

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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October 9, 2022 Worship

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Just a few notes to keep in mind:

- ◆ We are singing in person together again! So come, and sing boldly!
- ◆ Masks optional for all activities in the church building.

Prelude (Martha Davis)

Welcome (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Alvine Ekame)

Opening Song Great is Thy Faithfulness #39

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Illumination (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of the Peace

Song Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil CCLI # 806698

Prayer of Illumination (Kelly Polson - song)

Scripture (Kelly Polson)

Matthew 13: 1-8 (The Message)

At about that same time Jesus left the house and sat on the beach. In no time at all a crowd gathered along the shoreline, forcing him to get into a boat. Using the boat as a pulpit, he addressed his congregation, telling stories. “What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn’t put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.

Sermon Planting Seeds (Rev. Rob Smith)

Song The Blessing by Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, & Steven Furtick (Lisa Smith, singer)

Stewardship Steve Lewis

Call To Offering (Steve Lewis)

Offertory Because of Your Love by Paul Baloche & Brenton Brown
(Spirit of Life Choir)

Doxology

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.

Announcements (Rev. Rob Smith)

Closing Song I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

Song The Lord is Good to Me - Where to go?

Announcements

Children's Sunday School goes through December 18th from 9:30-10:15, upstairs in the SS room. Kids can Zoom in for SS if they can't attend in person. Class is suspended on Oct. 23 (MEA weekend), Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving weekend), Dec 25. (Christmas weekend) and Jan. 1 (New Year's weekend).

Date	Teacher	Helper
10/09	Ryan	Rose
10/16	Karen	Serna
10/23	MEA – no class	

Adult Class Steve Braden leads a class based on the PBS Frontline series God in America. **Class will not be held this week due to the breakfast** immediately following worship. Class meets following worship and will be available online via Zoom, by clicking the link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136883066>; or, you are welcome to gather in the conference room. The videos (YouTube) and a study guide (PBS) are available for free online. See Steve with questions.

Meet in the Middle meets Wednesdays. Curriculum will be Holy Moly. Time together will begin at 4:30 and include snacks, group guitar lessons for older kids /playing for younger kids, singing, Holy Moly video and lesson, and conclude with dinner for kids, youth and adults 6:00- 6:30 dinner. Monetary donations for dinner appreciated. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary to provide a snack and/or dessert for Meet in the Middle. If you have questions, please see Loretta Hunt.

Confirmation Class will be for 7th and 8th graders, on the 2nd Sunday of the month after church beginning today, October 9th. Note: we will also plan for a retreat in March or April. Due to the breakfast immediately following worship Oct 9, confirmation will begin a little late and go until 12:15pm. It will be held every 2 years.

(Monday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION Meet with Pastor Rob and others for Coffee and Conversation on Mondays, from 9:20 am to 11:00 am. Come as you are. This is a gathering online and in person. It is open for you to pop in and out any time 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>. One tap mobile +13126266799, 286584190# +19292056099, 286584190#

Thanks to everyone who participated in, and supported the 10th Annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk! It was a wonderful day, and Spirit of Life fielded a team of 20! You can still donate. So, if you support our efforts to end hunger locally and globally, you can donate online at this link, or you can write out a check to Spirit of Life (with CROP Walk in the memo-line) and put it in the offering plate or mail to the office. <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/spirit-of-life-presbyterian-church>

Final report on the garden: THERE ARE END-OF-SEASON TOMATOES IN THE KITCHEN FOR ANYONE TO TAKE! Help yourself. Our final delivery to RFRC was Wednesday, October 5, and our total deliveries for the year were 1,168 pounds!

It's time to think about Christmas! Greens, Poinsettias, and plant cards will be sold to raise funds for our community garden. The ONLINE ONLY sale begins September 25 and ends October 20. Becky will be available after services 10/9 and 10/16 to help with how to order. 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 (remember to note on your order if it is for the sanctuary or home). Please contact Becky via email if you have any questions.

Fall Work Day at *Spirit of Life* is set for Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00-11:50am. There will be donuts, and work for all ages and skill sets! Come one, come all!!

Trunk or Treat coming to *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church* on October 30th, immediately following worship! All ages welcome. If you want treats come with a Halloween bucket and a costume, if you want to distribute candy come with your car, some candy and some decorations. Note: Prizes will be awarded to best trunks and to best trick-or-treat kids costumes, as well as the best adult costume. See Oghomwen Amadasun, Karen Johnson or Ryan Currens with questions.

The **Justice Works** borrowing bookshelf is up and running, so check it out.

If you have a **prayer request** you wish to share with our Spirit Care Prayer Team, please email our deacon, Chris Sachs at ccsachs123@gmail.com. Word it as you wish it to be submitted, and we will post it for our prayer team.

“Our **Little Free Pantry** continues to be of great service to our hungry neighbors. We would appreciate donations to keep our cupboard full. Preferred items at this time include jars of spaghetti sauce, any pasta, bags of plain white rice, any canned vegetables or fruits, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, Spam, dry milk. These items and any other non-perishables can be placed in the driveway pantry or left in the cabinet inside the front door to the church. Members of the Community Service committee will refill items when needed and thank you very much for your support and donations. We can make a difference in preventing hunger in our neighborhood!”

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