



# 26 JANUARY 2020 AD

## 3RD 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.

**\*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 share a kazoo solo for worship in February!

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** Martha Davis

**WELCOME** Rev. Rob Smith

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Marge Lewis

One: Sowing seeds, scattering them around, have we prepared the land?

**All: Will our seeds land on fertile ground? Will their roots take hold? Will the new growth be strong? And will the harvest be bountiful?**

One: How do we take our mustard seed faith and grow it?

**All: We show up, show up to be fed and nourished. Show up to raise our voices in praise. We show up and worship our God, the nourishment of our lives.**

**OPENING HYMN** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (#32, v 1, 2, & 3)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** Rev. Rob Smith

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION** Marge Lewis

One: God of growth, you bring nourishment to our land and to our lives.

You plant seeds of love in our hearts to grow and to blossom so we can welcome and serve your world in your name.

**All: Christ our cultivator, we ask that you break up the guilt that stifles our growth. We pray that you will uproot our wrongdoings to allow us and this world to grow into something beautiful. For our shortcomings, spoken and unspoken, in action and by not acting at all, forgive us.**

*Pause*

One: Sowing Spirit, may you create in us a people of peace, a collective of compassion and a household of hope for all.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE** Rev. Rob Smith

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

**RESPONSE HYMN** "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

**ANTHEM** "The Promises of God" arr by Lloyd Larson Advent Choir

Kids (K-5) are dismissed to go to Sunday school

## HEARING

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** Marge Lewis

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 4: 1-34 Marge Lewis

**SERMON** "ReNew: New Growth" Rev. Rob Smith

## RESPONDING

**SERMON RESPONSE HYMN** "I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me" (#700)

**CALL TO OFFERING** Marge Lewis

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

**CLOSING HYMN** "Siyahamba / We Are Marching in the Light of God" (#853)

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rob Smith

**POSTLUDE**

**Volunteers for today, January 26, 2020:**

**Lay Leader:** Marge Lewis

**Audio Visual:** Josh Ullom

**Children's Sermon:** Rev. Rob Smith

**Ushers / Greeters:** Holly Bueno, Jerry Johnson, Suzanne Peer

**JANUARY CAREGIVER - Ruth Shepard**

**FEBRUARY 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*

**Volunteers for February 2, 2020, Scout Sunday:**

**Lay Leaders:** Scouts

**Audio Visual:** Eric Scott

**Children's Sermon:** Scouts Leader

**Ushers / Greeters:** Duane Sweep with Scouts and Leaders

**Communion:** (Lead) Duane Sweep, Deon Ford

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*Per Capita* for 2020 is \$36.50.

**SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Rob Smith **Email:** pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org

Parish Lay Pastor: Loretta Hunt

Clerk of Session: Denise Lewis

Music Director: Martha Davis

Nursery Caregiver: Trista Hansen

Office Administrator: Shari Shaw

**OFFICE**

10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL ROB @ 952.807.4413

## 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](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.

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

Our **congregational annual meeting is today, January 26**, immediately following worship.

The immigration book study ("The God Who Sees") will begin today, following the annual meeting. To prepare, everyone was asked to read the first two chapters, review the questions for those chapters (at the end of the book), and read the book of Ruth in your Bible. The cost for the book is \$12, payable to Spirit of Life; books are in the office. This study should take us about 6 weeks. All are welcome to join! This study should take us about 6 weeks.

Pastor Rob will hold "office hours" at the new **Dunn Bros. located 16106 Pilot Knob Rd, Rosemount (by HyVee), 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](mailto:nikkiharves@gmail.com) to register or with questions. We do need desserts for M+M for January and February. Sign up in the church kitchen. Thanks!

**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 February. Please contact Rosellen Fairall ([rlfairall@gmail.com](mailto:rlfairall@gmail.com)) or Loretta Hunt ([huntgeo@msn.com](mailto:huntgeo@msn.com)) to sign up or with questions. Thank you!

For the February **women's book club** we will do the last 6 chapters of the book "A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her

Husband 'Master'" by Rachel Held Evans, at [https://www.amazon.com/dp/1595553673/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_em\\_api\\_i\\_c\\_OSb6DbPB5C3YE](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1595553673/ref=cm_sw_r_em_api_i_c_OSb6DbPB5C3YE). Meeting location and date coming soon. All are welcome! Please join us.

**Valentine Cabaret** is just around the corner. The Cabaret is our big fundraiser to help our youth attend their annual mission trip in June. This year the youth will be traveling to the Flanner House in Indianapolis Indiana. This years Valentine Cabaret will be held **Saturday Feb 8, 2020 from 5:30pm-9:30pm**. The evening is filled with good food, good friends, music, silent auction items, and the annual "Heads or Tails" door prize. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 12 years old. Ticket sales begin today, January 5! Ask a youth member or one of the youth leaders to purchase a ticket today!

It's time to start thinking about donations for the *Valentine Cabaret!* We will begin collecting baskets and auction items in January. Please contact Becky Brandt if you have any questions. Becky's cell is 218-779-0427. Becky's email is [thebrandtfam@gmail.com](mailto:thebrandtfam@gmail.com).

Fiorella is the student *Spirit of Life* sponsors in the Matsiko Choir. We need to raise \$350.00 to fulfill our obligations to Fiorella for 2019. Please help us catch up on our commitment to Fiorella by marking your donation "Matsiko choir" and dropping it in the offering. Thank you! If you have questions, please talk to Vickie Fischer.

The **Community Service committee** will meet this Saturday, Feb 1st, at 9:30am, at the church. Everyone is welcome.

### Building use this week:

Sun, Jan 26	8:45am	choir	sanctuary
	10:00am	Worship	sanctuary/kitchen
	11:15am	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	sanctuary
	12:00pm	immigration book study	conf rm
Mon, Jan 27	6:00pm	Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
Tues, Jan 28	1:00pm	staff mtg	conf rm
	6:30pm	TROOP 292 Boy Scouts	sanctuary
Wed, Jan 29	10:00am	Bible study	conf rm
	4:30pm	M+M	sanctuary/conf rm
	6:00pm	family meal	sanctuary/kitchen
	7:00pm	women's choir	sanctuary
	8:00pm	bell choir	sanctuary
Sat, Feb 1	9:30am	Community Service mtg	conf rm
	8:30pm	NA	sanctuary/kitchen

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