

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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November 14, 2021 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: You, O Lord, roar your voice

All: and from valley green to mountain top we listen.

One: Seeking good and not evil

All: we humbly come to hear and learn and serve faithfully.

One: Seeking justice and righteousness

All: running down like ever-flowing waters.

One: Let us worship God

Opening Song: Open the Eyes of My Heart CCLI# 2298355

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Bob Shepard)

Restorative Lord, you request us to seek good and not evil. This sentiment is easy to concur yet harder to make reality amidst life's challenges. Our best intentions as your people are to do what is right based on Jesus' teaching. His example of goodness is there for us to follow: his fight against the evil within manifested through temptation, doubt, hunger for power, judgement, prejudice, greed, apathy, is evident in the story of his life and is a reminder to us to resist the lures of temptation.

All: Lord, you ask us to hate evil and love good. There is so much in the world that is counter to your vision. You call on us to resist wrongdoing and to stand up against those who propagate evil. You call on us to promote all that is good; to work for fair and caring societies, to help build a just and peaceful world, to care

for the least of these. Yet, merciful God, to put this in action is not easy. We justify, we can be defensive, and noncommittal. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant, in your love for us, a fresh start. Show us the path to new life, we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Prayer of Illumination (Merry Close)

Scripture: Amos 1: 1-2; 5: 14-15, 21-24 (Bob Shepard)

Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call To Offering (Merry Close)

Offertory Your Love is Alive by Pat Barrett, Ben Smith, Daniel Bashta, & Jason Upton, CCLI #7070731, Gracie Scott, vocalist

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: You Never Let Go by Matt & Beth Redman CCLI #4674166

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.

News from Christian Education Committee:

- Adult Sunday School meets 9:00 - 9:50 am (before church)
 - ◊ Class will be led by Steve Braden
 - ◊ Week five 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
 - ◆ Nov 14 Prek - 2nd grade - Meg
 - ◆ 3rd - 5th - Karen
 - ◆ Nov 21 Prek - 2nd grade - Monique
 - ◆ 3rd - 5th - Meg
 - ◆ Nov 28: no Sunday school (Thanksgiving weekend)
- M&M meets Wednesdays (no M&M on Wednesday, Nov. 24)
 - ◊ 4:30 to 6 p.m. for K-5th grade
 - ◊ 6:00 to 7:15 pm for 6th grade through high school
 - ◊ Meal for all ages at 6 p.m.

The group of Spirit of Life members who participated in the PTCA anti-racism spiritual pilgrimage is proud to host an anti-racism speaker in the sanctuary on Monday, November 15. Please see the details below, and there are also links to two newspaper articles about him.

<https://www.minnpost.com/community-sketchbook/2021/10/i-can-see-a-world-without-police-a-qa-with-jason-sole-founder-of-the-institute-of-aspiring-abolitionists/>

<https://www.startribune.com/jennifer-brooks-once-a-felon-jason-sole-is-now-a-minnesota-criminal-justice-professor/600111553/>

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.

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. Thank you!

Meet with Pastor Rob for **Coffee and Conversation Mondays, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**. Come as you are. This is a gathering online but it is open for you to pop in and out any time during the two hour time frame so feel free to drop in and say hello. *Note, same time and same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>