



03 FEBRUARY 2019

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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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. Should your phone still ring, it will extend Pastor Rob's sermon by 15 minutes this week.

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Great is the Lord" Martha Davis

PRESENTING OF THE COLORS Color Guard
Zac Byers, Connell & Liam Hagen—boy scouts, Zach Anderson—Arrow of Light, Emily Byers—Webelo

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Brenden & Patrick Riley—Cub Scout Wolf
One: Our Father in heaven, holy is your name.

All: Greater than our understanding, close to us as our breathing, in humble awe we pray.

One: Your Kingdom come, your will be done, right here on earth as in heaven.

All: We pray for your vision of justice and mercy to be made real in our world, in our neighborhood, in our homes, in my life.

One: Give us today our daily bread.

All: We pray for your vision of enough; enough that all are fed, enough warmth on these cold days, enough healing for all.

One: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

All: We pray to know of your generous grace, life giving grace, life-changing grace as we discern your vision for our life, that we hear your call and follow.

One: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever.

All: Giving thanks for your presence.

One: Let us worship God. Amen.

OPENING SONG "This is My Song" (v. 1-2)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Rob Smith

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION Ari Miller—Cub Scout Bear
One: *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.* Familiar words, and the start of a prayer we know by heart. With things familiar, we are thankful for the words, the comfort, the connection we have with brothers and sisters around the world. But we also know that with familiarity, sometimes we can say the words without thinking much about them—go through the motions. As one body, let us again hear today with fresh ears and open hearts as we pray together.

All: God of grace, we confess that we are more eager to receive your mercy than we are to extend your kindness to others. We ask for what we need without considering of others in need. We seek your forgiveness but are slow to grant forgiveness to others. We want you to lead us, but only if you will send us where we want to go. By your grace, we want to turn this around. We choose to give you more than we think we can spare; to forgive even those who have yet to ask for forgiveness; to follow you wherever you choose to lead us. Receive our commitment to new life, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE SONG "I Will Call Upon the Lord" (Rev. Rob Smith on guitar)

ANTHEM "Lord I Give My Heart To You" by Joseph Martin Choir

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Dean Nelsen—Cub Scout Bear

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6: 7-21 Zach Anderson—Arrow of Light

SERMON "Braving the Wilderness: Come Together" Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" (#339, v. 1-3)

CALL TO OFFERING Vivienne Miller—Cub Scout Wolf
Offerings given in the enclosed designated envelope will support the Scout Project. Unmarked giving will go to support the ministry of Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church.

OFFERTORY "Infinity" Martha Davis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" #591

WELCOME TO THE TABLE Rev. Rob Smith

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
One: (Prayer)
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)
"A Prayer of Need" Martha Davis

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING SONG "Go Tell Everyone" (CCLI #434431)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Rob Smith

RETIRING THE COLORS Color Guard

**Volunteers for today, February 3, 2019:
Scout Sunday**

Ushers: Carson Sanderson, Wyatt Roeder, Zac Byers, Eli Ammons
Greeters: Dean Nelsen—Cub Scout Bear, Emily Byers—Webelo
Audio Visual: Eric Scott
Pianist: Martha Davis
Communion: Duane Sweep (Lead), Gladys Mbonifor, Denise Lewis, Peggy Roeske

**Volunteers for next Sunday, February 10, 2019:
Lay Leader:** Scott Harves

Children's Sermon: Nikki Harves
Ushers / Greeters: Duane Sweep (Lead), Guy and Esther Bssoume, Larry and Pat Buchholz, Camille Burin, Merry Close, Sandy Rasoumoff, Rosellen Fairall, Bob and Ruth Shepard

February 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

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 hostesses for 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.

Spirit of Life drama club will meet on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.** We will be acting the Crucifixion on Maundy Thursday and the Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. All are welcome. Together we will make it in Jesus's Name. If you have questions, please reach out to Gladys Mbonifor at (505) 204-5166 or gmbonifor3@yahoo.com.

Choir rehearsals are Sundays at 8:45am. All welcome.

Today, February 3, is SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY - yes, that's the way we spell it here at Spirit of Life. Once again the Community Service Team has asked everyone to bring in cans of soup for the Food Shelf at Rosemount Family Resource Center. Everyone can be a winner! Thanks - Peggy Roeske

Superbowl party at Karen and Jerry Johnson's 4 pm till 9 pm today, Feb 3rd. Game starts at 5 pm. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your favorite beverage. Please RSVP to Karen. Text is great, at 612 210 8600. Thanks, Karen

Valentine Cabaret is this Saturday, 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.

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 February 10.

Clearwater Forest Chrysalis 2019 winter women's retreat is Fri, Feb 22 to Sun, Feb 24. Theme is Leaning into Shalom, Keynote speaker is Rev. Mary Koon. Fees include 2 nights housing, all meals, speaker presentations, workshops, nature hikes. Also available drop in crafts, Zumba, massage for extra fees. Cost is \$210 but first time scholarships of \$75 are available. Please contact Karen Johnson if you are interested. We can carpool. Full brochure and online registration are at www.Clearwaterforest.org/retreats/adult-retreats/clearwater-chrysalis/

Spirit of Life Youth Choir meets every other Sunday. Next rehearsal is today, February 3, 2019 from 11:10 am to 12:00pm. All Middle and High School Youths are welcome to join us any time. For more information, Please contact Alvine Laure Ekame at alvinelaure_cm@yahoo.fr.

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Per Capita for 2019 is \$35.70

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10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS

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"Come Together"

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