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September 18, 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.

Prelude (Martha Davis)

Welcome (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (From Philippians 4) (Luke Scott)

Philippians 4 reminds us,

One: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice.

All: Rejoice!

One: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Rejoice!

All: Rejoice!

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Song Blessed Assurance

Prayer of Reconciliation (Clara Amadasun)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of the Peace

Song Rejoice in the Lord Always CCLI #15692

Prayer of Illumination (Luke Scott)

Scripture John 15: 1, 4-5, 7-11 (Clara Amadasun)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower... Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because

apart from me you can do nothing... If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Children's sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)
"Change for change" bucket offering

Sermon (Rev. Rob Smith) "If You're Happy and You Know It"

Song Joy of the Lord by Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkenson, & Ed Cash CCLI # 7047091 (Becky Brandt, singer)

Call To Offering (Luke Scott)

Offertory Peace by Ed Cash CCLI #7149280 (Mary Brause, singer)

Doxology

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 Trading My Sorrows CCLI # 2574653

Welcome/Announcements (Rev. Rob Smith)

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

Announcements

Back to Church Fall Schedule!

Children's Sunday School starts today, September 18, and goes through December 18th from 9:30-10:15, upstairs in the SS room. Curriculum is Spill the Beans, theme is Colors of the Covenant. There will be one class with a teacher and a helper. We will have a laptop in class so that kids can Zoom in for SS if they can't attend in person. We won't have classes on Oct. 23 (MEA weekend), Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving weekend), Dec 25. (Christmas weekend) or Jan. 1 (New Year's weekend).

Date	Teacher	Helper
09/18	Karen	Rose
09/25	Ryan	Karen
10/02	Karen	Serna
10/09	Ryan	Rose
10/16	Karen	Serna
10/23	MEA – no class	

Adult Class Steve Braden will lead a six-session class based on the PBS Frontline series God in America starting September 18. The class will meet following worship and will be available online via Zoom, by clicking the link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136883066>; or, you are welcome to gather in the conference room. The videos (YouTube) and a study guide (PBS) are available for free online. See Steve with questions.

M&M will begin Wednesday, October 5th, and go for 7 weeks. Curriculum will be Holy Moly. Time together will begin at 4:30 and include snacks, group guitar lessons for older kids /playing for younger kids, singing, Holy Moly video and lesson, and conclude with dinner for kids, youth and adults 6:00- 6:30 dinner. Monetary donations for dinner appreciated. M&M – Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary to provide a snack and/ or dessert for M&M. If you have questions, please see Loretta Hunt.

Confirmation Class will be for 7th and 8th graders, on the 2nd Sunday of the month after church beginning October 9th. It will be held every 2 years. Talk with Pastor Rob to get your 7th & 8th graders enrolled.

C & C after C – Please sign up to participate in providing cookies for C & C after C (Coffee and Conversations after Church). Please see Ruth Ewule if you have questions.

(Monday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION Meet with Pastor Rob and others for Coffee and Conversation on 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>. One tap mobile +13126266799, 286584190# +19292056099, 286584190#

GriefShare Program Started Thursday, September 8, 6:30 pm at Spirit of Life Church, Apple Valley. However, anyone can still be a part of the class. This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 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.

10th Annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk, October 2, at St. James Lutheran Church, 3650 Williams Drive, Burnsville. There will be live music and a multi-church bake sale starting at 1:00 pm; walk begins at 2:00 pm. You can donate to the CROP Walk by making out a check to Spirit of Life with CROP Walk on the memo line, or go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/spirit-of-life-presbyterian-church> Second Harvest Heartland will receive 25% of the total funds raised. Details at the CROP Walk display at the back of the sanctuary, or in the Tuesday email. Questions? Talk to Denise Lewis.

From Community Service: GARDEN UPDATE: We have had our 6th week in a row of over 100 pounds of produce delivered to RFRC, and our total for the year now stands at 926 pounds!

It's time to think about Christmas! Greens, Poinsettias, and plant cards will be sold to raise funds for our community garden. The ONLINE ONLY sale begins September 25 and ends October 20. Becky will be available after services 10/9 and 10/16 to help with how to order. 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 (remember to note on your order if it is for the sanctuary or home). Please contact Becky via email if you have any questions.

Fall Work Day at *Spirit of Life* is set for Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00-11:50am. There will be donuts, and work for all ages and skill sets! Come one, come all!!

The **Justice Works** borrowing bookshelf is up and running, so check it out.

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. 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!”

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