

**Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church**  
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September 25, 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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**Prelude** (Martha Davis)

**Welcome** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Call to Worship** (Kelly Polson - online)

Proverbs 11: 2 shares, *When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but wisdom is with the humble.*

As we pause today, establishing patterns of sabbath, may we humble ourselves. In humility, we re-center our lives making God more, and ourselves less. It is here that we grow in wisdom, living by our values, making room prioritizing relationships, better loving God and one another. Let us worship God.

**Opening Song:** Joy, Joy Down In My Heart

**Minute for Mission** (Denise Lewis)

**Prayer of Reconciliation** (Josh Cornormia)

**Assurance of Grace** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Song** Awesome God CCLI#41099

**Prayer of Illumination** (Kelly Polson)

**Scripture** Psalm 46 (Josh Cornormia)

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice; the earth melts.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
 see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
 he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
 he burns the shields with fire.  
 “Be still, and know that I am God!  
 I am exalted among the nations;  
 I am exalted in the earth.”  
 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
 the God of Jacob is our refuge

**Children’s sermon** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Sermon** Be Still and Know (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Song** Revelation Song by Jennie Lee Riddle (Kandace Locklore, singer)

**Call To Offering** (Kelly Polson)

**Offertory** Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord, from Cameroon (Spirit of Life Choir led by Gladys Mbonifor)

**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** Be Thou My Vision #450

**Announcements** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Charge and Benediction** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Postlude** (Martha Davis)

**Announcements**

**Children’s Sunday School** goes through December 18th from 9:30-10:15, upstairs in the SS room. Kids can Zoom in for SS if they can't attend in person. Class is suspended on Oct. 23 (MEA weekend), Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving weekend), Dec 25. (Christmas weekend) and Jan. 1 (New Year's weekend).

| Date  | Teacher        | Helper |
|-------|----------------|--------|
| 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 leads a class based on the PBS Frontline series God in America. Today is week 2 of the six-week class. Class meets 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.

**Meet in the Middle** begins Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and runs 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. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary to provide a snack and/or dessert for Meet in the Middle. If you have questions, please see Loretta Hunt.

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

**(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** meets Thursdays, 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 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.

What about the frozen, bake-at-home Swedish apple pies that have been a feature of our CROP Walk? Well, the church that has made them in the past is NOT doing it this year. There will be a limited number of them available at the CROP Walk bake sale on Oct 2. However, the Spirit of Life apple harvest is robust this year, and Denise is willing to make a limited number of these pies for Spirit of Life members from our apples. All proceeds will go to the CROP Walk;

they are \$10/pie. They will be made with the regular recipe, which includes flour and nuts. Contact Denise directly by October 2nd if you want a pie, [dlewis9476@comcast.net](mailto:dlewis9476@comcast.net).

From Community Service: GARDEN UPDATE: we have surpassed 1,000 pounds of produce delivered this year, with 7 weeks in a row of over 100 pounds delivered. Our YTD total is now 1,038 pounds — and we have more to harvest!!

**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](http://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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00-11:50am. There will be donuts, and work for all ages and skill sets! Come one, come all!!

**Trunk or Treat** coming to *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church* on October 30<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship! All ages welcome. If you want treats come with a Halloween bucket and a costume, if you want to distribute candy come with your car, some candy and some decorations.

Note: Prizes will be awarded to best trunks and to best trick-or-treat kids costumes. See Oghomwen Amadasun, Karen Johnson or Ryan Currens with questions.

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](mailto: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!”

**2021 Per Capita is \$36.50**