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5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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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 stand and recite the 23rd Psalm.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Martha Davis

WELCOME Rev. Rob Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP Denise Lewis

SONG “Prepare the way of the Lord” by Jacques Berthier
One: “Come, Lord Jesus, come.” We say these words, longing, waiting, and
seeking the one seated on a glorious throne, the seat of judgment.

**All: We say the words, but are we really ready? We come to worship,
some of us ready, some of us unsure, some of us excited, some of us
sorrowful, yet we come, taking a step closer, together, but we must first
travel with Jesus through the cross to understand. Receive us, Lord Jesus.**

SONG “Prepare the way of the Lord”

OPENING SONG “I Just Wanna Be A Sheep” by Brian M. Howard

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rachel Elliott

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION Denise Lewis
One: Loving God, Creator of all, we gather to praise you because we are
part of your amazing universe. There is so much complexity and boundless
variety at every turn. Plant life is rich in multiplicity, the animal kingdom is
mesmerising in breadth of range and even humanity has wonder and awe
in our variation. Tall, short. Fat, thin. Able bodied, not so able. Straight,
gay. Young, old. Male, female. Skins of many hues. Nationalities from

every corner of the globe. Lord, we are all so different, yet we are all made
one in your image.

**All: We confess that sometimes we focus on our differences rather than
our commonality. We ask your mercy for times when we are suspicious
of others simply because they are not ‘one of us’. All people are your
children. Thank you that we are part of such a wonderful human family
and thank you for our church family with whom we meet today. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (#151, v 1)

ANTHEM “Listen to the Lambs” by Howard Helvey Choir

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Denise Lewis

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25: 31-46 Denise Lewis

SERMON “Crosswise: Judgment” Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

RESPONSE HYMN “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (#172, v 1-3)

CALL TO OFFERING Denise Lewis

OFFERTORY 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

**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 SONG “All the Poor and Powerless” (CCLI #5881130)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Rob Smith

POSTLUDE Martha Davis

Volunteers for today, April 7, 2019:

Lay Leader: Denise Lewis

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children’s Sermon: Rachel Elliott

Ushers / Greeters: Duane Sweep (Lead), Nicole Fischer and Ed
Marciniak, Vickie and Bill Fischer, Rosellen Fairall, Matt and Mary Hope,
Trisa Scott, Sarah Tavaréz, and Walt Ullrich

Pianist: Martha Davis

Communion: Duane Sweep (Lead), Deon Ford, Holly Bueno, Nicole
Fischer, Denise Lewis

Volunteers for next Sunday, April 14, 2019:

Lay Leader: Scott Harves

Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks

Children’s Sermon: Chris Sachs

Ushers / Greeters: Duane Sweep (Lead), Nicole Fischer and Ed
Marciniak, Vickie and Bill Fischer, Rosellen Fairall, Matt and Mary Hope,
Trisa Scott, Sarah Tavaréz, and Walt Ullrich

Pianist: Martha Davis

April Caregiver - Ruth Shepard

SpiritCare Prayer Team:

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*“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.

Announcements ...

Our special services here at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church* during the Easter Season

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019**. At the 10 a.m. service the congregation will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the distribution of palms. The Adult Choir and the Spirit of Life Youth Choir will perform. The Adult Choir is directed by Marge Lewis, with Martha Davis as pianist accompanist, and the Youth Choir is directed by Alvine Laure Ekame. An Easter Egg Hunt for children will follow the service.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, will feature the retelling of the story of Jesus' Last Supper with a potluck meal beginning at 6 p.m. Communion will be served as part of the meal. The Spirit of Life Youth Drama Club will act out the Crucifixion. The Drama Club is directed by Gladys Mbonifor.

Finally, on **Easter Sunday, April 21**, at the 10 a.m. worship service, along with two anthems by the Adult Choir, the Youth Drama Club will act out the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Communion also will be served.

During the Lenten Season the church has held **Wednesday evening devotional gatherings**, starting with a "kid-friendly" meal at 6 p.m. and devotions commencing about 6:20 p.m. A different church group has been hosting each of the suppers. The final one will be on April 10.

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.

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.

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.

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

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!

The next **Spirit of Life Youth Choir** rehearsal is Saturday, April 13 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.

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! Our next collection will be April 14.

Note from Christian Education Department: We are looking for donations for our Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. Please place items in the chalkboard basket by Wednesday, April 10.

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

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Crosswise: Judgment

April 7, 2019
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