

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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November 7, 2021 Worship

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GriefShare: Many of us have suffered the loss of a loved one, someone dear to our hearts who has been an important part in our lives. The grief that we encounter can be overwhelming at times and causes us to reach out for help. Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church is offering a Christ centered program produced by a network of thousands of grief recovery groups meeting around the world. The group meets weekly Thursday evenings, 6:16 to 8:16 pm, in person in the Spirit of Life Church sanctuary. We will skip the week of Thanksgiving and then restart the weekly Thursday series on December 2. Please contact Bob Shepard at shepardsprairie@gmail.com or Jaqui Hicks at jahutchinson23@gmail.com or the church office if you have questions.

The group of Spirit of Life members who participated in the PTCA anti-racism spiritual pilgrimage is proud to host an anti-racism speaker in the sanctuary on Monday, November 15. Please see the details below, and there are also links to two newspaper articles about him.

<https://www.minnpost.com/community-sketchbook/2021/10/i-can-see-a-world-without-police-a-qa-with-jason-sole-founder-of-the-institute-of-aspiring-abolitionists/>

<https://www.startribune.com/jennifer-brooks-once-a-felon-jason-sole-is-now-a-minnesota-criminal-justice-professor/600111553/>

Spirit of Life is working to be sustainable through **recycling**. By introducing more recycling collocated at the location of most trash cans, we can significantly reduce the amount of waste being sent to the landfill while showcasing that reducing waste can be easy. Help us to celebrate sustainability while enjoying the event. Clean plastics, tin/metal and paper should go into the recycling bins and everything else should go into the trash. Thank you! Please see Pastor Rob, any Elder or member of the staff with questions.

Volunteers Needed:

...We need one person each Sunday to serve as a Greeter and one person each Sunday to serve as an Usher for Sunday worship. We need two volunteers for each week. Please let Becky Brandt know what dates you are available to help and she will build a calendar. Call/text Becky at (218)779-0427 or email her at thebrandtfam@gmail.com. Thank you!

Meet with Pastor Rob for **Coffee and Conversation Mondays, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**. Come as you are. This is a gathering online but it is open for you to pop in and out any time during the two hour time frame so feel free to drop in and say hello. *Note, same time and same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>

Just a few notes to keep in mind:

- ◆ It is mandatory that ALL wear a mask, per recent decision from Session. Please see a Session member with questions.
- ◆ For the immediate future we will not have congregational singing indoors.

Welcome: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship: (Duane Sweep)

One: God of all,

**All: We thank you for this world
and for all your good gifts.**

One: God of shelter

All: When we are afraid we find rest in your love.

One: God of justice

All: We seek to see you and love you in how we love others.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Song: Lord Reign in Me CCLI #2490706

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Duane Sweep)

One: Lord, We come today longing to be nourished, strengthened for all that lies ahead. At certain times the complexities of life and the weight of challenge dominates our lives. We find it hard to regain a sense of calm, a feeling of peace. We search this way and that; we expend our remaining energies, trying so hard to rescue ourselves.

**All: Lord, we turn again to you, reminded to rely less on self
and be more ready to turn to the source of strength that you
promise. And where we fall short, help us to find this
together as community holding up one another. We thank**

you that you are with us in the storms and in the silence, the chaos and the stillness. Holy God, take that spark of faith in us, and make it grow. May your love explode within our hearts. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Prayer of Illumination (from Psalm 19:14) (Monique Lander)

Scripture: Romans 12: 1-8 (Monique Lander)

Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call To Offering (Monique Lander)

Offertory Church (Take Me Back) CCLI #7121428

Testimony: (Alvine Laure)

Minute for Stewardship:

Communion: Welcome to the Table (Rev. Rob Smith)

Communion Song: Revelation Song CCLI #4447960

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving / 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.

Holy Communion:

Closing Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Charge and Benediction: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Announcements

Session requires masks be worn for all indoor church activities (worship, M in M, Sunday School, etc) **regardless of vaccination status.** Thank you for your cooperation, and for your care for our community, as we continue to deal with this pandemic. For the immediate future we will not have congregational singing indoors.

Today is the last day to be part of the Giving Tree for Armful of Love (part 1)!

Donate: \$50 gift cards for either Target or Walmart or, \$25 gift cards for Cub or Aldi (VALUE OF THE GIFT CARD SHOULD BE CLEARLY INDICATED. IF IT IS NOT ON THE CARD, PLEASE ADD IT WITH BLACK SHARPIE. ALSO, ARMFUL OF LOVE IS REQUESTING THAT A GIFT RECEIPT BE TAPED TO EACH CARD), or write a check in any amount to Spirit of Life, with Armful of Love in the memo line. DEADLINE TO DONATE is today, November 7
And, watch for the sequel.....

Come one come all, to our meet meat raffle! Tickets available in \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$25 amounts. If you put in a pledge for 2022 you will get one raffle ticket and more can be purchased! Tickets available through any stewardship committee member. The raffle is after church today, November 7th. Prizes include: Full turkey dinner, Various meat and vegetarian options. We have something for everyone! For those of you worshipping online, listen for details on how to participate remotely in the meet meat raffle.

News from Christian Education Committee:

- Adult Sunday School meets 9:00 - 9:50 am (before church)
 - ◊ Class will be led by Steve Braden
 - ◊ Week four of the six week series: PBS Walking the Bible
- Children's Sunday School classes meet 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. There will be a PreK - 2nd grade class and a 3rd-5th grade class. We will bring the children back to the sanctuary for the Children's sermon at 10:15 and then the children can sit with their parents during the rest of the service.
 - ◊ Sunday school Teacher schedule
 - ◆ Nov 7 Prek - 2nd grade - Monique
 - ◆ 3rd-5th Sara Gracek
 - ◆ Nov 14 Prek - 2nd grade - Meg
 - ◆ 3rd - 5th - Karen
 - ◆ Nov 21 Prek - 2nd grade - Monique
 - ◆ 3rd - 5th - Meg
 - ◆ Nov 28: no Sunday school (Thanksgiving weekend)
- M&M meets Wednesdays (no M&M on Wednesday, Nov. 24)
 - ◊ 4:30 to 6 p.m. for K-5th grade
 - ◊ 6:00 to 7:15 pm for 6th grade through high school
 - ◊ Meal for all ages at 6 p.m.