

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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November 28, 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.

Prelude

Advent Candle: Advent 1 – Hope

Martha “O come, O come Emmanuel”

Advent Candle lighting and reading: Billy Boucheu, Ruth Ewule and VeraRae Boucheu

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Welcome: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Mary Brause)

Opening Song: I Hear a Sound CCLI #14129

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Clara Amadasun)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Illumination (Mary Brause)

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 (Clara Amadasun)

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant

gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Children's Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

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Response: Of the Father's Love Begotten, #108, vs 1

Call To Offering (Mary Brause)

Offertory Come Thou Expected Jesus

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: Lift Up Ye Heads, Ye Mighty Gates #93

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:

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.

Nov 28th: **no Sunday school (Thanksgiving weekend)** – resumes Dec 5

M&M will resume in February.

Please join us in the annual
Hanging of the Greens
following Sunday worship, 11/28/21, at 11am

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!

Mark your Calendar – The Kids Christmas Pageant and Adult Music program will be Sunday, December 19, during the morning worship service. (Practice times to be announced.)

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 Sales** on the grounds of Spirit of Life Church
Drive through 'contact-less' opportunity for community members to
purchase wreaths!
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. Thank you!

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