

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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May 1, 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.

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Loretta Hunt)

Called back.

Called to turn around.

Called back to life.

Welcome to the Damascus Road.

Called to see again.

Called to turnaround.

Called take in through a new lens.

Welcome to the Damascus Road.

Called away from hate.

Called instead to love.

Called into action.

Welcome to the Damascus Road.

Eyes opened, soul cleansed, body strengthened.

ready for the road ahead. S

Welcome to the Damascus Road.

Are we ready for a road trip?

Let's go.

Opening Song: Lord Reign In Me CCLI #2490706

Prayer of Reconciliation (Clara Amadasun)

Assurance of Grace: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Illumination: (Loretta Hunt)

Scripture: Acts 9: 1-19a (Clara Amadasun)

Children's Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Sermon: Better Call Saul (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call To Offering (Loretta Hunt)

Offertory Living Waters by Kristyn Getty & Ed Cash (Martha Davis)

Doxology:

Communion: Welcome to the Table (Rev. Rob Smith)

Communion Music (during communion): Let Us Break Bread Together arr Cindy Berry

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 (Rev. Rob Smith)

Communion Prayer (Rev. Rob Smith)

Closing Song: For Everyone Born CCLI Song # 4065414, purple #769, vs 1, 2, 4, & 5

Charge and Benediction: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Announcements

At the April 11, 2022 session meeting, Session made the decision to go masks optional for all activities in the church building, including worship!

Attention Members: We will have an abbreviated Special

Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, May 15. This special congregational meeting is for the purpose of electing Vickie Fischer as deacon. That will be the only business conducted so it will be brief.

News from the Christian Education Committee:

NOTE:

On Sunday, May 8th during the morning worship service, we will honor our Graduates!

On Sunday, May 15th during the morning worship service we will recognize Sunday School and M&M kids, youth, teachers, and leaders! Please join us in person or online.

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.

Teachers: May 1 – Ryan, May 8 – Karen, May 15 – Karen, May 22 – Ryan

We will be having a youth group fundraising **Cabaret on May 7**. See a youth group member for tickets! Auction will run **online only** 4/30/22 at 12pm thru 5/7/22 at 6pm. Contact Becky Brandt with donation offers or questions: thebrandtfam@gmail.com or 218-779-0427.

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!

From Community Service: It's time for an **outdoor clean-up** — clearing out the flower beds and picking up sticks and branches, so a great family activity! The date is Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary with your name and email or cell phone number, so you can be notified of any change in plans due to weather. It would also be helpful to know how many people to expect, so work projects can be planned accordingly. You can also email Denise Lewis directly, if you want to participate: dlewis9476@comcast.net.

If you are looking for ways to help the people of Ukraine, here are a couple of effective organizations that are working to bring relief:

- Church World Service, which sponsors CROP Walks, also

works in the areas of disaster relief and refugee resettlement and is actively responding in the Ukraine crisis. You can read about their efforts and donate here <https://cwsglobal.org/appeals/ukraine-crisis-response-fund/>

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is also actively involved, and you can read about their response here <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

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.

Coffee and Conversation Mondays, from 9:20 am to 11:00 am.

Great opportunity to meet with Pastor Rob and others. 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>

From Community Service: Keep in mind the Little Free Food Pantry (located at the entrance of the driveway) Please consider donating: canned, bottled, boxed, or dried foodstuffs, 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.*

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