

**Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church**  
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October 30, 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** (Loretta Hunt)

The kingdom of God is like

The smallest of seeds planted and nurtured that grows  
into the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree.

The kingdom of God is like

planting seeds that grow like each one of us.

The kingdom of God is magnificent, full of wonder,  
and at work calling each on of us.

As I light the candle to begin worship, please center yourselves as we  
prepare to hear the words of God.

**Opening Song** There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit #408

**Prayer of Reconciliation** (song) Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil  
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**Assurance of Grace** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Passing of the Peace**

**Song** Sanctuary

**Prayer of Illumination** (Steve Lewis)

**Scripture** (Loretta Hunt) Matthew 13: 31-32

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like  
a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the

smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

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

**Sermon** “Mustard Seed Faith” (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Stewardship** (Stephen Lewis)

**Testimony** (Kandace Lackore)

**Call To Offering** (Steve Lewis)

**Offertory** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying by Ken Medema, arr by Joel Raney (Spirit of Life Choir)

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise triune God whom we adore. Amen

**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.

**Announcements**

**Closing Song** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

**Postlude** (Martha Davis)

**Announcements**

FROM COMMUNITY SERVICE: *Warning — holiday CREEP has affected Armful of Love!!*

Armful of Love, offered through 360 Communities to provide support for families during the holidays, will continue to provide GIFT CARDS ONLY to qualifying families, so they can do their own shopping for gifts and holiday meals.

The deadline for delivering cards to 360 Communities is November 5! So, time to get in the “spirit” of holiday gift-giving. Spirit of Life has committed to providing \$500 of retail cards, and \$250 in grocery cards.

***If you didn't bring gift card donations today, and would still like to contribute, you can bring your gift cards on Wednesday, November 2, during M in M, 4:30-6:30 pm.***

- Retail gift cards should be from **Target, Walmart, or Amazon**
- Grocery gift cards should be from **Aldi or Cub**
- All gift cards should be in denominations that are **multiples of \$25 (\$25, \$50, \$75, \$100)**.
- Please ensure each gift card clearly states the value
- Add the value in dark colored sharpie pen if this is not printed on each card
- **Please attach a gift receipt to each of the gift cards**
- Tape gift receipts directly and securely on the gift card. Unsecured envelopes/sleeves can be removed.
- There must be one receipt per gift card. Make copies as needed so each gift card has a receipt.

**Trunk or Treat at 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, as well as the best adult costume. See Oghomwen Amadasun, Karen Johnson or Ryan Currens with questions.

**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 Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving weekend), Dec 25. (Christmas weekend) and Jan. 1 (New Year's weekend).

Date	Teacher	Helper
11/06	Ryan	
11/13	Karen	Sara
11/20	Sara	Ryan
11/27	No Sunday school/Thanksgiving weekend	

12/04	Ryan	Karen
12/11	Sara	
12/18	Prepare for Children's Christmas program	
12/25	No Sunday school/Christmas break	
01/01	No Sunday school/New Year's break	

**Adult Class will be suspended today, October 30**, due to Trunk or Treat. Class will be completed November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 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** meets Wednesdays. Curriculum is 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. If you're unable to join in person, jump on zoom with this new link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85002502767>.

**Confirmation Class** will be for 7th and 8th graders, on the 2nd Sunday of the month after church. Next class is November 13. Note: we will also plan for a retreat in March or April.

**(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#

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. FYI: there was an article in the business section of the StarTribune October 20 highlighting Abdurrahman Mahmud, who launched Twinist, "a TwinCities-based employment service and jobs website that aims to connect immigrants with employers". Here is the link to the website, to check it out: <https://www.twinist.com>

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