

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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November 27, 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 Song The King is Coming by Christy Nockels CCLI #7071474 (Lisa Smith, singer)

Welcome (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Karen Johnson – reader / Lisa Smith – Cantor)

Opening Song O Come, O Come Emmanuel #88, vs 1, 2, 6, & 7

Advent Candle Week 1 (Rob and Lisa Smith)

(Congregational Singing)

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It speaks of light while through the night the shadows swiftly creep
in.

Come, see the sparks of life that burn against the pow'r of strife;
Come, stand within its glow, the holy fire of Advent.

... (*Light one Advent Candle*)

(Congregational Singing)

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Prayer of Reconciliation (Kelly Polson)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of Peace

Song Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #82

Prayer of Illumination: Taize–Wait for the Lord (Psalm 27) #90

Scripture (Kelly Polson and Karen Johnson)

Children's sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

Sermon: Wait For It (Rev. Rob Smith)

Song: The First Noel #147 vs 1 & 2

Call To Offering (Karen Johnson)

Offertory Advent Hymn by Christy Nockels CCLI #7071465
(Lisa Smith, 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.

Announcements (Rev. Rob Smith)

Closing Song Deck the Halls

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

Meet in the Middle meets Wednesdays. 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>.

Date	Teacher	Helper
11/27	No Sunday school/Thanksgiving weekend	
12/04	Ryan	Karen
12/11	Sara	Afanwi
12/18	Prepare for Children's Christmas program	
12/25	No Sunday school/Christmas break	
01/01	No Sunday school/New Year's break	

Confirmation Class will be for 7th and 8th graders, on the 2nd Sunday of the month after church. Next class is December 11th. Note: we will also plan for a retreat in March or April.

Sunday school families, please take a moment to complete the **survey**. We're looking for your input on start time for Sunday school starting January 2023. See Karen Johnson for paper copies of the survey or jump on the link from the weekly email blast. Please complete survey by December 4th. Thank you!

Calling all those who enjoy decorating!! We are asking for people to **help decorate the church for Advent**. Join us after fellowship on today, November 27. The more help we have, the less time it takes! Thank you, Becky

Our youth will be given **piggy banks** to collect coins for Advent / Christmas charity offering, so if you have a few spare coins find one of our Sunday School aged children and help fill their piggy banks for a good cause. They will be collecting from now until Christmas.

Giving Tree: Community Service team will be collecting gift cards for our own Church families to help them with their Christmas holiday expenses. Please donate gift cards for Target, Walmart Aldi, or Cub in increments of \$25 or more. Please write the \$\$ amount on each gift card. There will be a collection box in the front entryway now through Sunday December 11th. If your family is in need of help with their Christmas expenses, please let Pastor Rob know.

The Christian Ed committee will be putting together Christmas **treat bags** for the children. If you would like to donate any pre-wrapped candy/treats or small favors for the bags, please bring them to church by December 11th. They may be placed in the basket below the table in the front hall. We will be giving them to the children on December 18th.

(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#.

The next **GriefShare Program** will be February 2, 2023 through May 4, 2023 (no meeting Maundy Thursday), 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.

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.

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