



**26 FEBRUARY 2017**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

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**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. Whether you're visiting, seeking a new spiritual direction in your life, or simply looking for a church home, we pray that *SPIRIT OF LIFE* might be the place for you to grow. Living a life of faith is no easy matter—until we try living life without faith. We're glad you worshiped here today and want you to know that your presence is always welcome! **NOTE:** Large print bulletins & Children's activity bags are available at the usher station. We also offer nursery upstairs during worship and Sunday school.

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Rob Smith

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Afanwi Kube

One: Beyond our busyness, Above the cold winter floor,  
there is a glory rising born of heaven, and reaching out to each one of us  
**All: a light that shines through the clouds, an invitation seeking all of  
who we are, that transfigures the world**

One: that transforms darkness into hope, that brings life from a cross,  
where old life ends and new life is born

**All: In glory Jesus meets us here, raising us from depths of valley to the  
height of the mountain, carrying the weight of our humanity, to the  
heights of heavens glory.**

One: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again  
"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

**OPENING HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" (See hymnal # 339, v 1-3)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Chris Sachs

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Afanwi Kube

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

One: God of the snowfall and coming spring, Spirit of the journey that  
leads us to the height of the mountain,

**All: we open our hearts to you and to one another, the many ways we  
fall short to live into the fullness of life in you.**

One: We create schedules that add to the burden, And further shelter us  
from hearing your voice.

**All: We add to the shadows finding the worst in the world around us,**

**Rather than living as instruments of your hope.**

One: How quick we add to the discord with one another, unable to see  
your face in our neighbor

**All: in ours of disagreements we often miss the transference of our own  
scars, disappointments, and should haves,**

One: Help us again today to be renewed by your ever flowing grace and  
unending love

**All: Open all of who we are to your holy imagination of who we are yet  
to become restoring us in your glory. Praise be to God!**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Rev. Rob Smith

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Rob Smith

**RESPONSE** "Live Into Hope" (See hymnal # 332, v 1)

**ANTHEM** "Give Me Jesus" arr Thomas Fetke

**HEARING**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Afanwi Kube

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 9: 28-45

Afanwi Kube

**SERMON**

"Transformed In Christ"

Rev. Rob Smith

**RESPONDING**

**SERMON RESPONSE** "Live Into Hope" (See hymnal # 332, v 2-4)

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Afanwi Kube

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** #591 "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here  
below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

One: Let us pray:

**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.**

**SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**CLOSING SONG** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" (CCLI # 2298355)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rob Smith

**FEBRUARY CAREGIVER - Ruth Shepard**

**MARCH CAREGIVER - Ruth Ewule**

***SpiritCare Prayer Team:***

**1.507.263.5975 or 952.423.2212-Office**

**Volunteers for today, February 26, 2017:**

**Lay Leader:** Afanwi Kube

**Audio Visual:** Larry Buchholz

**Children's Sermon:** Chris Sachs

**Ushers:** Pat and Larry Buchholz

**Greeter:** Bob Shepard

**Volunteers for Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017:**

**Audio Visual:** Eric Scott

**Volunteers for next Sunday, March 5, 2017:**

**Lay Leader:** Bob Shepard

**Audio Visual:** Eric Scott

**Children's Sermon:** Karen Johnson

**Ushers:** Alice and Ray Gracek

**Greeters:** Alice and Ray Gracek

**Songleader:** Karen Johnson

**Communion: (Lead)** Peggy Roeske, Patience Mbonifor, Loretta Hunt

*"First, I tell you to pray for all people, asking God for what they need and  
being thankful to Him. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior."  
1 Timothy 2:1, 3*

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE THIS WEEK...**

**Don Roeske** - Don had his gallbladder removed on Wednesday, February  
22. The surgery was done by laparoscopy but took longer. The gallbladder  
was quite infect and likely caused other issues for Don. He will remain in  
the hospital for several days, but we are requesting no visitors until further  
notice. Thank you for your prayers for *Don and Peggy*. - Submitted by  
*Peggy Roeske 02/23/17*

**Jon and Matt** - Jon and Matt are two young nephews of *Bob and Ruth's*  
niece and her husband. Jon and Matt were both thrown from their car when  
t-boned by a pickup on Wednesday, February 8. Both are in very critical  
condition. Prayers that God will guide their medical teams and that He will  
give both young men the strength and comfort needed for healing. Prayers  
also for the families' safe 2 hours travels back and forth to see their sons. -  
Submitted by *Bob and Ruth Shepard 02/14/17*

**Larry Buchholz** - Larry had recent eye surgery. Prayers that God with  
give complete recovery. - Submitted by *Pat Buchholz 02/07/17*

**Mark Roeske** - Mark, *Don & Peggy's* son, had volunteered to donate a  
kidney but due to high blood pressure, is not a candidate. Prayers for  
wisdom as the physicians work to regulate his bp. - Submitted by *Peggy  
Roeske 02/07/17*

## Announcements ...

Please submit Sunday worship announcements to the church office each week. Announcements not received by Wednesday noon will be shared in the worship bulletin the following Sunday. Send a quick email to [spirit@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org). Thank you!

