportion of individuals and governments of the world, with the result that some live feeling they have no voice, no rights, no justice, no freedom. This is not of your choosing.

One: And the children, Lord, yes the children, those who are most precious in your eyes, are so often ill-treated and poorly provided for by those who should protect them. This is not of your choosing.

All: Lord, it is too easy for us to say that little, if not none, of this is our fault. Too easy to say that we neither chose nor created such a world.

One: Yet Lord, today we recognize that together with the whole of humanity none of us can escape blame. So, for being part of a world where such harshness is known and overlooked, we say sorry.

All: In mercy hear us. In mercy release us. In mercy help us. Let us get up and go, forward into a new and fresh start, ready to receive direction from you, and willing to be those who, through love and justice for our neighbors, effect change in the world. Let us walk in the ways of Jesus. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE HYMN *"Lord Listen To Your Children Praying"* (CCLI # 227829,
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ANTHEM *"Jesus What a Wonderful Child"* by Lloyd Larson

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Becky Brandt

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 13-23

Becky Brandt

SERMON

"About Time: Time to Get Up and Go" Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE *"Abraham Journeyed to a New Country"*
(tune of *"Morning Has Broken"*, # 469)

Abraham journeyed to a new country;
Sarah went with him, journeying too.
Slaves down in Egypt fled Pharaoh's army;
Ruth left the home and people she knew.

Mary and Joseph feared Herod's order;
Soldiers were coming! They had to flee.
Taking young Jesus, they crossed the border;
So was our Lord a young refugee.

Some heard the promise — God's hand would bless them!
Some fled from hunger, famine and pain.
Some left a place where others oppressed them;
All trusted God and started again.

Did they know hardship? Did they know danger?
Who shared a home or gave them some bread?
Who reached a hand to welcome the stranger?
Who saw their fear and gave hope instead?

God, our own families came here from far lands;
We have been strangers, "aliens" too.
May we reach out and offer a welcome
As we have all been welcomed by you.

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.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

Rev. Rob Smith

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 (Served intinction)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *"Go Tell It On The Mountain"* (#29)

CHARGE & BLESSING

Rev. Rob Smith

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.

Deacons will meet on Monday, January 7, at 5:30 pm.

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 hostesses for January and February. 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.

It's that time of year! This years Valentine **Cabaret will be held Feb 9, 2019.** Tickets on sale now, check with youth or stop by the missions trip table. We also need your help with the Valentine Cabaret. Sign up's will be posted weekly at the "ALL THINGS MISSION" table in the church lobby. Stop by and see how you can help to make this year a success. If you are a youth or parent of a youth going on missions trip, please continue to watch for alerts and messages on TEAM SANP. Contact Jacqui if you have any questions. **Thank you** to all who donated to the Beard Bauble fundraiser! We raised \$350...if you missed it check out pictures on our web page.

Volunteers for today, January 6, 2019:

Lay Leader: Becky Brandt

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children's Sermon: Alice Gracek

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

Communion: Steve Lewis (lead)

Volunteers for next Sunday, January 13, 2019:

Lay Leader: Marge Lewis

Children's Sermon: Vickie Fischer

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

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 had pacemaker surgery on January 2. Prayers for a quick and full recovery for Don.

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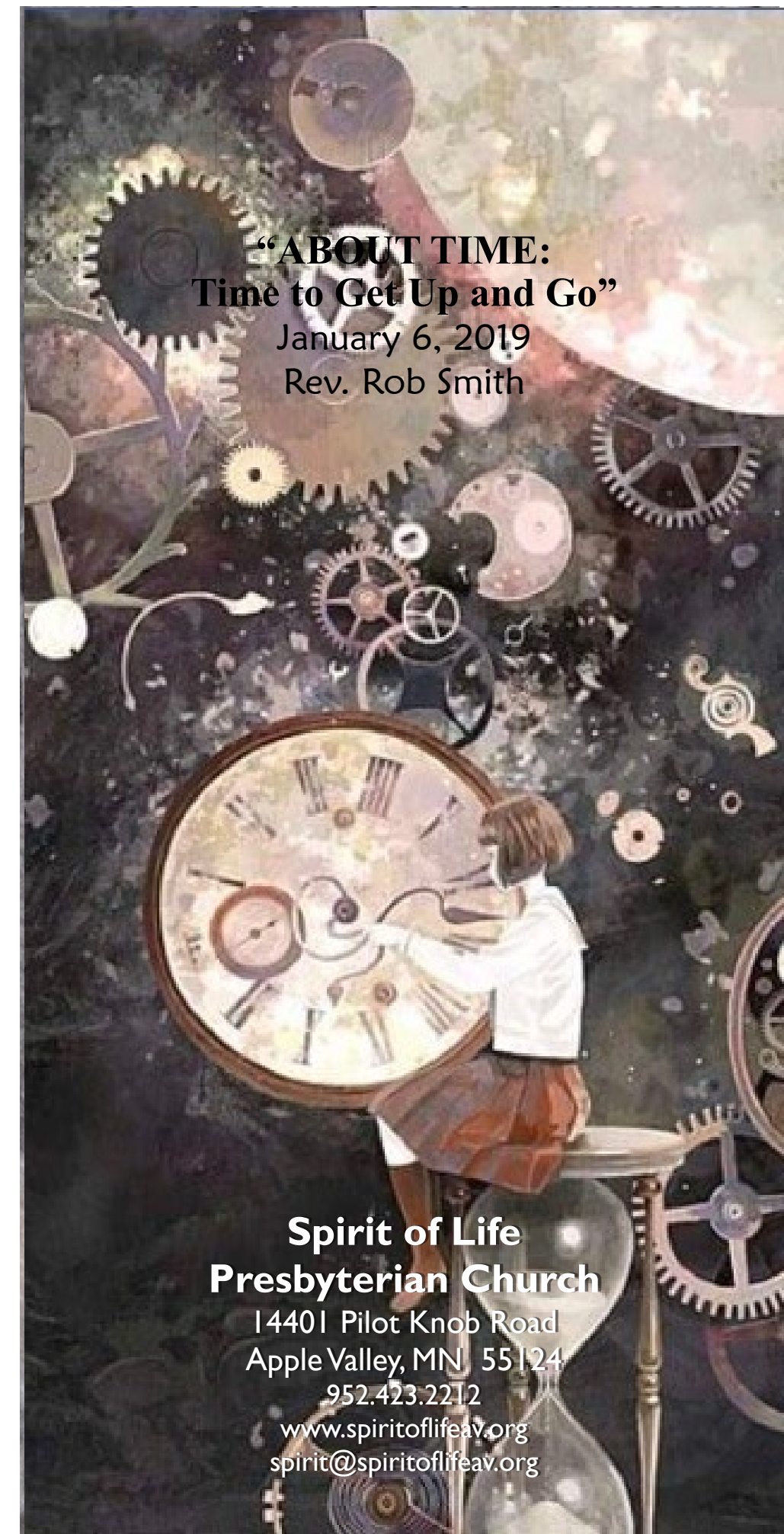
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10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS

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