



05 JANUARY 2020 AD

2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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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 shovel snow for the month of January! .

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Rob Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Denise Lewis

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" (#95, sing twice)

**Prepare the way of the Lord, Prepare the way of the Lord,
All people will sing the salvation of our God.**

One: The prophet promised a messenger shouting in the dessert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord".

All: Jesus, baptised in the Jordan, is getting ready for his task. He needs a team and so the call goes out.

One: Today, here in this place are we ready for the Lord? As one year ends and a new year has begun, are we ready to answer that same call?

All: We gather in readiness, we gather in praise, let us worship. God.

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" (2x)

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord.

All people will sing the salvation of our God.

OPENING SONG

"10,000 Reasons" (CCLI #6016351)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Karen Johnson

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Denise Lewis

One: Parent God, your Son, Jesus, has safely arrived. We have celebrated the birth, with turkey and feast, lights and a tree. We come today in a new year, still recovering from our celebrations but ready to meet you and offer you our praise. There is no time to reflect on the baby in the manger, life moves at such a pace that we cannot always keep up. Today we meet the boy and his cousin all grown up and ready to get out into the world to do your will. This resonates with those of us whose families are grown now, but who just yesterday were small helpless children needing care and attention.

All: Help us not to dwell on the past but to be here in the present, to wonder and enjoy the grown man who is your Son, the one who calls us to follow in his footsteps today and every day. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE HYMN

"Come Thou Fount" (#475, v 1-3)

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Denise Lewis

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 1-20

Denise Lewis

SERMON

"ReNew: Recall"

Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

RESPONSE

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (CCLI #117947)

CALL TO OFFERING

Denise Lewis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" #591
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (#39, v 1-3)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Rob Smith

POSTLUDE

Volunteers for today, January 5, 2020:

Lay Leader: Denise Lewis

Children's Sermon: Karen Johnson

Ushers / Greeters: Holly Bueno

Guest Pianist: Laurie Herman

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Communion: Holly Bueno (lead), Rosellen Fairall, Deon Ford

JANUARY CAREGIVER - Ruth Shepard

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 next Sunday, January 12, 2020:

Lay Leader: Bob Shepard

Children's Sermon: Merry Close

Ushers / Greeters: Holly Bueno

Guest Pianist: Laurie Herman

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 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.

Beginning January 13th, 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. NOTE: Pastor Rob will not hold office hours on January 6th.

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. NOTE: Bible study will resume January 8th.

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. NOTE: M+M will resume January 8th. 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 January and February. Please contact Rosellen Fairall (rlfairall@gmail.com) or Loretta Hunt (huntgeo@msn.com) to sign up or with questions. Thank you!

Next **women’s book club** book will be “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. We will be reading the first 6 chapters and discussing it on **January 30, 2020 at 7 pm** at my house. Will do the last 6 chapters in February. All are welcome! Please join us.

The Outreach team needs you! Want to contribute to ways that we can share SOLPC beyond our church walls? Please consider joining the Outreach team; we need people who like to write, take pictures, update websites and church software, design, make phone calls... you name it! We have a great story to tell, and we want to tell it others. If you have questions or are interested in joining the team, please contact Mary Brause

at mbbrause@charter.net, or call/text her at 612-616-0792. No gift is too small to share.

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.

Announcing the next segment of our **immigration study**: beginning January 19, we will launch a book study in the Christian Ed hour after worship, working our way through “The God Who Sees — Immigration, the Bible, and the Journey to Belonging” by Karen Gonzalez. This book is easy to read, interweaving personal story with Bible stories. All are welcome to join! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary by January 5, to get a book ordered, and the reading assignments. This study should take us about 6 weeks.

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Per Capita for 2020 is \$36.50.

Building use this week:

Sun, Jan 5	10:00am	Worship	sanctuary/kitchen
	7:00pm	Pack 292 leader mtg	conf rm
Mon, Jan 6	6:00pm	Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
	6:30pm	Deacon mtg	dove rm
Tues, Jan 7	1:00pm	staff mtg	conf rm
	6:30pm	TROOP 292 Boy Scouts	sanctuary
	6:30pm	Personnel mtg	dove rm
Wed, Jan 8	10:00am	Bible study	conf rm
	4:30pm	M+M	sanctuary/conf rm
	6:00pm	family meal	sanctuary/kitchen
	7:00pm	choir	sanctuary
Thurs, Jan 9	8:00am	stewardship mtg	conf rm
	8:00pm	Tech mtg	sanctuary
Sat, Jan 11	8:30-4	Scouts badge work day	sanctuary/conf/dove rm
	8:30pm	NA	sanctuary/kitchen