Our **nursery** (located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) is open during worship for children ages 1-6 years. Following worship, we offer **Sunday school** for children, youth and adults. Preschool, children grades 1-5 and senior high classes meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Middle schoolers meet in the Dove Room (main level) and adults meet in the conference room (main level).

Immediately following worship today, we'll have an abbreviated informational **Congregational Meeting** to learn more about the proposed cell tower lease. \*Special Session meeting to follow.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. **Rob will have regular open "office hours" at the Dunn Bros., 15265 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley, each week on Tuesdays, 10am-12noon.** If you need to talk regarding life issues, church, or other things, please feel free to drop by or set up an appointment to meet with him.

All are welcome to join the **Weekly Mid-day Bible study** at any time. We are meeting on Wednesdays, 10-11:30am in the conference room at the church. Pastor Rob & Carol Osweiler teach the class, working our way through the book of Luke.

**We are excited to be in our 4th year of M&M (Meet in the Middle) at Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church.** The program will run until April 26. **Note:** M&M will join the adults with a delayed start time at 6pm on March 1<sup>st</sup>, Ash Wednesday, and March 29, spring break week.) For Holy Week, M&M moves to Thursday to join the adults for our Maundy Thursday worship on April 13.

Children preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us at 4:30pm. Middle school age youth may join us at this time to be helpers or to do their homework but they will not be supervised. All children, youth, parents & adults are invited to join us at 6pm for dinner. A free will offering will be taken for dinner. Break out into various activities at 6:30pm.

**Confirmation class** meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month following worship, 11:15am—12:30pm. If your youth has not been confirmed, is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older (we will have many senior high this time), and you plan on having them in confirmation this year, please see Pastor Rob.

The next **women's book club** meeting is Thursday, March 9, at 7pm at Lisa Smith's home. We are reading "When the Heart Waits: Spiritual Direction for Life's Sacred Questions" by Sue Monk Kidd. All women are welcome and please consider inviting a friend! The book is available online at Amazon.com or at local bookstores. Questions, please contact Lisa Smith at [lisafugacciasmith@gmail.com](mailto:lisafugacciasmith@gmail.com) or at (319)530-4234.

For those seeking **membership** here at *Spirit of Life*, class will meet with Pastor Rob following worship on Sunday, February 26.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is a blend of compassion & the love of knitting/crocheting combined into a prayerful ministry & spiritual practice

which reaches out to those in need of comfort & solace, as well as in celebration & joy. Many blessings are prayed into every stitch. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 14. Questions, call Carol (952.237.5894). This ministry might make the prayer shawls but the crafters also receive the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God. This ministry is open to both men and women!

Inviting all: We'll do our monthly **Spirit Breakfast** on Saturday, March 18, at 9am here at the church. Ruthi Shepard will be fixing one of her famous oatmeal recipes. Mark your calendars and watch for more details later.

We will be having an all church **baby shower** for our music directors, Kyle and Kate Frost, on Sunday, April 30, following worship. Please RSVP to the church office at [spirit@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org) by April 16 so we know how many to plan on for food preparation.

The next three Sundays (March 5, 12 & 19) we'll be taking orders for **Easter flowers**. Payment must be submitted to complete your order form. Our deadline is firmly set for March 19 so please be thinking ahead of how you wish to remember your loved ones this season.

**Calling all vocalists – current and future!** We will begin our Easter season choir rehearsals soon! Will you be here and available to sing Easter Sunday? If you haven't participated on a regular basis, would you consider joining choir for a short-term commitment? Easter choir rehearsals will be Wednesdays: March 1<sup>st</sup> 6-6:45pm / March 8 – April 5 at 7:30 – 8:30pm / and Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 6:45-7:30. We will also rehearse Sundays at 9am prior to worship. Please talk with Kyle or drop him an email at [kdftrumpet@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:kdftrumpet@spiritoflifeav.org) to let him know to expect you.

