

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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January 2, 2022 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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Prelude The First Noel (Laurie Herman)

Welcome/Announcements: (Becky Brandt)

Call to Worship: (Becky Brandt)

One: One year comes to a close

All: and a New Year has begun

One: Christmas lights still twinkle

All: yet the story continues on.

One: We travel into the wilderness

All: and there find something new.

One: We come to worship God,

All: make straight the way of the Lord.

One: In humility and wonder

All: we join in our praise.

Opening Song Gloria

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Merry Close)

Assurance of Grace (John Matthews)

Prayer of Illumination (Merry Close)

Scripture: (Merry Close) John 1: 19-34

Sermon: (Rev. John Matthews)

Call To Offering (Becky Brandt)

Offertory Mary Did You Know (Mike Champ, soloist, Laurie Herman, pianist)

Communion: Welcome to the Table (Loretta Hunt)

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving / 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.

Holy Communion (Loretta Hunt)

Servers: Ryan Currens and Becky Brandt

Closing Song: Holy is the Lord (CCLI #4158039)

Charge and Benediction: (Rev. John Matthews)

Postlude Joy to the World (Laurie Herman)

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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News from the Christian Education Committee:

Children's Sunday school Teacher schedule

Jan 2, 2022 - no SS New Year's break

Jan 9, 2022 - 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.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE A NEW ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES STARTING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 9.

Starting weekly, following worship on January 9, there will be a Christian Education series focused on questions and issues of race. You can meet in person in the conference room, or join on Zoom, using the Owl technology that has worked so well for previous group meetings. The class will start with a 15-minute video, followed by our own discussion of the content of the video. Joanne Boyd has agreed to facilitate our discussions; Joanne has years of experience leading workshops and classes on how to identify racial bias, and she has many of her own resources and experiences to draw upon.

Several members of Spirit of Life participated in the Anti-Racism Spiritual Pilgrimage created by the Presbytery. A small group of those participants has continued to meet, to keep the discussions going. A new committee is forming, focused on social justice issues, and this educational offering is part of the committee's mission. The class is open to everyone interested in engaging in difficult conversations

about race. Anyone interested in social justice issues is also welcome to join the committee; we meet (on Zoom) the first Thursday of every month. If you would like to be included on the email list for this committee, please contact Denise Lewis: dlewis9476@comcast.net.

Watch for more details about the class coming in next Tuesday's email.

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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