

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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January 16, 2022 Worship

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Just a few notes to keep in mind:

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.**

Prelude

Call to Worship: Kelly Polson (online)

Dare we?

Dare we worship?

Dare we worship in this place, stripped of everything except that which makes it a place to encounter the God of the poor, of the oppressed, of the stranger?

Dare we worship without the trappings of religion and meet the God of justice in this place of peace?

Let us worship God.

Opening Song: Come Thou Fount (Above All Else) CCLI #7029505

Prayer of Reconciliation: Kelly Polson (online)

Assurance of Grace

Prayer of Illumination Kelly Polson (online)

Scripture: John 2:13-25 Kelly Polson (online) **13** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. **15** Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. **16** He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” **18** The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” **19** Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” **20** The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” **21** But he was speaking of the temple of his body. **22** After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. **23** When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. **24** But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people **25** and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Children’s sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

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Call To Offering Kelly Polson (online)

Offertory Goodness of God by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, & Brian Johnson CCLI #7117726

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: I’m So Glad

Charge and Benediction: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Announcements

News from the Christian Education Committee:

A new opportunity for adult Christian Education will begin Sunday, January 16, following worship. It will be a weekly series of videos, followed by a discussion facilitated by Joanne Boyd. The video series is produced and hosted by Emmanuel Acho: an author, a Fox Sports Analyst and television personality and a former NFL linebacker; he holds a Master's Degree in Sports Psychology from the University of Texas. The series is called "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man", and is described as "a safe place to have the uncomfortable conversations about race that many White people have never been able to have". The first video is about 10 minutes long, and serves as an introduction for the series, but also raises a number of hot-button topics that will lend themselves to deeper discussion. We will plan to watch the video together on Sunday, but the link is included here if you would like to view it ahead of time. The class will begin at 11:00 am, and you can join in person or by Zoom; the Zoom link will be sent out with the worship notes later this week. The zoom link for the class is separate from the worship link, so if you are viewing worship on Zoom, and wish to participate in the class, you will need to "leave" worship to "join" the class. Join us via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136883066>. Any questions can be directed to Denise Lewis, dlewis9476@comcast.net. <https://uncomfortableconvos.com/episode/episode-1>

Due to increase in Covid numbers, there will not be Children's Sunday School this Sunday, January 16. Tentatively we'll start Sunday school again February 13th.

Due to increase in Covid numbers M&M will resume meeting on Wednesday, February 16th.

The Community Service team once again invites you to join us in collecting cans of soup for "Souper Bowl" Sunday. The big event is Sunday February 13. We will be collecting soup on January 30, February 6 and Feb 13 to be donated to our local food shelf. You are invited to participate in a bracket tournament – one entry per can of soup. There will be prizes! Stay tuned for more details!

SAVE THE DATE: The **Annual Congregational meeting** will be held after worship on January 30. There will be options to attend in person, or online; watch for more details to come.

From Community Service: During the winter months, the donations to the **Little Free Food Pantry** (located at the end of the driveway) need to be modified to tolerate the extreme cold temperatures we can see here. Please review the attached list of items for what to consider donating; ideal items are dried and in bags, like dried beans, rice, oatmeal, cereal, etc. And, remember the motto of the Little Free Food Pantry movement: *Take what you need, leave what you can*. Click [Winter Advisory List.pdf](#) for list.

Winter Chrysalis, 2022, registration is open!

Theme: We are more alike my friends, than we are unlike. ~ Maya Angelou

Dates: Feb. 18 – 20, 2022

The times, they are a' changin'. So, for us to meet in person in close quarters, Clearwater and the Chrysalis Steering Committee will be requiring that every person is fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated means either: *you have recently received a booster shot Or you have received your first 2 vaccination shots within the past few months and you are not eligible for the booster yet.

The following actions and documentation are required from every camper:
Proof of covid vaccinations – bring to camp either your vaccination card or a picture of your card on your phone AND

Proof of a negative rapid in home Covid test taken Friday morning, Feb. 18, before camp. Take a picture of your results to also

bring with you to camp. So, we are kindly suggesting you look for your rapid test now and tuck it aside for camp, so you are prepared. Another change for this year is the registration process. Clearwater is preparing a new registration system, but it will not be ready for our Chrysalis registration. Your registration is due by Feb. 11th. So, here is what you will need to do: Go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tAIO0HITF1dUvb71PhkaebkzW8_IR3lajeFAcVQgeC0/edit

If you are unable to register online, call Barb and she will help you register. 612-669-9700

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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