

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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Just a few notes to keep in mind:

- ◆ It is mandatory that ALL wear a mask, per recent decision from Session. Please see a Session member with questions.
- ◆ For the immediate future we will not have congregational singing indoors.

Welcome: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship: (Duane Brause)

One: We come in awe of the sculptor, the architect, the artist, the designer, the potter, the Lord, our God.

Let us worship God

Thank You Notes: (Pastor Rob, Becky Brandt, Martha Davis)

Opening Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) CCLI #6016351

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Duane Brause)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Illumination: (Duane Brause)

Scripture: Creation by the Word: Genesis 1: 1-2, 4a (John 1: 1-5)
(Duane Brause)

Genesis 1: 1-2, 4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

John 1: 1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call To Offering (Duane Brause)

Offertory The Eye is On The Sparrow by Civilla Martin & Charles Gabriel, Martha Davis, soloist

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.

Closing Song: Soon & Very Soon CCLI #11249
Karen Johnson, singer

Charge and Benediction: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Announcements

From the Session: Due to the increase in case counts related to the delta variant of COVID and per CDC guidelines, for now, the Session is requiring that masks be worn for all indoor church activities (worship, M in M, Sunday School, etc) regardless of vaccination status; unvaccinated individuals continue to be required to wear masks indoors. This became effective as of August 15, and the decision will be re-evaluated as the transmission rates of the delta variant of COVID change. Thank you for your cooperation, and for your care for our community, as we continue to deal with this pandemic

News from Christian Education Committee:

Sunday School classes will begin September 19th. Please note the time changes to 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Adults/parents should bring your own coffee to enjoy while visiting before church while the children are in class. We will bring the children back to the sanctuary for the Children's sermon at 10:15 and then the children can sit with their parents during the rest of the service. There will be a PreK - 2nd grade class and a 3rd-5th grade class

M&M will begin on October 6 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. A meal will be served at 6 p.m. We are looking into the possibility of having part of the program on zoom for those kids who cannot attend. For the meal each week we are asking for people to donate individually wrapped, boughten snacks and desserts such as granola bars, ice cream sandwiches, cookies, clementines, etc. We need snacks and desserts for Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, and Nov. 17. Please have them to the church by 4:15 p.m. Let Loretta know the date you would be able to provide them. Thank you for your support.

Volunteers Needed:

...We need one person each Sunday to serve as a Greeter and one person each Sunday to serve as an Usher for Sunday worship. Please let Becky Brandt know what dates you are available to help and she will build a calendar. Call/text Becky at (218)779-0427 or email her at thebrandtfam@gmail.com.

GriefShare: Many of us have suffered the loss of a loved one, someone dear to our hearts who has been an important part in our lives. The grief that we encounter can be overwhelming at times and causes us to reach out for help.

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church is initiating a 13 session Christ centered program produced by a network of thousands of grief recovery groups meeting around the world. The group will meet weekly on Thursday evenings at 6:16. With GriefShare you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way. It is a place where grieving people find healing and hope.

We began the series last week but you can still join us on Thursday evenings at 6:16 to 8:16 pm in person in the Sanctuary of Spirit of Life Church. We will skip the week of Thanksgiving and then restart the weekly Thursday series on December 2.

This will be the second series that we have offered with past participants recommending that the program be repeated. Please contact Bob Shepard at shepardspairie@gmail.com or Jaqui Hicks at jahutchinson23@gmail.com or the church office if you have questions or if you or someone you know would like to participate.

After our 2020 **South of the River CROP Hunger Walk** was modified due to pandemic restrictions, we are LIVE again this year for our 9th annual walk, and it will be hosted by Spirit of Life! The date is October 10, registration starting at 1:30, and the Walk starting at 2:00 pm. We will walk down Pilot Knob Road to Farquar Park, and back again, for a distance of about 3 miles. Masks will be required as you sign in and gather, but once the walk gets started, and people space out, masks will be optional. CROP Hunger walks are locally organized events under the sponsorship of Church World Service for the purposes of raising awareness about hunger globally and locally, and to raise money to step towards ending hunger sustainably and permanently. Seventy-five percent of funds raised go to support CWS in their global and US based efforts for hunger relief, disaster assistance, and development. Twenty-five percent of the funds we raise will go to support Second Harvest Heartland, a food bank that supplies all of our local food shelves. Even though we had a “virtual” walk last year, our CROP Walk raised enough funds to make it into the top 100 Walks in the country — and the ONLY Minnesota walk to do that! So, we are doing good work and you can be a part of it! (1) Follow the link below to join the Spirit of Life team, or donate to the team; (2) contact Denise Lewis if you would like to volunteer to assist on Walk day; (3) bring non-perishable food items to the Walk that will be delivered to the Rosemount Family Resource Center food shelf — choose the option that works best for you! <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/spirit-of-life-presbyterian-church>

Many thanks to the crew who helped to landscape the area around our new sign: Marge Braden, Loretta Hunt, Karen Johnson, Denise Lewis, Bob Shepard, and Olivia (a Lakeville South National Honor Society student getting some volunteer hours in), and Duane Brause for providing the mulch, and Joanne Boyd for donating some Russian sage plants (their fragrance enhanced our work). It ended up being a beautiful day to do the work, and having so many hands to help made the work go very smoothly. Now, we all just get to watch it grow, fill in, and thrive! Thanks again to all who helped!