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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 shovel snow for the month of December!

GATHERING

In the interest of time this morning, please sign in before going to your seat. Prayer cards will be collected during the welcome.

OPENING "It's You I Like" **Choir**

WELCOME **Rev. Rob Smith**

Ushers will collect prayer cards.

CALL TO WORSHIP **Steve Lewis**

One: Mr. Rogers shared, "There's something unique about being a member of a family that really needs you in order to function well. One of the deepest longings a person can have is to feel needed and essential."

All: We are here, neighbors that make a family. Every person here sharing many gifts, each one essential.

One: Fred Rogers helps open our eyes to see our neighbor as God sees, saying, "As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has--or ever will have--something inside that is unique to all time. It's our job to encourage each other to discover the uniqueness and provide ways of developing its expression.

All: We are here, from many places, thankful for each other with an opportunity before us to make room for the neighbor not yet here. We welcome this day with thanksgiving for this gift of family, this gift of belonging. Let us worship God.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE **Steve Lewis, Mr. McFeely, Rev. Rob Smith**

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Rob Smith

"Anthem of Thanksgiving"

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, Sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.

Choir

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine. So from the beginning the fight we were winning: Thou, Lord, was at our side, all glory be Thine.

Choir and Congregation

Come, ye thankful people come; Raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied; Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Choir

Now thank we all our God. We thank You, O God.

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 thy 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Our God is a Good God" **Children's Choir, Directed by Gladys Mbonifor**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION **Rev. Rob Smith**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22: 36-40 **Rev. Rob Smith**

ANTHEM "Won't You Be My Neighbor" **Women's Choir**

SERMON "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" (movie) **Tom Hanks**

Volunteers for today, November 24, 2019, at the Rosemount Marcus movie theater, 15280 Carrousel Way, Rosemount

Lay Leaders: Pastor Rob Smith, Steve Lewis, Mr. McFeely
Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks
Ushers/Greeters: Deon Ford

Volunteers for next Sunday, December 1, 2019,

Lay Leader: Becky Brandt

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children's sermon: Nikki Harves

Ushers/Greeters: Loretta Hunt

Communion: Loretta Hunt(Lead), Steve Lewis, Alvine Laure Ekame, Deon Ford

NOVEMBER CAREGIVER - Patience Mbonifor

DECEMBER CAREGIVER - Ruth Shepard

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

2019 Per Capita is \$35.70.

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.

Building Use this week:

Sun, Nov 24	9:00am	choir	Marcus Theater, Rsmt
	10:00am	Worship (movie)	Marcus Theater, Rsmt
Mon, Nov 25	6:00pm	Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
Tues, Nov 26	1:00pm	staff mtg	conf rm
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop 292	sanctuary
Wed, Nov 27	10:00am	Ephesians Bible study	conf rm
	6:00pm	choir rehearse	sanctuary
	7:00pm	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service	sanctuary
Sat, Nov 30	8:30pm	NA	sanctuary/kitchen

SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF

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

Parish Lay Pastor: Loretta Hunt

Clerk of Session: Denise Lewis

Music Director: 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 ...

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

Our stewardship campaign theme this year is "**Won't You Be My Neighbor?**" Each week in November, we have discussed being a neighbor. To conclude our Stewardship campaign, we share in worship today, November 24, at the Marcus Rosemount movie theater.

Texting/Email Scam Alert: Pastor Rob is aware of a scam circulating currently by text that looks legitimate coming from what appears to be your pastor saying that someone from your community is in crisis and your pastor is seeking your financial help. Pastor Rob assures you he will never request help through text, or email, or in any way that is not directly from him. These look real and tug at the heartstrings because we do wish to care for our community, and we will. But it will not be through text. We do requests through email sometimes, but any of these will not be in a way that asks for you to click on a link--and will only be part of larger campaigns. If you ever receive one and have a question, call the office, or call Pastor Rob at his known number.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. **Pastor Rob's "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.

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

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. **NOTE: We will not have M+M this Wednesday, November 27, due to Thanksgiving.**

Please join us at *Spirit of Life* for the **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 27**. Anyone interested in singing in the community choir is asked to be here at 6:00pm for rehearsal. Worship begins at 7:00 pm.

Do you have the heart of a cookie hostess? We do have an opportunity for you to pursue hospitality during Sunday fellowship hour. Indeed, hospitality is a vital part of the life of Spirit of Life and fellowship hour is the time when people can socialize, get to know newcomers, catch up with friends. Besides bringing cookies, the hostess should also assist with setup, pouring lemonade and water, and cleanup afterwards. Guidelines for being a cookie host/hostess are on the fridge in the church kitchen. We need cookie hostesses for worship in December. Please contact Rosellen Fairall (rlfairall@gmail.com) or Loretta Hunt (huntgeo@msn.com) to sign up or with questions. Thank you!

If you signed up to purchase a gift for **Armful of Love**, please return the gift to the church by next Sunday, December 1st. The gift should be wrapped and labeled with the name of the recipient. Thanks! Questions—please see Wendy Barta.

From the Music Director:

For those who would like to join in singing for the advent and Christmas season, plan to come to rehearsal on Sunday, December 1, at 8:30am! And again, 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. ~ Thanks, Martha

Women's book club will meet on Thursday, December 5 at 7pm at Lisa Smith's home. We will be discussing the book "Miracles and Other Reasonable Things: A Story of Unearning and Relearning God" by Sarah Bessey. Check this out at Amazon.com: https://www.amazon.com/dp/1501155466/ref=cm_sw_r_em_api_i_azeWDbSCYH30D All are welcome! Please join us!

Many thanks to all who participated in our kick-off immigration event, where stories were shared about generational immigration experiences. It was a rich and varied exchange, including voices from immigrants of Dutch, German, Italian, Scandinavian, Japanese, Nigerian, and Cameroonian descent as well as rural and pioneer experiences, and the intersection of immigrant settlement and Native American reservations. Thank you again to all who attended to listen, and to all who shared their stories! We all learned from it! **SAVE THE DATE:** our next immigration event will be Sunday, December 8, following worship. We will be hosting a panel discussion with three or four guest speakers who are experts in the field of immigration. More details to follow!

Throughout the month, we collect change and then bring it on the second Sunday (December 8) to give in the "**Change for change**" bucket offering. With the help of our children, we continue collecting change in our metal buckets on a monthly basis. This is a great teaching tool to help us show each other and the younger generation how fun it is to give when we hear the change drop in the buckets!

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