

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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December 4, 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

Opening Song: O Come All Ye Faithful #133 vs 1 & 3

Advent Candle Week 2

(Congregation Sing)

The fire of hope awakes our hearts when in despair we're sleeping.
It speaks of light while through the night the shadows swiftly creep
in.

Come, see the sparks of life that burn against the pow'r of strife;
Come, stand within its glow, the holy fire of Advent.

The call to peace rings in our ears when all around is raging.
Within, without temptation shouts – our wrathful whims engaging.
Wait, wait, our Savior's near: our weapons drop to the ground here.
Be joined in family, the holy fire of Advent.

Prayer of Reconciliation (Becky Brandt)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of Peace

Song Angels We Have Heard on High #113 vs 1 & 2

Prayer of Illumination (Clara Amadasun)

Scripture Esther 4: 1-17 (Becky)

Children's sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

Sermon Such A Time As This (Rev. Rob Smith)

Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem #121

Call To Offering (Clara)

Offertory Advent Canticle by Lloyd Larson (Spirit of Life Choir)

Communion: Welcome to the Table (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving / 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.

Holy Communion Pastor Rob

Communion Prayer

Announcements (Rev. Rob Smith)

Closing Song The King of Glory

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

Announcements

Welcome to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church! If this is your first time here we want to say a special thank you for worshipping with us today. We would enjoy getting to know you if you would be so kind to sign the attendance roster and include your contact information. If you are interested in receiving our weekly email blast, please send a quick email to the office at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org.

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 Dec 25. (Christmas

weekend) and Jan. 1 (New Year's weekend).

Date	Teacher	Helper
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	

Meet in the Middle meets Wednesdays. 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>.

*Children's Christmas program practice will be during M&M on Wednesday, December 7 and 14th. Video-taping for some parts will be Saturday, December 10th in the morning. Program will be during the December 18th, Sunday 10 am service.

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 today, December 4th. Thank you!

Our youth will be given **piggy banks** to collect coins for Advent / Christmas charity offering, so if you have a few spare coins find one of our Sunday School aged children and help fill their piggy banks for a good cause. They will be collecting from now until Christmas.

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.

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.

(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 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.

Note: The church office will be closed December 12 - 14, as well as December 26-29.

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