



# 10 NOVEMBER 2019

## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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.

**\*We would like to draw your attention to an important housekeeping note:** Should your phone ring during rehearsals or worship, you will be asked to shovel snow for the month of December!

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship ” with “We Have Come to Worship Jesus” and “Come Just As You Are” arr by Carol Tornquist  
**Martha Davis**

**WELCOME**  
**Rev. Rob Smith**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
**Loretta Hunt**  
One: Mr. Rogers shared, “There’s something unique about being a member of a family that really needs you in order to function well. One of the deepest longings a person can have is to feel needed and essential.”  
**All: But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, by God’s own choosing. If all were a single member, separate from one another, where would the body be? As it is, we are many members, each unique, each essential, yet meant to belong together as one body. (1 Cor 12: 18-20)**  
One: Mr. Rogers also said, “The more I think about it, the more I wonder if God and neighbor are somehow One. “Loving God, Loving neighbor”--the same thing? For me, coming to recognize that God loves every neighbor is the ultimate appreciation.  
**All: Imagine, a neighborhood like this. Everyone belongs, everyone is appreciated, everyone is essential. May our lives, our families, our church family live like this. Let us worship God.**

**OPENING SONG** “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” (CCLI #6016351)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**  
**Karen Johnson**  
“Change for change” bucket offering

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**  
**Loretta Hunt**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**  
**Rev. Rob Smith**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**  
**Rev. Rob Smith**

**RESPONSE HYMN** “Spirit, Open My Heart” (#692, cho & v1)

**ANTHEM** “It’s You I Like” by Fred Rogers  
**Spirit of Life Choir**

### HEARING

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**  
**Loretta Hunt**

**SCRIPTURES** Hosea 11: 1-9  
Matthew 22: 36-40  
**Loretta Hunt**  
**Rev. Rob Smith**

**SERMON** “Won’t You Be My Neighbor: Just the Way You Are” **Rev. Rob Smith**

### RESPONDING

**SERMON RESPONSE HYMN** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (#366)

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP**  
**Steve Lewis**

**TESTIMONY**  
**Duane Sweep & Rosellen Fairall**

**CALL TO OFFERING**  
**Loretta Hunt**

**OFFERTORY** “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” by Martin Smith  
**Martha Davis**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow (Doxology)” #606  
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**  
**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 thy 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.**

### SENDING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

**CLOSING HYMN** “We Will Go Out With Joy” (#539)

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**  
**Rev. Rob Smith**

**POSTLUDE**  
**Martha Davis**

**Volunteers for today, November 10, 2019:**  
**Lay Leader:** Loretta Hunt  
**Audio Visual:** Eric Scott  
**Children’s sermon:** Karen Johnson  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Deon Ford, Becky Brandt, Minuette Close

**NOVEMBER CAREGIVER - Patience Mbonifor**

***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*

**Next Sunday, November 17, 2019,**

**Lay Leader:** Oghomwen Amadasun  
**Audio Visual:** Eric Scott  
**Children’s sermon:** Rachel Elliott  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Deon Ford  
**Guest Pianist:** Chris Wolf

**2019 Per Capita is \$35.70.**

**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](mailto: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.

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**OFFICE**  
10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS  
FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL ROB @ 952.807.4413



Announcements ...

Our nursery (2nd floor) is open during worship for children ages 1-6 years.

Our stewardship campaign theme this year is "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Each week in November, we will discuss being a neighbor. To conclude our Stewardship campaign, we'll share in worship at the Marcus Rosemount movie theater, 15280 Carrousel Way, Rosemount, MN 55068, on Sunday, November 24. We'll meet at the theater and begin at 10am as usual, then have a few preliminaries before watching the movie "Won't You Be My Neighbor?".

Throughout the month, we collect change and then bring it on the second Sunday (November 10) to give in the "Change for change" bucket offering. 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!

Children's K - 5th grade will be dismissed shortly after worship begins and have Sunday school class during worship (except on Communion Sunday). Kids 6th grade and older will meet for Sunday school following worship.

Reminder: New Membership class immediately following worship today.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. Pastor Rob's "office hours" are at the Dunn Bros., 15265 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley, on Mondays, 9-11am. 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 invited to join Pastor Rob for the midweek Bible study. The study is on Ephesians, focusing on faith community. We meet Wednesdays, 10am, at Spirit of Life. See Pastor Rob with questions.