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March birthdays			
	03/15	Deon Ford	
	03/18	Vern Hauser	
03/06	Odosa Amadasun	03/19	Joseph Cornormia
03/08	Josephine Amadasun	03/21	Raymond Gracek
03/11	Van Wilgus	03/22	Bob Shepard
03/14	Joanne Johnson	03/24	Peggy Roeske
	Susanne Plaszc	03/26	Larry Buchholz

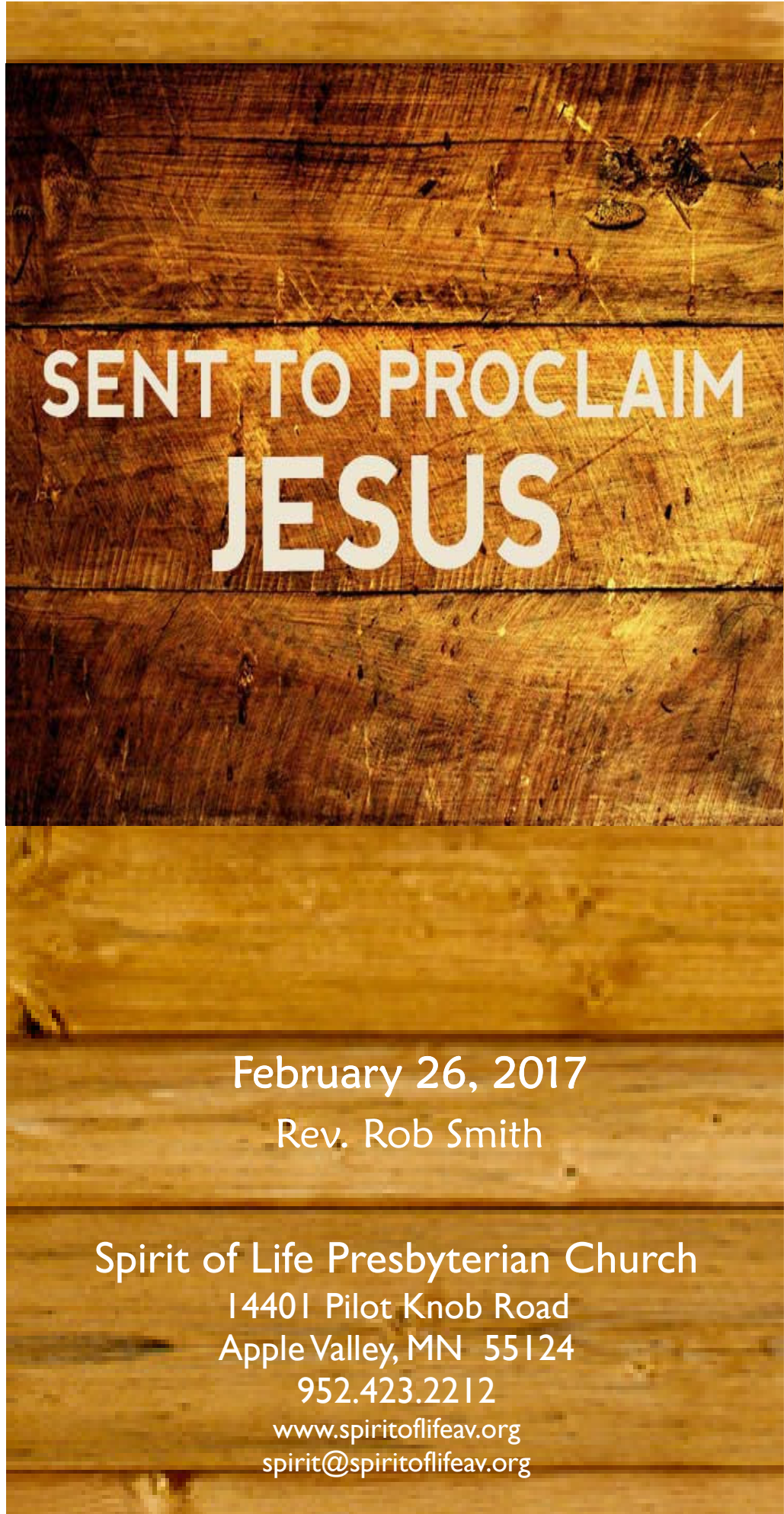
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Clerk of Session: Denise Lewis  
Music Director: Kyle Frost  
Accompanist: Kate Frost  
Nursery Caregiver: Trista Hansen  
Office Administrator: Shari Shaw

### OFFICE

10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS  
FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL ROB @ 952.807.4413



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JESUS

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