

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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February 20, 2022 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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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Bob Shepard)

Come, all who are thirsty. Come, all who hunger. Come, all in need of love and belonging. Come, everyone. For this is living water that will run dry. Come, and worship God.

Opening Song: Thirst No More CCLI # 7158818

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Merry Close)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Illumination (Merry Close)

Scripture: John 7: 37-52 (Bob Shepard)

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, 'This is really the prophet.' Others said, 'This is the Messiah.' But some asked, 'Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?' So there was

a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, 'Why did you not arrest him?' The police answered, 'Never has anyone spoken like this!' Then the Pharisees replied, 'Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.' Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, 'Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?' They replied, 'Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.'

Children's sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

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Call To Offering (Merry Close)

Offertory Blessing CCLI # 7147007

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: My Lighthouse CCLI # 7002032

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.

News from the Christian Education Committee:

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.

The Adult Sunday school class based on videos produced and hosted by Emmanuel Acho will meet four more times, and the schedule is listed below, with the featured topics for each week. As we have been doing, we will begin at 11:00 am following worship and watch the video together. Joanne Boyd will then facilitate a discussion of the issues raised in the video. For our first two classes, we have had 4 or 5 attending in person, and another 7 or 8 attending online, and we have had some great discussions! The classes are open to all; the links for each week's video are included below, if you would like to view them ahead of time.

- February 20: Conversation with the Ivey's, a multiracial family <https://uncomfortableconvos.com/episode/episode-6>
 - February 27: Conversation with two inter-racial couples, including Burnsville's own, Lindsey Vonn <https://uncomfortableconvos.com/episode/episode-5>
 - March 6: Conversation with Carl Lentz, former pastor with Hillsong Church East Coast, on race and religion <https://uncomfortableconvos.com/episode/episode-7> (Please note: Carl Lentz was fired from his position in the months after this conversation was recorded, for sexual misconduct; he is a flawed messenger, but the issues raised in this conversation are well worth discussing in our class)
 - March 13: Emmanuel answers emails from viewers; this is a shorter video, so we will plan to have a longer discussion, wrapping up our take-aways from this class, and the various topics we have covered. <https://uncomfortableconvos.com/episode/episode-4>
- You have the option of joining by Zoom, by clicking the link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136883066>; or, if you are fully vaccinated and masked, you are welcome to gather in the conference room.

M&M meets Wednesdays

- 4:30 to 6 pm for K-5th grade
- 6:30 to 7:30 pm for 6th through high school
- Meal for all ages at 6 pm

Pastor Rob (he/him) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Meet in the Middle Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6124529465>

With M&M starting up and having a meal after M&M at 6 we need some people to provide desserts for the meal. The desserts need to be boughten and individually wrapped such as ice cream sandwiches. Please have them to the church by 5 p.m. The dates we need them are: Feb. 23,

March 9, March 16, March 30, and April 6. If you can help, please let Loretta know at: lorettahunt5678@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

“Souper Bowl” Sunday was February 13. We have our winners in the “Souper”Bowl tournament! Prizes will be awarded today, Sunday, Feb. 20. We are accepting donations through today, cash or cans. And we appreciate your support of this project to help feed our neighbors. Thanks!

We are selling Easter flowers and gift cards! To access the site and place an order for your fundraiser group:

1. Go to www.gertensfundraising.com
2. Enter the Store ID code provided into the text field and click ‘Enter ID to Continue’.

Store ID code for Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church: 149

The site opened on February 14 and will close at 10 PM on Thursday, March 10. We cannot accept any late orders past the deadline. Items will be available for pick-up on Sunday 4/10/22. Contact Becky Brandt, 218-779-0427, with questions.

GriefShare Program restarting Thursday, March 3, 6:30 pm, at Spirit of Life Church

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines.

Too often people, including Christians, tend to bury their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don’t allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Please contact Bob Shepard or Jacqui Hicks for more information or to sign up.

From Community Service: During the winter months, the donations to the **Little Free Food Pantry** (located at the entrance of the driveway) need to be modified to tolerate the extreme cold temperatures we can see here. Please review the attached list of items for what to consider donating; ideal items are dried and in bags, like dried beans, rice, oatmeal, cereal, etc. And, remember the motto of the Little Free Food Pantry movement: *Take what you need, leave what you can.* Click [Winter Advisory List.pdf](#) for list.

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>

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