

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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December 26, 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.
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Christmas Candle Liturgy (Smith family)

Christmas Song here: Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

Welcome/Announcements: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship: (Steve Braden)

Song: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #128

Reading: We Believe In A Word (Ryan Currens)

One: We believe in a Word

**All: We believe in a word
that forms on the lips of the creator
and echoes in our souls: a word that is LOVE.**

One: We believe in a word
that breaks the silence of evil
and disturbs the noise of ignorance: a word that is LOVE.

**All: We believe in a word
that brings life out of death
and laughter with the morning: a word that is LOVE.**

One: We believe in a word
that tears up the darkness
flooding it with light: a word that is LOVE.

**All: We believe in a word
that speaks to all loneliness
with self-giving compassion and care: a word that is LOVE.**

One: We believe in a word
that speaks to our futures
calling us by name,
to trust anew,
and believe once more in a word
called LOVE.

Song Love Came Down at Christmas

Prayer of Illumination (Billy Boucheu)

Scripture: John 1: 1-18 (Steve Braden)

Devotion: Poem: Spiraling In, Deepening Down by Kerr Mesner
(Rev. Rob Smith)

Song Good Christian Friends Rejoice #132, vs 1 & 3

Call To Offering (Ryan Currens)

Offering Song Love Came Down by Hank Bentley & Lindsey
Sweat (Odosá Amadasun, 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 Go Tell it On the Mountain p. 136, vs 1 & 3

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.

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News from the Christian Education Committee:

Children's Sunday school Teacher schedule

Dec 26, 2021 - no SS Christmas break

Jan 2, 2022 - no SS New Year's break

Jan 9, 2022 Sunday school resumes

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.

M&M will resume meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

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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