

# 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.

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**Welcome:** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Call to Worship:** (online layleader - Clara Amadasun)

One: God of the unlikely, the invisible, the unseen;

**All: God of the neglected, rejected, unexpected;**

One: God who creates all people in your image, who sees our promise, our potential, who looks beyond the outward and knows us, heart, mind, and soul:

**All: you call us to be your people.**

One: We respond with thanksgiving, and respond by showing up to worship. Let us now from our homes, in our travels, and here in person pause, give our full attention, and let us worship God!

**Thank You Notes**

**Opening Song** Come, Now is the Time to Worship CCLI#2430948

**Prayer of Reconciliation** (Billy Boucheau)

One: Loving and Creating God, all that you have made is good.

Beauty is all around us, in creation, in people. Beauty is within us if only we would see as you do. The magnificence of the fall colors, morning sunrise and evening sunset, fields in harvest, and birds migrating.

**All: Within us there is also beauty; gentleness, grace, kindness and love are beautiful gifts we need to cultivate and share with others. We know deep down how we tend to focus on our external beauty forgetting to nourish our internal beauty and in**

**our own needs often miss the beauty and needs of others. Help us to see ourselves as you do and to open our eyes to see the beauty everywhere in our neighbors and within ourselves.**

**Assurance of Grace**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 51: 10-14

**Sermon:** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Call To Offering**

**Offertory** Together in Love Medley  
Get Together, Come Together, They Will Know We Are Christians By  
Our Love #300

**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:** We are One in Christ Jesus #322

**Charge and Benediction:** (Rev. Rob Smith)

## 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](mailto:shepardsprairie@gmail.com) or Jaqui Hicks at [jahutchinson23@gmail.com](mailto:jahutchinson23@gmail.com) or the church office if you have questions.

A big **thank you** to the crew that helped clean up the garden last Sunday! It was a beautiful day to do the work, and gardening tips were shared all around. We appreciate you Karen and Jerry, Bob and Rebecca, Sara and Josh, Charlie, Jann, Loretta, and Denise! And thanks to Duane for hauling the remains of the growing season away. Time to start dreaming about next year...

### **News from Christian Education Committee:**

Adult Sunday School meets 9:00 - 9:50 am (before church)

Class will be led by Steve Braden

Week two of the six week series: PBS Walking the Bible

Children's Sunday School classes meet 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. There will be a PreK - 2nd grade class and a 3rd-5th grade 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.

Sunday school Teacher schedule

Oct 24 - no Sunday school -MEA weekend

Oct 31 Prek-2nd Sara

Oct 31 3-5th Karen

M&M resumes this Wednesday, 4:30 to 6 p.m.  
Meal at 6 p.m.

Spirit of Life is working to be sustainable through **recycling**. By introducing more recycling collocated at the location of most trash cans, we can significantly reduce the amount of waste being sent to the landfill while showcasing that reducing waste can be easy. Help us to celebrate sustainability while enjoying the event. Clean plastics, tin/metal and paper should go into the recycling bins and everything else should go into the trash. Thank you! Please see Pastor Rob, any Elder or member of the staff with questions.

**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](mailto:thebrandtfam@gmail.com). Thank you!