

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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August 7, 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!
 - ◆ Masks optional for all activities in the church building.
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Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Keely. Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Keely taught at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities for 24 years and the last 7 years has served as a transitional pastor serving 4 churches in our Presbytery. She continues to serve the Presbytery as Chair of the Board of Trustees, and is delighted to again lead worship at Spirit of Life today.

Prelude

Welcome (Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Keely)

Call to Worship (Becky Brandt)

One: As we light the candle, please quietly prepare yourself to be fully aware of the presence of God.

One: Come, let us worship our God.

ALL: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Parent of all,

One: who is above all and through all and in all.

ALL: We come with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

Opening Song: They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love #300, CCLI #26997

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Odosia Amadasun–Song)

Assurance of Grace: (Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Keely)

Passing of the Peace May the peace of Christ be with you now, **(And also with you)**...let us take a moment and share the peace of Christ with one another.

Passing of the Peace Song: One Faith One Hope One Lord by Craig Courtney (Karen Cromer Johnson) CCLI #83387

Prayer of Illumination (Becky Brandt)

Scripture (Becky Brandt) Ephesians 4:1-16

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the

heavens, so that he might fill all things.) He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Children's Sermon: (Oghomwen Amadasun)

Sermon: "Worthy of the Calling" (Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Keely)

Call To Offering (Becky Brandt)

Offertory Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly by Pat Barrett, Jason Ingram, and Chris Tomlin CCLI #7168697 (Karen Cromer Johnson, singer)

Communion: Welcome to the Table (Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Keely and Loretta Hunt)

Communion Song: #530 "One Bread, One Body"

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. Dr. Barbara Anne Keely and Loretta Hunt)

Communion Music: Remember and Proclaim by Mathew Linton and Wendy Willis CCLI #5822120 (Odos Amadasun, singer) (This will be sung during communion)

Communion Prayer

All: Gracious God, you have made us one through the indwelling of your Holy Spirit. We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness, water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love. Send us out now, with the good news of salvation and a message of joy for all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song: The Summons #726 CCLI #1040329

Announcements: (Becky Brandt)

Charge and Benediction: (Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Keely)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

Announcements

Our final class in the "Sabbath" book study will be August 14, following worship, and will focus on section 6: CONSECRATION. The Worship and Music committee and the book study group are waiting for your responses to the recent congregational

letter. Please get your "hearts and hands" mailed in to, or dropped off at the office by **August 14** at the very latest (note: it will be helpful if you cut out your hand prints for us).

C & C after C – we'll be having C & C after C (Coffee and Conversations after Church) again in a few Sundays. Please sign-up to participate in providing cookies. Please see Ruth Ewule if you have questions.

Coffee and Conversations will be taking a summer break until Pastor Rob returns.

The session of elders of Spirit of Life is hosting our regular community **PICNICS** this year while Rob has sabbatical. The final picnic date is **August 28th** and the time will be approximately 11:15am (immediately after worship) with games in the backyard for kids and food and fellowship for all.

Support the 10th Annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk by ordering your commemorative t-shirt NOW! Orders, WITH PAYMENT, are due before August 14! Order forms are on the back table in the sanctuary, or contact Denise Lewis directly to order. Make checks payable to "Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church" with CROP t-shirt on the memo line, and return in the Sunday offering plate, or directly to the office.

The Presbytery Leadership Team is pleased to announce that they have filled the position of **Transitional Executive Presbyter**, and welcome the Rev. Elizabeth "Libby" Shannon to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. Libby will be starting virtually on August 22nd and will be in the office no later than October 3rd, 2022. Libby is in the role previously held by Jeff Japinga within the Presbytery.

We are collecting **supplies for Highland Elementary** on Sunday August 7, August 14, August 21, and August 28. There will be a box on the table in the entry at church. Supplies needed are: Expo washable, chisel point dry erase markers - purple, blue, green and black, One dozen of each color. (Only Expo brand because other kinds don't erase fully.) Fifty folders with pockets in different colors, four dozen glue sticks in packages of 10-12, twenty medium size bottles of white school glue, one dozen boxes of crayons with 24 crayons in a box. Anything you can contribute will be appreciated. We did this last year and the coordinator was so happy we will be helping again this year.

GriefShare Program Starting Thursday, September 8, 6:30 pm at Spirit of Life Church, Apple Valley. 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.

Church office furniture: Anyone interested in any of the old office furniture (sitting in the hallway), please contact Mary Brause or Ryan Currens. Free will offering is requested from congregation recipients, after which items will be listed for sale on marketplace.

Check out the FREE table at the back of the sanctuary. We've been doing a little cleaning and purging so if you see something on the table that you can use, please take it home and enjoy! *Department heads please note there are binders specific to your department on the same table.

We now have a drop box on the wall in the office for any church money that needs to get to our treasurer. We also have envelopes above the drop box with labels you can fill out when leaving money so that Meg or Barb know what the money is for and who it is from. If you are depositing cash please count the amount of cash and put that information on the envelope too.

Watch for something new coming from the Justice Works Committee! Look for a bookshelf in the back of the sanctuary, filled with books on topics related to immigration and racial justice. These books are available for you to borrow, with a sign-out sheet to list your name, contact information, and the book you are borrowing. The purpose of this book-borrowing opportunity is to open up a chance for discussion about sensitive topics. As one of our committee members has stated, "we don't have these conversations". All of these books have been read by one or more of the members of our committee, and their names are listed on a card inside each book; use this card as your bookmark, and if you would like to have a conversation about what you are reading, you are encouraged to reach out to one or more of the people who have already read the book. Contact information is in the church directory. If you would like to be included in future conversations, add your name to the card to potentially be contacted by a future reader; return the book to the borrowing shelf with the card inside. The books range from "easy" reading, including children's books, all the way to "very challenging", either because of graphic descriptions of violence, difficult concepts, or academic writing style. Books include fiction as well as non-fiction, and cover a wide range of topics. Take a look at the offerings on the borrowing bookshelf! If you have any questions, either Joanne Boyd or Denise Lewis can answer them.

If you have a **prayer request** you wish to share with our Spirit Care Prayer Team, please email our deacon, Chris Sachs at ccsachs123@gmail.com. Word it as you wish it to be submitted, and we will post it for our prayer team.

"Our Little Free Pantry continues to be of great service to our hungry neighbors. An anonymous note of appreciation was left this week. We would appreciate donations to keep our cupboard full. Preferred items at this time include jars of spaghetti sauce, any pasta, bags of plain white rice, any canned vegetables or fruits, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, Spam, dry milk. These items and any other non-perishables can be placed in the driveway pantry or left in the cabinet inside the front door to the church. Members of the Community Service committee will refill items when needed and thank you very much for your support and donations. We can make a difference in preventing hunger in our neighborhood!"

2021 Per Capita is \$36.50

Questions about "Per Capita"? Here's an article from the Presbyterian Today magazine that provides information! Click on: [Per Capita article.pdf](#).

While Pastor Rob is on sabbatical, we have a wonderful pastoral care team here for you. *Worship & preacher schedule*

14-Aug Rev. Bill Chadwick

Emergency Pastoral Care Coverage:

July 18-Aug 19 Loretta Hunt, ph. # 651-900-9681