

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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December 19, 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 4 – Love

Advent Candle lighting and reading: (Alvine Laure & family)

Welcome: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship: (Merry Close -online)

Opening Song: What Child is This? Emmanuel! By Roger Summers includes Veni Emmanuel & Greensleeves (Spirit of Life Choir)

Children's Christmas Pageant: Do Not Be Afraid

Created & Written by Illustrated Ministry

Directed by Trista Hanson

Call To Offering (Merry Close -online)

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Offertory Carol of the Little Angel by Don Besig (Spirit of Life Choir, Sarah Gracek, flute)

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: Jamaican Noel (He's a Tiny Little Baby) by Kirby Shaw (Spirit of Life Choir)

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.

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Thank you for joining us today, December 19, for our **Kids Christmas Pageant** (under the direction of Trista Hanson) and the **Adult Music program** (under the direction of Martha Davis).

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Plan to bring the whole family to our annual (one hour) **Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship at 5pm, Friday, December 24th**, as we celebrate Jesus' birth!

News from the Christian Education Committee:

Children's Sunday school Teacher schedule

Dec. 19th we will be getting ready for Children's Christmas program
Dec 26th - no SS Christmas break
Jan 2 - no SS New Year's break
Jan 9 Sunday school resumes

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.

M&M will resume meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

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>

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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