



28 APRIL 2019
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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W E L C O M E 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:** Hymnals, large print bulletins & children’s activity bags are available at the usher station, or you may ask an usher. 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, you will be invited to come to the front sing a solo during the offering.

GATHERING

<u>PRELUDE</u>	Martha Davis
<u>WELCOME</u>	Rev. Rob Smith
<u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u> One: Jesus comes to makes demands of us, are you ready? All: We are ready! One: Jesus wants us to teach others, are you ready? All: We are ready! One: Jesus wants us to make disciples, are you ready? All: We are ready! One: Jesus wants us to baptise and lead, are you ready? All: We are ready!	Luke Scott
<u>OPENING HYMN</u>	<i>“Lord You Give The Great Commission”</i> (purple #298)

<u>TIME WITH CHILDREN</u>	Nikki Harves
<u>PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION</u> One: God who calls us, we thank and praise you for trusting us. We thank and praise you, for the honor and the privilege of sharing a life giving message to all the world. We thank and praise you, for the task of telling others your story. Not to share rumours or sound-bites, a text message or	Bob Shepard

a tweet, an email, but the glorious news that Jesus is alive! You have entrusted us with this message, not just the pastors, the spiritual giants of history or the prayer professionals today, but ordinary everyday people, from ordinary places, to go and tell others your story, as it becomes our story of changed lives, generous love, and bundles of mercy.

Life-transforming and life-changing is your story, retold in our stories and preaching, in music and song, in deed and word, in small churches and large churches, and we, characters in the story of your grace, share the responsibility to go and tell the Good News of Jesus to all people everywhere.

Yet we also know the times we are overwhelmed of the responsibility, Or we doubt our capabilities, We question if we have enough faith, Or we wait for someone else.

All: Calling God, you know us so well, yet these were the exact people you sent out that very first Easter day: The faithful women who showed up, fishermen that never went to school, tax collectors that were not welcome, soldiers who were taught a different kind of mission, and they had learned it all from you, had seen and heard it with their own eyes and yet they still doubted.

Forgive us, Father, for our fear, our faint-heartedness, our doubt, and when we see scarcity when you show us abundance. You send us already equipped with your Spirit, If we trust, it is you who will provide us the words, and the conviction in our heart, to go, and do, sharing Good News that we believe can change the world the Good News of Jesus, now and forever. Amen.

<u>MOMENT OF SILENCE</u>	
<u>ASSURANCE OF GRACE</u>	Rev. Rob Smith
<u>PASSING OF THE PEACE</u>	Rev. Rob Smith
<u>RESPONSE HYMN</u>	<i>“Sanctuary”</i> (CCLI # 24140)
<u>YOUTH CHOIR</u>	<i>“This Little Light of Mine”</i> by Mark Hayes

HEARING

<u>PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION</u>		Bob Shepard
<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	Matthew 28: 16-20	Bob Shepard
<u>SERMON</u>	“From Awareness, To Acceptance, To Belonging” Tommy and Nikki Harves, Rev. Rob Smith	

RESPONDING

<u>RESPONSE</u>	<i>“Come Thou Fount”</i>
<u>CALL TO OFFERING</u>	Bob Shepard
<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<i>“There is Power in the Blood”</i> by Lewis Jones, arr Lloyd Larson Martha Davis

<u>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</u>	<i>“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”</i> #591
<u>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</u> 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

<u>CLOSING SONG</u>	<i>“Celebrate, Jesus, Celebrate”</i> by Gary Oliver (CCLI #16859)
<u>CHARGE & BENEDICTION</u>	Rev. Rob Smith
<u>POSTLUDE</u>	Martha Davis

Volunteers for today, April 28, 2019:
Lay Leader: Bob Shepard
Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks
Children’s Sermon: Vickie Fischer
Ushers / Greeters: Duane Sweep (Lead), Nicole Fischer and Ed Marciniak, Vickie and Bill Fischer, Rosellen Fairall, Matt and Mary Hope, Trisa Scott, Sarah Tavarez, and Walt Ullrich
Pianist: Martha Davis

Volunteers for next Sunday, May 5, 2019:
Lay Leader: Deon Ford
Children’s Sermon: Holly Bueno
Ushers / Greeters: Peggy Roeske (Lead), Lindsay and Robyn Smith, Alfred and Jacqui Hicks, Bruce and Irene Jacobson, Sayra Maberry and Jeff Mortimer, Don Roeske, Deon Ford, Denise Lewis
Pianist: Martha Davis
Communion: Peggy Roeske (Lead), Deon Ford, Walt Ullrich, Duane Sweep

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.

A n n o u n c e m e n t s ...

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.

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!! Please contact Nikki Harves with any questions at nikkiharves@gmail.com.

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

Spirit of Life drama club will meet on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.** If you have questions, please reach out to Gladys Mbonifor at (505) 204-5166 or gmbonifor3@yahoo.com.

Please sign up to be Cookie hostess for Sunday fellowship. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044cadab2da5ff2-spirit> . We need cookie hostesses for May and June. Thank you!

Please mark your calendar and start preparing your tools! **Spring Clean Up will be Saturday, May 4, from 9am to 12noon.** *Spirit of Life* church family will work together with the Scouts to tidy up our grounds and building. We welcome all who can make and appreciate any help you can provide on that day. It should be a very fun and productive morning!

The next **Spirit of Life Youth Choir** rehearsal is Saturday, May 11, from 10 am to 12pm. 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.

May Women’s book club: For the month of May we will be reading "Waking up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debby Irving. We will meet on Thursday May 30, 2019 at Lisa Smith’s home. Here is a link to buy the book. https://www.amazon.com/Waking-White-Finding-Myself-Story/dp/0991331303/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=waking+up+white&qid=1554429888&s=gateway&sr=8-1

Contribution Statements for the 1st Quarter ending 3/31/19 are located in blue box in the back of the church. Please pick up your statement. They will be available until 6/1/19.

With some of our memorial funds, we have purchased 10 of the new purple “Glory to God” Presbyterian Hymnals. They are on the shelves at the usher stand. If anyone would like to use one, feel free to bring one to your seat and then return it to the shelf following worship.

Please mark your calendars: KIDS CAMP will be August 19-23!

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April Caregiver - Ruth Shepard

May Caregiver - Loretta Hunt

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...

Mike and Rachel Elliott and family- *Rachel Elliott’s Father* passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 6. Prayers for comfort, peace and understanding that God is with Rachel and Mike and their family through this difficult time.

Joanne Boyd and family- *Joanne’s Brother, Henry Kober,* passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 7, after having been diagnosed a week ago with acute Leukemia. Prayers for comfort, peace and understanding that God is with Joanne and the family through this difficult time.

Martha Davis and family- *Martha’s Father, James Edward Schlaeppi,* passed away the morning of Wednesday, March 13. Prayers for comfort and peace that God is with Martha and the family through this difficult time.

Buchholz family- *Larry Buchholz’ sister-in-law, Clara Buchholz,* passed away Thursday, April 4. Prayers for comfort, peace and God’s enduring love to Jim, *Larry’s brother,* their children and grandchildren, *Larry and Pat,* and the extended family as they grieve the loss of Jim’s wife, *Clara.*

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