

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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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.

Welcome to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church! If this is your first time here we want to say a special thank you for worshipping with us today. We would enjoy getting to know you if you would be so kind to sign the attendance roster and include your contact information. If you are interested in receiving our weekly email blast, please send a quick email to the office at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org.

Prelude (Martha Davis)

Welcome (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Loretta Hunt)

Opening Song O Sing a Song of Bethlehem #159, vs 1-3

Prayer of Reconciliation (Loretta Hunt)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of Peace

Song Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God #423

Prayer of Illumination (Loretta Hunt)

Scripture: Matthew 1: 1-17 (Loretta Hunt)

1An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, 4and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the

father of Salmon, 5and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, 7and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, 8and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, 9and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, 10and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, 11and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. 12And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, 14and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, 15and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. 17So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Children’s sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

Sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

Sermon Response: (to the tune of “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”) *(Permission is granted to use these words for worship with attribution: “Words by Joanna Harader from SpaciousFaith.com.”)*

Call To Offering (Loretta Hunt)

Offertory (Odosa Amadasun, singer)

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 (Rev. Rob Smith)

Closing Song Come Thou Fount #475 with Above All Else
CCLI Song # 7029505

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

Announcements

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Children's Sunday School goes from 9:30-10:15, upstairs in the SS room. Kids can Zoom in for SS if they can't attend in person. Class resumes January 8th.

Meet in the Middle will resume January 11th, meeting Wednesdays at 4:30 and including 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>.

*With M&M beginning on Wednesday, January 11 we need people to sign up to provide snacks, desserts, and meals. If you can help, please sign the chart in back of sanctuary or contact Loretta. Thank you.

Confirmation Class will be for 7th and 8th graders, on the 2nd Sunday of the month after church. Next class is today,

January 8th. Note: we will also plan for a retreat in March or April.

(Monday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION will meet again January 9th. Plan to join 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.

Mark your calendars: It's Annual Meeting time again – January 29, 2023. Just a reminder to committee leaders – we need your reports turned into the office.

Per Capita for 2023 went up to \$37.50