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November 20, 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 ((Taize) (Rev. Rob Smith)

Opening Song Anthem of Thanksgiving Medley: Now Thank We All Our God, We Gather Together, & Come, Ye Thankful People, Come by Jay Althouse (Spirit of Life Choir & congregation)

V.1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessings; He chastens and hastens His will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.

V.2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine. So from the beginning the fight we were winning: Thou, Lord, was at our side, all glory be Thine.

V.3 Come, ye thankful people come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home. Now thank we all our God. We thank You, O God.

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of the Peace

Song Thank You, Lord

Prayer of Illumination (Prince Jordan)

Scripture: Psalm 103, and 1st Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Psalm 103 (Clara Amadasun - online)

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 (Josh Cornormia)

Children's sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

Sermon (Rev. Rob Smith) All Circumstances, Thanks

Call To Offering: (Clara Amadasun)

Offertory Harvest of Praise by Douglas Nolan & Mark Patterson (Spirit of Life Choir)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
praise Christ, all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise triune God whom we adore. Amen

Prayers of the People (Prince Jordan and Josh Cornormia)

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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 Let All Things Now Living #37

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

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 Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving weekend), Dec 25. (Christmas weekend) and Jan. 1 (New Year's weekend).

Date	Teacher	Helper
11/20	Sara	Ryan
11/27	No Sunday school/Thanksgiving weekend	
12/04	Ryan	Karen
12/11	Sara	Afanwi
12/18	Prepare for Children's Christmas program	
12/25	No Sunday school/Christmas break	
01/01	No Sunday school/New Year's break	

Adult Class will be suspended this week, November 13th, and wrap up the following Sunday, November 20th, following worship. See Steve Braden with questions.

Meet in the Middle suspended this week due to Thanksgiving!

Most weeks we meet Wednesdays. Curriculum is 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. If you're unable to join in person, jump on zoom with this new link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85002502767>.

Confirmation Class will be for 7th and 8th graders, on the 2nd Sunday of the month after church. Next class is December 11th. Note: we will also plan for a retreat in March or April.

Sunday school families, please take a moment to complete the **survey**. We're looking for your input on start time for Sunday school starting January 2023. See Karen Johnson for paper copies of the survey or jump on the link from the weekly email blast. Please complete survey by December 4th. Thank you!

Giving Tree: Community Service team will be collecting gift cards for our own Church families to help them with their Christmas holiday expenses. Please donate gift cards for Target, Walmart Aldi, or Cub in increments of \$25 or more. Please write the \$\$ amount on each gift card. There will be a collection box in the front entryway now through Sunday December 11th. If your family is in need of help with their Christmas expenses, please let Pastor Rob know.

A **FINAL REPORT ON THE 10th ANNUAL SOUTH of the RIVER CROP WALK:** The planning committee held its wrap-up meeting, and received final numbers (more or less — there are always some funds trickling in until the end of the year). The Walk as a whole raised \$18,791, with 95 walkers. Spirit of Life had 19 registered walkers, and raised \$4,116.97. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way with the Walk, and to all who supported the Walk by making donations of funds or food for the CAP Agency food shelves. Our locally designated agency, Second Harvest Heartland, will receive at least \$4,700 to support their efforts to end hunger right here at home. Your ongoing support of this effort is much appreciated!

The Christian Ed committee will be putting together **Christmas treat bags** for the children. If you would like to donate any pre-wrapped candy/treats or small favors for the bags, please bring them to church by December 11th. They may be placed in the basket below the table in the front hall. We will be giving them to the children on December 18th.

Calling all those who enjoy decorating!! We are asking for people to **help decorate the church for Advent**. Join us after fellowship on Sunday, November 27. The more help we have, the less time it takes! Thank you, Becky

Thank you to the members of our nominating committee for their service to the church in finding candidates for nomination for 2023 openings in our ruling roles to be nominated as Ruling Elder and Deacons for our next congregational meeting. Thanks Monique, Chris, Deon and Mary for your

service. Please, all members, be sure to join us for the annual congregational meeting early in 2023.

From Community Service: **Thanks** to all who contributed to the Armful of Love project! Thanks to \$75 collected during Trunk or Treat, we exceeded our goal of \$750, and were able to deliver \$825 in retail and grocery gift cards to 360 Communities! That will help them to brighten the holidays for over 500 families — thanks for your support.

(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#.

The “**Change for change**” **bucket offering** is coming the 3rd Sunday of the month. Some are familiar with this, others may have questions. With the help of our children, we will continue collecting change in our metal bucket giving on a monthly basis. Throughout the month, collect your change and bring it on the third Sunday! This is a great teaching tool to help us show each other and the younger generation how fun it is to give when we hear the change drop in the buckets!

The next **GriefShare Program** will be February 2, 2023 through May 4, 2023 (no meeting Maundy Thursday), 6:30 pm at Spirit of Life Church, Apple Valley. This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 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.

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.

2021 Per Capita is \$36.50