



29 DECEMBER 2019 AD

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

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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.

***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 January! .

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Becky Brandt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Loretta Hunt

One: The Word is here, It has put on flesh and dwells with us.

All: Jesus is born and lying on the simple wood of the manger.

One: While we were gone, while we slept and waited, the Word came among us and we hardly noticed.

All: But we notice him now. Let's celebrate.

OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World!" (#40)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Vickie Fischer

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Becky Brandt

One: Parent God, Jesus is here, on this first Sunday of Christmas, we gather to celebrate his birth, to remember his parents, Mary and Joseph, who are blessed by his birth. They have a healthy son, with tiny hands and feet, his lungs able to cry hungrily for attention. We are so happy to be here this morning to remember that first Christmas, that scene we know so well of a couple in a stable, surrounded by animals and a wee baby placed in the manger, resting among the straw: a miracle child, a mysterious child, a child of promise, a child of hope.

All: Lord, meet us here. Draw us into the story, remind us of the wonderful gift that is Jesus, and the truth that he is our Savior. Help us to put away our thoughts about presents and food and to be present here with you and offer you ourselves, all that we are and all that you have made us to be. Receive our worship, accept our offerings, renew our faith, shine your light into our hearts and minds this day as we gather here just like the shepherds and wise ones did before us. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Loretta Hunt

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Loretta Hunt

RESPONSE

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice" (#28)

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Loretta Hunt

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 15-20

Loretta Hunt

DEVOTION

Ruth Prokosch)

"How To Be a Manger" (An Advent Devotion by

Becky Brandt

RESPONDING

RESPONSE

"What Child is This?" (#53)

CALL TO OFFERING

Becky Brandt

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" #591
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

CHRISTMAS CAROL REQUEST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loretta Hunt

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

CHRISTMAS CAROL REQUEST

CLOSING SONG "Go Tell It On the Mountain" (#29)

CHARGE & BLESSING

Becky Brandt

POSTLUDE

Volunteers for today, December 29, 2019:

Leaders: Loretta Hunt and Becky Brandt

Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks

Children's Sermon: Vickie Fischer

Ushers: Loretta Hunt

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*

Volunteers for next Sunday, January 5, 2020:

Lay Leader: Denise Lewis

Children's Sermon: Karen Johnson

Ushers / Greeters: Holly Bueno

Communion: Holly Bueno (lead), Rosellen Fairall

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Per Capita for 2020 is \$36.50.

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 ...

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.

Beginning January 13th, Pastor Rob will hold “**office hours**” at the new Dunn Bros. located 16106 Pilot Knob Rd, Rosemount (by HyVee), 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. NOTE: Pastor Rob will not hold office hours on December 30th or January 6th.

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 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) or Loretta Hunt (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, 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.

Announcing the next segment of our **immigration study**: beginning January 19, we will launch a book study in the Christian Ed hour after worship, working our way through “The God Who Sees — Immigration, the Bible, and the Journey to Belonging” by Karen Gonzalez. This book is easy to read, interweaving personal story with Bible stories. All are welcome to join! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary by January 5, to get a book ordered, and the reading assignments. This study should take us about 6 weeks.

Building use this week:

Sun, Dec 29	10:00am	Worship	sanctuary/kitchen
	6:30pm	NA meeting	sanctuary
Mon, Dec 30	6:00pm	Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
Tues, Dec 31	6:30pm	TROOP 292 Boy Scouts	sanctuary
Sat, Jan 4	8:30pm	NA	sanctuary/kitchen



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