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December 12, 2021 Worship

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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.

Prelude

Advent Candle: Advent 3 – Joy

Advent Candle lighting and reading: (Lander Family)

Welcome: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Steve Lewis)

Opening Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr by Michael Ryan, Spirit of Life Bell Choir

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Marge Lewis)

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Grace

Prayer of Illumination (Marge Lewis)

Come, Emmanuel by Nancy Price & Don Besig, Spirit of Life Choir

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 1-13 (Cole Smith - online) Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in

rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Children's sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

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Response: Of the Father's Love Begotten, #108, vs 3
O, that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race, and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

Call To Offering (Steve Lewis)

Offertory: Be Born in Me (Mary) by Bernie Herms & Nichole Nordeman, Lisa Smith, singer

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.

Closing Song: The First Noel (Spirit of Life Choir)

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.

Mark your Calendar – The Kids Christmas Pageant (under the direction of Trista Hanson) **and Adult Music program** (under the direction of Martha Davis) will be Sunday, December 19, during the morning worship service.

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.

Children's Sunday school Teacher schedule

Dec. 19th we will be getting ready for Children's Christmas program

Dec 26th - no SS Christmas break

Jan 2 - no SS New Year's break

The Christian Ed committee is putting together **Christmas treat bags for the children.** If you brought donations, please place them in the basket below the table in the front hall. Thank you for your generosity!

From Community Service: Many thanks to all who contributed to Armful of Love! With your generous support, we were able to meet our pledge to the Armful of Love team at 360 Communities with gift cards totaling \$1,000.

Giving Tree part 2, support for Spirit of Life families:

If you need support this Christmas, please contact Pastor Rob. We'll be giving gift cards (not buying gifts) and we're asking for gift cards of \$25 or \$50 from Target, Walmart, Cub and Aldi's. Checks should be made out to Spirit of Life, with "Giving Tree-Spirit of Life families" in the memo line. Our goal is \$1000 and we already have a jump start of \$250 in gift cards (\$50 cards from Target and Cub)!! We are collecting the final cards today, December 12th. Thank you!

Plan to bring the whole family to our annual (one hour)
**Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship at 5pm, Friday,
December 24th, as we celebrate Jesus' birth!**

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>

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!

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