

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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Prelude (Martha Davis)

Welcome (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship

Opening Song Seek Ye First CCLI #1352

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of Peace

Song The Solid Rock CCLI #25417

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Matthew 7: 1-14, 24-29

⁷“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ²For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye. ⁶“Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you. ⁷“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? ¹⁰Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

¹²“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. ¹³“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. ²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” ²⁸Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Children’s sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

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Call To Offering:

Offertory Precious Lord, Take My Hand with I Need Thee Every Hour by Thomas A. Dorsey, arr by Mark Hayes (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

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 Soon and Very Soon CCLI #11249

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

Announcements

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“Reflections on the Heart” is our Lent theme. Join us **Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, 7pm**, as we begin Lent 2023. Each of the following 5 Wednesday evenings (March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, we’ll have a family friendly meal at 6pm, followed by a brief time of worship and family devotions. This is the perfect opportunity to get to know others in our community. Watch for more information on the **April 6th, Maundy Thursday potluck supper at 6pm**. Also mark your calendar for our **Good Friday worship on April 7th, at 7pm**. And plan to bring a friend for our special **Resurrection Sunday worship on Sunday, April 9th**.

Children’s Sunday School meets from 9:30-10:15, upstairs in the SS room. Kids can Zoom in for SS if they can't attend in person. We could use a helper for each week. If you're available, please reach out to Karen Johnson.

Date	Teacher
02/12	Sara
02/19	Karen
02/26	Sara
03/05	Ryan
03/12	Sara
03/19	Ryan
03/26	No class (Spring Break)

Meet in the Middle meeting Wednesdays at 4:30 and including 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 today, February 12th. Parents, please mark your calendars: Confirmation retreat at SOLPC will be Saturday, April 15th, and Recognition Sunday will be May 21st.

Adult Sunday School Class: The God in America adult class will resume following worship on Feb. 5 and will be available online via Zoom. The videos will be shown in class and are also available for free online at PBS. See Steve Braden with questions.

COFFEE and CONVERSATION Plan to join Pastor Rob and others this coming Monday, February 13th, at 9:30am at Little Oscars, 23470 Emery Ave, Hampton, MN (off Hwy 52). Zoom is not available so join us in person.

GriefShare Program runs 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. 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.

Have you been considering **becoming a member**? We will be offering a class in the coming weeks so let us know and we will include you! Send a quick email to the office at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org or see Pastor Rob after worship and let him know!

Community Service Committee Reminder:

We've been stocking up on cans of soup to support our favorite team today, **Souper Bowl Sunday, February 12**. If you forgot to bring cans of soup, you can still participate by writing a check with your team name in the memo line. More information in back of church at Souper Bowl table.

The community service team would like to designate the first Sunday of every month as **little free pantry Sunday**. As we remember the sacred Last Supper, let us also think of our neighbors in need of food support. For February, we are in need of items that can withstand freezing temperatures. This means **NO CANS OR GLASS CONTAINERS**. Some items that are useful include white rice, cereal, jelly (plastic bottles only) peanut butter (plastic jars only) pasta, spaghetti sauce (plastic jars only), Mac and cheese boxes, tuna in foil packets, etc. Our pantry has proven very helpful - we notice items being taken very shortly after placement on the shelves. We've also received a note of thanks from one user. Thanks so much for supporting this mission.

The **Justice Works committee** is organizing a guided group tour of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's public exhibit called Mdewakanton: Dwellers of Spirit Lake. To schedule a guided tour, we need a minimum of 20 participants, and this is a family-friendly event. Admission for children under 5 is free, K-12 and over age 65 admission is \$5; all others, \$8. We are looking at either Saturday February 18 or Saturday April 15. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary, indicating which day you prefer and how many people want to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Lewis. Here is a link for more information: <https://shakopedakota.org/culture/hocokatati/>

Easter fundraiser: Easter is early this year! Our online flower fundraiser will be starting soon. Sale began February 6, 2023 and will run through 10pm 3/2/23. To make a purchase: Go to: <https://www.gertensfundraising.com/> Enter Store ID: 149. The "Seller Name" box can be used to note if the flower is for the church. Reminder: NO Lilies for the church as we have someone with a major allergy. Thank you! Becky

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.

Per Capita for 2023 went up to \$37.50