



# 22 DECEMBER 2019 AD

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

<u>PRELUDE</u>	Martha Davis
<u>WELCOME</u>	Rev. Rob Smith
<u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u> One: In our waiting are we patient? <b>All: In our waiting are we prepared?</b> One: A son is promised, a son is born. “You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God!” was his father’s cry. <b>All: In our waiting, maybe not patient and often not ready, we bring our worship to God.</b>	Steve Lewis
<i>“Heaven Invites You To a Party”</i>	Youth Ensemble
<u>ADVENT CANDLE READING</u>	Ullom family
<u>PRAYER</u>	Rev. Rob Smith

### SPIRIT OF LIFE CHOIR PRESENTS...

*Emmanuel—God With Us!*  
*Arranged and composed by Lloyd Larson*

<u>LESSON I</u>	Duane Sweep
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<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</i> Congregation joins on repeat: Come, O Come, Messiah King, Promised Son, sent to redeem us one by one, So we may tell the wonders of your matchless love, Emmanuel.	Choir
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Come, O Come, Messiah King, Promised Son, sent to redeem us one by one, So we may tell the wonders of your matchless love, Emmanuel, The wonders of your matchless love, Em – man – u – el.	
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<u>LESSON II</u>	Duane Sweep
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<i>“Prepare the Way of the Lord”</i>	Choir
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<u>LESSON III (A)</u>	Duane Sweep
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<i>“Emmanuel, God With Us”</i> Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel. Wonderful Counselor, Lord of life, Lord of all, He is the Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Holy One, Emmanuel, Emmanuel. <i>(Repeat)</i> Emmanuel, Emmanuel.	Choir
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<u>LESSON III (B)</u>	Duane Sweep
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<u>LESSON IV</u>	Duane Sweep
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<i>“Breath of Heaven”</i>	Women’s Choir
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<u>LESSON V</u>	Duane Sweep
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<u>LESSON VI</u>	Duane Sweep
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<i>“Christmastime”</i> Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains, And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains. Gloria—in excelsis Deo! Gloria—in excelsis Deo!	Choir
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<u>LESSON VII</u>	Duane Sweep
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<i>“No Eye Had Seen”</i> O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord	Choir
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For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.
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<u>LESSON VIII</u>	Duane Sweep
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<u>CALL TO OFFERING</u>	Steve Lewis
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<i>“One Small Child”</i>	Trio
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<u>LESSON IX</u>	Duane Sweep
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<i>“O Holy Child of Bethlehem”</i> (sung to the tune of <i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i> ) O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.	Choir
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We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.
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Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright ‘round yon virgin mother and child; holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
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Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
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<u>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</u> <b>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.</b>	Rev. Rob Smith
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<i>“Glory Hallelujah”</i>	Congregation
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<u>BENEDICTION</u>	Rev. Rob Smith
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<u>POSTLUDE</u>	Martha Davis
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**Volunteers for today, December 22, 2019:**  
*Adult Christmas Contata*  
**Music Director & Accompanist:** Martha Davis  
**Lesson Reader:** Duane Sweep  
**Lay Leader:** Steve Lewis  
**Audio Visual:** Eric Scott  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Loretta Hunt

# 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](mailto: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.



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. NOTE: Bible study will resume January 8th.

**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](mailto:nikkiharves@gmail.com) to register or with questions. NOTE: M+M will resume January 8th. We do need desserts for M+M for January and February. Sign up in the church kitchen. Thanks!

**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 January and February. Please contact Rosellen Fairall ([rlfairall@gmail.com](mailto:rlfairall@gmail.com)) or Loretta Hunt ([huntgeo@msn.com](mailto:huntgeo@msn.com)) to sign up or with questions. Thank you!

Next **women’s book club** book will be “A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband ‘Master’” by Rachel Held Evans, at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1595553673/> ref=cm\_sw\_r\_em\_api\_i\_c\_OSB6DbPB5C3YE. We will be reading the first 6

chapters and discussing it on January 30, 2020 at 7 pm at my house. Will do the last 6 chapters in February. All are welcome! Please join us.

**The Outreach team needs you!** Want to contribute to ways that we can share SOLPC beyond our church walls? Please consider joining the Outreach team; we need people who like to write, take pictures, update websites and church software, design, make phone calls... you name it! We have a great story to tell, and we want to tell it others. If you have questions or are interested in joining the team, please contact Mary Brause at [mbbrause@charter.net](mailto:mbbrause@charter.net), or call/text her at 612-616-0792. No gift is too small to share.

It’s time to start thinking about donations for the *Valentine Cabaret!* We will begin collecting baskets and auction items in January. Please contact Becky Brandt if you have any questions. Becky's cell is 218-779-0427. Becky's email is [thebrandtfam@gmail.com](mailto:thebrandtfam@gmail.com).

**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*

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*Per Capita* for 2019 is \$35.70.

Building use this week:			
Sun, Dec 22	8:30am	choir rehearsal	sanctuary
	10:00am	Worship : <b>Christmas Cantata</b>	sanctuary/kitchen
Mon, Dec 23	6:00pm	Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
<b>Tues, Dec 24</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Worship</b>	sanctuary
Sat, Dec 28	8:30pm	NA	sanctuary/kitchen

## SPRIT OF LIFE STAFF

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