

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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February 27, 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.

Prelude O Worship the King/Let All Things Now Living (Steve Braden)

Welcome/Announcements (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Becky Brandt)

Opening Song Here I Am to Worship CCLI #3266032

Prayer of Reconciliation (Clara Amadasun)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Illumination (Clara Amadasun)

Scripture John 9: 1-41 (Becky Brandt)

Children's sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

Sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call To Offering (Becky Brandt)

Offertory Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly CCLI #7168697

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 The Trees of the Field purple #80

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.

This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**. We will have drive through **Imposition of Ashes** at church 5:30-6:30pm (Also at service). For those that wish not to be in person, you can come and then be home to join service online at 7:00pm. (All other activities in the building will be suspended so the whole family can be a part.)

News from the 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.

The Adult Sunday school class based on videos produced and hosted by Emmanuel Acho will meet three more times, and the schedule is listed below, with the featured topics for each week. As we have been doing, we will begin at 11:00 am following worship and watch the video together. Joanne Boyd will then facilitate a discussion of the issues raised in the video. For our first two classes, we have had 4 or 5 attending in person, and another 7 or 8 attending online, and we have had some great discussions! The classes are open to all; the links for each week's video are included below, if you would like to view them ahead of time.

- February 27: Conversation with two inter-racial couples, including Burnsville's own, Lindsey Vonn <https://uncomfortableconvos.com/episode/episode-5>
- March 6: Conversation with Carl Lentz, former pastor with Hillsong Church East Coast, on race and religion <https://uncomfortableconvos.com/episode/episode-7> (Please note: Carl Lentz was fired from his position in the months after this conversation was recorded, for sexual misconduct; he is a flawed messenger, but the issues raised in this conversation are well worth discussing in our class)
- March 13: Emmanuel answers emails from viewers; this is a shorter video, so we will plan to have a longer discussion, wrapping up our take-aways from this class, and the various topics we have covered. <https://uncomfortableconvos.com/episode/episode-4>

Our thanks to Sayra Maberry and Jeff Mortimer for sharing their insights and stories about parenting Shane at our class following worship on February

20th! The discussion following the video was recorded, and if you'd like the link to the recording, please contact Denise Lewis dlewis9476@comcast.net

You have the option of joining by Zoom, by clicking the link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136883066>; or, if you are fully vaccinated and masked, you are welcome to gather in the conference room.

M&M meets Wednesdays – No M&M this week as it is Ash Wednesday!

- 4:30 to 6 pm for K-5th grade
- 6:30 to 7:30 pm for 6th through high school
- Meal for all ages at 6 pm

Pastor Rob (he/him) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Meet in the Middle Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6124529465>
With M&M starting up and having a meal after M&M at 6 we need some people to provide desserts for the meal. The desserts need to be boughten and individually wrapped such as ice cream sandwiches. Please have them to the church by 5 p.m. The dates we need them are: March 16, March 30, and April 6. If you can help, please let Loretta know at: lorettahunt5678@gmail.com.
Thank you for your support.

GriefShare Program restarting Thursday, March 3, 6:30 pm, at Spirit of Life Church. This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines.

Too often people, including Christians, tend to bury their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program. Please contact Bob Shepard or Jacqui Hicks for more information or to sign up.

We are selling **Easter flowers and gift cards!** To access the site and place an order for your fundraiser group:

1. Go to www.gertensfundraising.com
2. Enter the Store ID code provided into the text field and click 'Enter ID to Continue'.

Store ID code for Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church: 149

Lilies are available for purchase if you would like them for home. However, if you are ordering flowers for the sanctuary, please do not select Lily as we have staff who are allergic.

The site is open until 10 PM on Thursday, March 10. We cannot accept any late orders past the deadline. Items will be available for pick-up on Sunday 4/10/22. Contact Becky Brandt, 218-779-0427, with questions.

From Community Service: We will again be participating in the MN FoodShare March Campaign, collecting **non-perishable** food items each

Sunday in March. All donations will go to the Rosemount Family Resource Center. Monetary donations are also encouraged; make your check out to Spirit of Life, with MN FoodShare on the memo line. Donations accepted at Sunday worship, and Wednesdays during M in M. The theme is "Building and Nourishing Community", so here's our "building" schedule:

March 6: Foundation (proteins): canned meats and fish, canned or bagged beans, peanut butter, nuts, canned chili or stew, etc

March 13: Framing it in (carbohydrates): bagged or boxed rice, pastas, boxed potato sides, pasta or rice-based side dishes, mac and cheese, biscuit mix, pancake mix, etc

March 20: Walls (fruits and vegetables): canned fruits and vegetables, and side dish items, jams and jellies; paper products, cleaning supplies

March 27: Finishing Touches: cake mixes, flour, sugar, healthy snacks, condiments, spices; personal care items, etc.

From Community Service: During the winter months, the donations to the **Little Free Food Pantry** (located at the entrance 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.

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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