

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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September 5, 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.

Prelude: (Kelly Polson)

Welcome: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship: (Loretta Hunt)

One: Guiding us in the wilderness, being present in our struggles,

All: God, our Shepherd, we give thanks.

One: Leading us through the valley, comforting us in times of pain,

All: God, our Shepherd, we praise you.

One: May the familiar words of the psalmist speak in new ways today as we gather to worship. Let us worship God

Opening Song: I Will Call Upon the Lord, CCLI Song # 11263

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Loretta Hunt)

Assurance of Grace: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Illumination (Loretta Hunt)

Scripture: Psalm 23 (Loretta Hunt)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call To Offering: (Loretta Hunt)

Offertory: Come to the Altar (Odosá Amadasun)

Communion: Welcome to the Table (Rev. Rob Smith)

Communion Song: One Bread, One Body (Kelly Polson)

Prayer of Great 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.

Holy Communion

Closing Song: Hakuna Mungu

Charge and Benediction: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude: (Kelly Polson)

Announcements

From the Session: 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, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. The parents can enjoy coffee and 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 pm. We are looking into the possibility of having part of the program on zoom for those kids who cannot attend.

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 will begin the series Thursday, September 9 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.

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, with 1:30 registration and 2pm walk. Walking down Pilot Knob Road to Farquar Park, & back again (approx. 3 miles). Masks required as you sign in & gather, but once the walk gets started, & people space out, masks. 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. 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>

What are you thankful for? We have so much to be thankful for. Seeking your help in submitting a short video, no longer than 10 seconds, of a thank-you you would like to share with our *Spirit of Life* family. Email these by Wednesday, September 8. We will be sharing all of the thank you's in worship on September 12th. Thank You, Pastor Rob Smith

Thank you everyone who contributed to the School supplies drive this year. We had a wonderful response and were able to fill the needs of an estimated 50 students at Highland Elementary school. We filled 6 grocery bags full of supplies thanks to the donations and money donated to our school supply drive. We were also able to restock our Sunday school and M&M program with some needed supplies too. Thank you again to the congregation and especially to the Community Service team. If you would like to be a part of this group, please contact Karen Johnson, chair.