

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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September 26, 2021 ~ Indoor Worship

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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: (Merry Close)

One: May our eyes and our ears be wide open,
that we see with clarity,
that we hear loud and clear,

All: Seeing and hearing, may we be challenged, inspired and awe-struck as we encounter the living God today and all of our days.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Song: My Life is in You, Lord CCLI #17315

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Luke Smith)

Assurance of Grace

Minute For Mission

Time With Children

Prayer of Illumination (Merry Close)

Scripture: Jacob's Dream: Genesis 27: 1-4, 15-23; 28: 10-17 (Merry Close)

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, 'My son'; and he answered, 'Here I am.' He said, 'See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then prepare for me savoury food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die.'

15-23 Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which

were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the savoury food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father, and said, 'My father'; and he said, 'Here I am; who are you, my son?' Jacob said to his father, 'I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me.' But Isaac said to his son, 'How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?' He answered, 'Because the Lord your God granted me success.' Then Isaac said to Jacob, 'Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.' So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, 'The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.' He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

28: 10-17 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Sermon: Gonna Need a Bigger Ladder (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call To Offering (Acts 20:35) (Luke Smith)

Offertory: Goodness of God CCLI #7117726

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: Be Lifted High CCLI #6446952

Charge and Benediction:

Announcements

Session requires masks be worn for all indoor church activities (worship, M in M, Sunday School, etc) **regardless of vaccination status**. Thank you for your cooperation, and for your care for our community, as we continue to deal with this pandemic. For the immediate future we will not have congregational singing indoors.

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 offering a Christ centered program produced by a network of thousands of grief recovery groups meeting around the world. The group meets weekly Thursday evenings, 6:16 to 8:16 pm, in person in the Spirit of Life Church sanctuary. We will skip the week of Thanksgiving and then restart the weekly Thursday series on December 2. Please contact Bob Shepard at shepardsprairie@gmail.com or Jaqui Hicks at jahutchinson23@gmail.com or the church office if you have questions.

News from Christian Education Committee:

- Sunday School classes meet 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. Donations needed: individually wrapped, store-bought 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.

Sunday school Teacher schedule

Sep 19 Prek-2nd - Oghomwen
Sep 19 3-5th Karen
Sep 26 Prek-2nd Sara Gracek
Sep 26 3-5th Meg
Oct 3 Prek-2nd Oghomwen

Oct 3 3-5th Afanwi
Oct 10 prek-2nd Monique
Oct 10 3-5th Karen
Oct 17 prek-2nd Meg
Oct 17 3-5th Karen
Oct 24 - no Sunday school -MEA weekend
Oct 31 Prek-2nd Sara
Oct 31 3-5th Karen

Our **South of the River CROP Walk** team is growing — we are up to 10 strong now, and making steady progress towards our team fundraising goal. Follow the link below to go to our team page, and donate, or join the team.

We now have volunteers lined up to help on walk day. You can still pick up a food drive donation bag, fill it up with non-perishable food items, and bring it back by 2:00 pm on October 10. All food donations will be delivered to the Rosemount Family Resource Center.

If you prefer to write a check to donate to the team, please make it out to Spirit of Life, with “CROP Walk” on the memo line, and send it in to the church office.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/spirit-of-life-presbyterian-church>

Update from Community Service: we have now delivered 476 pounds of produce to RFRC from our garden. Production is definitely down, due to the hot, dry summer, but there are still some things to harvest (including apples). If you would like to help, bring your work clothes along to church, and we will plan to do some harvesting and some garden clean-up following worship on Sunday.

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. We need two volunteers for each week. 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. Thank you!