



29 SEPTEMBER 2019

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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:** Hymnals, large print bulletins & children's activity bags are available at the usher station, or you may ask an usher. We also offer nursery upstairs during worship and Sunday school.

***We would like to draw your attention to an important housekeeping note:** Should your phone ring during rehearsals or worship, you will be asked to be in charge of snow removal!

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Brethren We Have Met To Worship" arr Mark Hayes
Martha Davis

WELCOME Rev. Rob Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP Deon Ford

One: Here in this place where those before us, those with us, and the neighbor not yet here,

All: we stand on holy ground!

One: Here in this place where we sing songs of praise,

All: we stand on holy ground!

One: Here in this place where prayers have been said,

All: we stand on holy ground!

One: Come and hear God speak to your needs. Come and let go of the burdens you carry. Come and expect an encounter with God.

All: We are fully here in this sacred space.

OPENING HYMN "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (#66)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Karen Johnson

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION Deon Ford

One: Holy God, we approach in awe. We come into your presence as Moses did: slowly, cautiously, unsure of ourselves, unsure of what, or whom we encounter. Holy God, may we feel welcome in your

presence, may we be bold and brave as we come.

All: Accept our prayers of love yet, even as we approach, we become aware of our place, our weakness and our lives. In silence now we name our shadows...things which lurk in the darkness, away from your burning light.

Silence

One: Holy God, forgive us we pray, accept our humble prayer so that freed from our burdens we may worship you In this place, this day.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE HYMN "Step By Step ("O God, You Are My God")" (#743)

ANTHEM "Go Down Moses" by Larry Shackley Choir

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Deon Ford

SCRIPTURE Exodus 1: 8-14 [1: 15-2:10]; 3: 1-15 Deon Ford

SERMON "Elements of Encounter" Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE HYMN "For Everyone Born" (#769)

CALL TO OFFERING Deon Ford

OFFERTORY "Mighty is Our God" by Don Moen, arr by Randy Smith
Martha Davis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" #606

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.

SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN "We Are Called" (#749)

CHARGE & BLESSING Rev. Rob Smith

POSTLUDE Martha Davis

Volunteers for today, September 29, 2019,

Lay Leader: Deon Ford

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children's sermon: Karen Johnson

Ushers/Greeters: Walt Ullrich, Howard & Sue Mayers, Joseph Cornormia, DeVean Tchakam

SEPTEMBER CAREGIVER - Ruth Ewule

OCTOBER CAREGIVER - Chris Sachs

SpiritCare Prayer Team:

1.507.263.5975 or 952.423.2212-Office

*"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*

**Volunteers for next Sunday, October 6, 2019,
World Communion Sunday:**

Lay Leader: Scott Harves

Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks

Children's sermon: Merry Close

Ushers/Greeters: Deon Ford,

Communion: Deon Ford, Duane Sweep, Denise Lewis, Alvine Laure Ekame, Eric Scott, Holly Bueno, Walt Ullrich

2019 Per Capita is \$35.70.

SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Rob Smith **Email:** pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org

Parish Lay Pastor: Loretta Hunt

Clerk of Session: Denise Lewis

Pianist: Martha Davis

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

Announcements ...

Please be sure to submit your announcement to the church office so we may include them in the printed bulletin. All announcements received at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org by noon Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Those received later than, will be included the following Sunday. ~Thank you.

Our **nursery** (2nd floor) is open during worship for children ages 1-6 years.

Children's K - 5th grade will be dismissed shortly after worship begins and have **Sunday school class** during worship. Kids 6th grade and older will meet for Sunday school following worship. Adult Sunday school class will also meet following worship. (see info below)

The **adult Sunday School class** will be highly participatory and highly flexible. Two daily devotional books will be featured one that focuses on thoughts that might be of greater interest to men and one that may be more appealing to women but of course will be interchangeable. Or if you have a favorite daily devotional that you would like to share your thoughts about, that would be encouraged as well. Participants will be asked to choose one of the week's daily devotionals and share why it was the most meaningful or raised the most questions in their minds. By sharing our experiences it is hoped that we continue to grow our understanding of how God works in our lives. The schedule will be flexible as there are several Sundays this fall when other activities are planned immediately after service. These discussions will be easy to pick up on as each session will be independent of previous or succeeding sessions. All adults are encouraged to join the class when you are able.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. **Pastor Rob's NEW "office hours"** are at the Dunn Bros., 15265 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley, on **Mondays, 9-11am**. 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.

