

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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April 3, 2022 Worship

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Just a few notes to keep in mind:

- ◆ We are singing in person together again! So come, and sing boldly!
 - ◆ The session made the decision to keep masking for worship, and masks optional for all other activities in the church building.
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Welcome/Announcements Rev. Rob Smith

Call to Worship Monique Lander

Taize: Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom. Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

As earth turns from sunrise to sundown
As seasons turn seamlessly from one to another
As our lives turn from praise to pain and back to praise again
So we turn toward God in worship.
In our homes
In our workplaces
In our beds
At our kitchen tables
Here at church.

We bring all that we are
All that we long to be
And we lay it before God.
As we turn toward God
We discover the miraculous promise
That God is already turned toward us.
Exactly where we are.

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Opening Song: Gather Us In purple #401

Prayer of Reconciliation Clara Amadasun

One: As one season turns to another in the miracle of creation, so we turn our hearts to God, who turns our mourning into dancing and our brokenness into grace upon grace.

One: To everything there is a season. In our broken relationships, now is the season for turning. ALL...

LEADER: In our regrets we have held for too long, now is a time for healing. ALL...

LEADER: In our despair of what the world has become, now is a time for releasing. ALL...

LEADER: With sighs too deep for words, now is a time for hoping. ALL...

Assurance of Grace Pastor Rob

Prayer of Illumination Monique Lander

Scripture: John 19: 1-16a Clara Amadasun

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, 'Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.' So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, 'Here is the man!' When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.' The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.'

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, 'Where are you from?' But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, 'Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?' Jesus answered

him, 'You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.' From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, 'If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.'

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your King!' They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.' Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus;

Children's Sermon Rev. Rob Smith

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Call To Offering Monique Lander

Offertory The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord by Carole Sager & David Foster, arr. Tom Fettke (Spirit of Life Choir)

Doxology

Communion: Welcome to the Table Rev. Rob Smith

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.

Communion Song: Shalom arr. Anne Krentz Organ
Sara Gracek, flute , Martha Davis, piano

Holy Communion

Closing Song: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ purple #526

Charge and Benediction Rev. Rob Smith

Announcements

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.

“Embracing Emergence” Adult Class

The Embracing Emergence class will meet April 3, but will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter. It will resume on April 24 for the three final sessions. The class meets at 11:00 in the conference Room and is available remotely through Zoom. Note: it may be challenging for new people to join the class at this point. For more information, contact Steve Braden at revsbb91@gmail.com.

M&M meets Wednesdays

- 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

Join us through Zoom at Meet in the Middle Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6124529465>

GriefShare Program Thursdays at 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.

The Christian Ed Committee will be sponsoring an **Easter egg hunt** for our kids on Palm Sunday, April 10. We would appreciate donations of plastic eggs and/or treats that will fit inside. Please leave your donations in the basket under the table in the front entryway by April 3. Thanks for being part of this fun activity!

We will have our traditional **Palm parade** at the beginning of worship next Sunday, April 10, so you'll want to be in the sanctuary at 10am sharp! Following worship, the kids are invited to find treasures at the **Easter egg hunt!**

Come join the Community Service team in 2022!!!

Community Service team is looking for new members. We meet every other month on the first Monday at 4:30 pm (currently as a Zoom call). We plan activities for the church to participate in such as stocking the Little Free Pantry, donating to Soup-er Bowl Sunday, March Food Share Month donations, working in the Community Garden, working in the Church Flower beds, donating to the school supply drive, helping with Crop Hunger walk, and donating to the Giving Tree in November and December. Please consider joining us. Our next meeting will be May 2nd. Our next activities will be working in the garden and flower beds this summer. Please contact Karen Johnson, chair, at 612-210-8600.

Membership Class: Pastor Rob is leading the New Member class that meets at 11:15am on Sundays, May 1 and 8, here at the church. The class will be offered in person (but available online for those unable to attend in person). We'll be receiving the new members in worship on Sunday, May 15. Please RSVP to the church office at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org so we may be prepared for you to participate!

(9th graders and above) **Confirmation Class** to be offered. If you were part of the confirmation class that was halted due to the

pandemic, Pastor Rob is offering a make-up session for you. We will have a 4-session confirmation class following worship (at 11am) on, April 3, April 10 and April 24. This will be offered in person (also available via zoom for those unable to attend in person). Confirmands will be received in worship on Sunday, May 15. Please connect with me through email at robandlisa96@gmail.com, or you can call/text at 952-807-4413. **NOTE:** Confirmation will be offered again this fall for all students who never started confirmation. This will be offered in the regular format of 8 weeks over the school year.

Are you creative? Enjoy a little competition? Maybe you would enjoy participating in the **T shirt design contest for the South of the River CROP Walk**. Pick up an information brochure in the foyer and learn all about it.

We will be having a youth group fundraising **Cabaret** on May 7. See a youth group member for tickets! Donations needed for our Mother's Day Cabaret silent auction. Please contact Becky Brandt for more information.

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.

NOTE: Updated hours (based on Pastor Rob offering in-person option). Meet with Pastor Rob for **Coffee and Conversation Mondays, from 9:20 am to 11:00 am**. Come as you are. This is a gathering online and in person. It is open for you to pop in and out any time 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!

Scheduling events at Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

...We continue to increase the number church sponsored activities, as well as permitting additional groups to use the SOLPC facility. With that in mind, it is all the more important to check with the office regarding your preferred date and time for an activity BEFORE advertising your event. Thank you for your help in ensuring we are not double-booking our facility while still providing for the needs of our community.

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