

**Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church**  
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November 21, 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.

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**Welcome:** (Bob Shepard)

**Call to Worship:** (Loretta Hunt)

One: As we gather to worship God this day may God's word help us to grow.

**All: May Christ's love humble us**

One: May the Spirit speak in ways that challenge us in new ways. Let us worship God.

**Opening Song:** Seek Ye First CCLI #1352

**Prayer of Reconciliation:** (Kelly Polson)

**Assurance of Grace** (Loretta Hunt)

**Prayer of Illumination** (Kelly Polson)

**Time With Children** (Oghomwen Amadasun)

Be Who You Are, book by Todd Parr

**Scripture:** Eph 4: 1-16; 4: 31-32 (Kelly Polson)

4I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 5with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 6making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

7There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 8one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 9one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. 10But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

11Therefore it is said, 12'When he ascended on high he made captivity

itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.’<sup>9</sup> (When it says, ‘He ascended’, what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

<sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4: 31-32 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

**Sermon:** (Bob Shepard)

**Call to Offering:** (Loretta Hunt)

**Offertory** Better Than a Hallelujah by Sarah Hart & Chapin Hartford  
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**Prayers of the People** (Loretta Hunt)

**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:** Canon of Grace (Incorporates Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel and Amazing Grace, arr by Linda Lamb)

**Spirit of Life Bell Choir:** Loretta Hunt, Chris Sachs, Denise Lewis, Deon Ford, Rebecca Brown, Bob Shepherd, Alvine Siaka, Mary Brause

**Charge and Benediction:** (Bob Shepard)

## 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 six 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 21 Prek - 2nd grade - Monique

3rd - 5th - Meg

Nov 28<sup>th</sup>: **no Sunday school (Thanksgiving weekend)**

M&M meets Wednesdays (**no M&M on Wednesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**)

4:30 to 6 p.m. for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

6:00 to 7:15 pm for 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school

Meal for all ages at 6 p.m.

### **From Community Service:**

**Many thanks** to all who contributed to Armful of Love!

With your generous support, we were able to meet our pledge to the Armful of Love team at 360 Communities with gift cards totaling \$1,000.

### **Giving Tree part 2, support for Spirit of Life families:**

If you need support this Christmas, please contact Pastor Rob.

We'll be giving gift cards (not buying gifts) and we're asking for gift cards of \$25 or \$50 from Target, Walmart, Cub and Aldi's.

Checks should be made out to *Spirit of Life*, with "Giving Tree-Spirit of Life families" in the memo line. Our goal is \$1000 and we already have a jump start of \$250 in gift cards (\$50 cards from Target and Cub)!!

We will be collecting cards on

November 28th, December 5th and 12th.

Thank you for your generosity!

**At the 2021 Meet Meat Raffle,**  
we raised \$1,005 and to date we have received 23 pledges!  
Thank you everyone!  
Anyone who has not turned a pledge card yet can still send it in  
and be counted!  
2021 Per Capita is \$36.50  
Questions about "Per Capita"? Here's an article from the Presbyterian  
Today magazine that provides information!  
Click on: [Per Capita article.pdf](#).

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>

Scout Wreath Sale on the grounds of Spirit of Life Church  
Drive through 'contact-less' opportunity for community members to  
purchase wreaths!  
Nov 21 12pm-2pm;  
Nov 27 10am - 4pm; Nov 28 12pm - 4pm

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!