Meet in the Middle (M+M) happens on Wednesdays. From 4:30-6pm, kids will be playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing, Bible lessons and more! Parents join the kids for dinner at 6pm (provided by the church but free will offering received). Please contact Nikki at nikkiharves@gmail.com to register or with questions. We also need people to sign up to provide desserts. There's a sign up in the kitchen (on the refrigerator).

Cookie hostesses needed! We need cookie hostesses for worship in November. Please contact Rosellen Fairall (rlfairall@gmail.com) or Loretta Hunt (huntgeo@msn.com) to sign up. Thank you!

Everyone is invited to join Pastor Rob for the **midweek Bible study**. The study will be on Ephesians, focusing on faith community. We'll meet **Wednesdays, 10am, beginning October 2nd**, at *Spirit of Life*. See Pastor Rob with questions.

It's that time of year again, time to start thinking about ordering **poinsettias and greens for the holiday season**. Advent begins December 1st, that is the day we will decorate the sanctuary. We will be taking your holiday orders September 15th through October 6th. Gertens actually grows the plants to fulfill each specific order, which is why they need to be ordered so early. You are welcome to order plants to take home and/or leave at Spirit of Life as holiday décor. Use the bulletin insert to place your order.

The **South of the River CROP Hunger Walk** will be Sunday, October 13, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lakeville. You can participate in this effort to work towards an end to hunger by joining the team of walkers (sign up with Denise Lewis, or online at www.crophungerwalk.org/burnsvilleMN and search for the Spirit of Life team); donating to the team's fundraising, or by attending the chili cook off and voting with your dollars; participating in the food drive for the CROP Walk that will be coming up in early October. Contact either Denise Lewis or Peggy Roeske if you have any questions.

Women's book club will meet on Thursday October 24 at 7pm at Lisa Smith's home. We will be discussing *Wolfpack* by Abby Wambach, available at: https://www.amazon.com/dp/1250217709/ref=cm_sw_r_em_api_i_c_6PyEDbQ09HYSR All are welcome! Please join us!

From the Music Director:

Spirit of Life currently has a Mixed Voice Choir, Women's Choir, Youth Music Ensemble (singers and instrumentalists), and soon a Handbell Choir. If interested in joining any of these ensembles, please talk with Martha after worship today!

The choir will be sharing all kinds of praise music this fall - different styles and cultures but all will be about lifting our hearts, minds, and souls to praise God, no matter our imperfections and troubles.

A few people have said they can't commit to the choir because it's too much time. We will take you when you can come - it is an open invitation! If you can't commit to every week - welcome to the club!!! Please participate when you can come. We will have fun and learn some new things and I look forward to sharing some of the cool things that I have learned/experienced in my life with choral music. We also have childcare available at 8:45am on Sundays if we know ahead of time to plan accordingly.

Building Use this week:

Sun, Sept 29	8:45am choir 10:00am Worship 6:30 pm Pack 292 Leader/Parent mtg	sanctuary sanctuary/kitchen sanctuary
Mon, Sept 30	6:00 pm Cub Scouts/ Den 3 6:30 pm Emerald Pt assoc mtg	conf rm dove rm
Tues, Oct 1	1:00 pm staff mtg 6:00 pm Diamond Path Place assoc mtg 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 292 6:30 pm personnel comm mtg	conf rm conf rm sanctuary dove rm
Wed, Oct 2	10:00 am Ephesians Bible study 4:30pm M+M 6:00 pm FAMILY MEAL 7:00 pm women's choir 8:00 pm youth band	conf rm sanctuary/conf rm sanctuary/kitchen sanctuary sanctuary
Sat, Oct 5	8:30pm NA	sanctuary/kitchen

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September 29, 2019 "Elements of Encounter"

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