

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: (Clara Amadasun)

One: If you are weak and in need of strength, if you are feeling fragile, or vulnerable, know that you are welcome here, know that Christ beckons you here, know that you are loved here.

All: We come to worship like children, ready to rest in God's arms.

One: Let us worship God

Opening Song: Shout to the Lord CCLI #

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Clara Amadasun)

Assurance of Grace (2 Cor 5: 17) (Rev. Rob Smith)

Minute for Mission – Crop Hunger Walk (Denise Lewis)

Prayer of Illumination (Clara Amadasun)

Scripture: Genesis 21: 1-3; 22: 1-14 (Clara Amadasun)

21The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

22After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and

offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call To Offering (Clara Amadasun)

Offertory Scars CCLI #7106244

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: My Lighthouse CCLI #

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. This 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've already begun the series 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 shepardsprairie@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.

Our 9th Annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk 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. 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. We are doing good work and you can be a part of it! Here are the ways you can help:

1. Follow the link below to join the Spirit of Life team, or donate to the team.
2. Contact Denise Lewis (dlewis9476@comcast.net, or 651-285-7233) if you would like to volunteer to assist on Walk day; looking for 2 or 3 people to help with check-in and registration.
3. Bring non-perishable food items to the Walk, that will be delivered to the Rosemount Family Resource Center food shelf.
4. Order a home-made, frozen take-and-bake Swedish apple pie! Some of you have purchased these in the past, and know how good they are — they are \$10 each, and this year will be pre-ordered, with or without nuts. Contact Denise to place your order; deadline Sept. 24.
5. If you prefer to donate to the team, or pay for your pie, with a check, please make it out to Spirit of Life, with "CROP Walk" on the memo line.
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/spirit-of-life-presbyterian-church>