Meet in the Middle (M+M) happens on Wednesdays. From 4:30-6pm, kids will be playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing, Bible lessons and more! Parents join the kids for dinner at 6pm (provided by the church but free will offering received). Please contact Nikki at nikkiharves@gmail.com to register or with questions. We also need desserts for Dec 4 & 11. Please use the M&M sign up on the refrigerator in the kitchen or email Loretta at huntgeo@msn.com.

Do you have the heart of a cookie hostess? We do have an opportunity for you to pursue hospitality during Sunday fellowship hour. Indeed, hospitality is a vital part of the life of Spirit of Life and fellowship hour is the time when people can socialize, get to know newcomers, catch up with friends. Besides bringing cookies, the hostess should also assist with setup, pouring lemonade and water, and cleanup afterwards. Guidelines for being a cookie host/hostess are on the fridge in the church kitchen. We need cookie hostesses for worship in December. Please contact Rosellen Fairall (rlfairall@gmail.com) or Loretta Hunt (huntgeo@msn.com) to sign up or with questions. Thank you!

We will be buying Armful of Love gifts for two families for Christmas this year. Community 360 will not be able to get us the names and list until November 18th and we need the gifts by December 6th. We want everyone to be aware of the short turnaround time to buy and wrap gifts. Questions—please see Wendy Barta.

From the Music Director:

Our updated music rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Sun, Nov 10: 8:30-9:40am choir / 11:15-11:45am youth

Wed, Nov 6: 7-8pm women's choir

Sun, Nov 17: 8:30-9:40am choir

Wed, Nov 20: 7-8pm women's choir / 8-8:39pm bell

Sun, Nov 24: 9:00-9:05am women's choir / 9:05-9:40am choir

Wed, Nov 27: 6pm choir rehearsal / Ecumenical Worship at 7pm

For those who would like to join in singing for the advent and Christmas season, plan to come to rehearsal on Sunday, December 1, at 8:30am! And again, a few people have said they can't commit to the choir because it's too much time. We will take you when you can come - it is an open invitation! If you can't commit to every week - welcome to the club!!! Please participate when you can come. We will have fun and learn some new things and I look forward to sharing some of the cool things that I have learned/experienced in my life with choral music. ~ Thanks, Martha

Mark your calendar and plan to be here at Spirit of Life for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 27. Anyone interested in singing in the community choir is asked to be here at 6:00pm for rehearsal. Worship begins at 7:00 pm.

Women's book club will meet on Thursday, December 5 at 7pm at Lisa Smith's home. We will be discussing the book "Miracles and Other Reasonable Things: A Story of Unearning and Relearning God" by Sarah Bessey. Check this out at Amazon.com: https://www.amazon.com/dp/1501155466/ref=cm\_sw\_r\_em\_api\_i\_azeWDbSCYH30D All are welcome! Please join us!

Many thanks to all who participated in our kick-off immigration event, where stories were shared about generational immigration experiences. It was a rich and varied exchange, including voices from immigrants of Dutch, German, Italian, Scandinavian, Japanese, Nigerian, and Cameroonian descent as well as rural and pioneer experiences, and the intersection of immigrant settlement and Native American reservations. Thank you again to all who attended to listen, and to all who shared their stories! We all learned from it! SAVE THE DATE: our next immigration event will be Sunday, December 8, following worship. We will be hosting a panel discussion with three or four guest speakers who are experts in the field of immigration. More details to follow!

Be sure to pick up your updated church directory at the back of the sanctuary!

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AND  
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Building Use this week:			
Sun, Nov 10	8:30am	choir	sanctuary
	10:00am	Worship	sanctuary/kitchen
	11:15am	youth music rehearsal	upper classroom
	11:15am	immigration study	conf rm
	7:00pm	Pack 292 leader mtg	conf rm
Mon, Nov 11	1:00pm	Presby adm comm mtg	conf rm
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
	6:30pm	Session mtg	dove rm
Tues, Nov 12	1:00pm	staff mtg	conf rm
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop 292	sanctuary
Wed, Nov 13	10:00am	Ephesians Bible study	conf rm
	4:30pm	M&M	sanctuary/conf rm
	6:30pm	CE mtg	conf rm
	6:00pm	family meal	sanctuary/kitchen
	7:00 pm	choir	sanctuary
	7:45pm	women's choir	sanctuary
	8:00am	stewardship mtg	conf rm
Thurs, Nov 14	9:30am	Worship/Music mtg	dove rm
	6:00pm	Pack 292 Wolf Den 2	upper classroom
	8:00pm	Tech mtg	sanctuary
Sat, Nov 16	9:00am	Presbytery mtg	entire building
	8:30pm	NA	sanctuary/kitchen

