

# **Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church**

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♦ Masks optional for all activities in the church building.

**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](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org).

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**Prelude** (Laurie Herman)

**Welcome** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Call to Worship** (Reagan Prouty Pack 292)

**Opening Song** This Is My Song

**Prayer of Reconciliation** (Eli Munson Troop 292)

**Assurance of Grace** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Passing of Peace**

**Song** Reckless Love (Briyelle Kube and VeraRae Boucheu)

**Scout Recognition**

**Eagle Scout Project** (Eli Munson)

**Prayer of Illumination:** (Vivian Miller-Troop 292)

**Scripture** Matthew 6:7-21

**Children's sermon**

**Sermon** When No One is Looking (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Call To Offering** (Ari Miller)

**Offertory** In Remembrance of Me

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

**Communion Song:** (Piano during receiving communion)

**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**

**Announcements** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Closing Song:** Blessed Be The Name (Matt Redman)

**Charge and Benediction** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Postlude** (Laurie Herman)

## **Announcements**

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**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
02/05	Karen
02/12	Sara
02/19	Karen
02/26	Sara

**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 February 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 today, 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.

**(Monday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION** Plan to join Pastor Rob and others for Coffee and Conversation on Mondays, 9:20 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 current **GriefShare Program** runs February 2, 2023 through May 4, 2023 (no meeting Maundy Thursday), 6:30 pm at Spirit of Life Church, Apple Valley. Even though we had our first session this past week, you can still join us! 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.

It is with great sadness we share the loss of Matt Hope. He passed away Monday, January 16. Matt had celebrated his 99th birthday at church recently. Please Pray for Mary Hope and family. In addition, Spirit of Life also lost another member. Bruce Jacobson died on January 19th. He was 80 years old. A Celebration of Life will be at Grace Nazarene Church on February 5th at 4:00 PM. Irene shares an invitation for everyone to come and say goodbye. Phone calls can be made to (952)-210-1911. Please Pray for Irene Jacobson and family. Hold close all that you love as we know of the love of God our Father who welcomes Matt and Bruce home.

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](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org) or see Pastor Rob after worship and let him know!

Community Service Committee Reminder:

It's time to stock up on cans of soup to support your favorite team on **Souper Bowl Sunday, February 12**. Bring multiple cans of soup to support your Souper Bowl favorite. Or write 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://shakopeedakota.org/culture/hockatati/>

**Easter fundraiser:** Easter is early this year! Our online flower fundraiser will be starting soon. Sale begins tomorrow, 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

**Per Capita for 2023 went up to \$37.50**