

**WELCOME TO
SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Thank you for joining us!

We hope you experience the joy of God's love in our diverse, inclusive, and compassionate community. Come as you are; all are welcome!

- ◇ Worship is at 10:00 am Sunday mornings, and can be live-streamed on Zoom or watched later on YouTube or Facebook.
- ◇ Bulletins can be viewed on your phone or tablet via the QR code posted each Sunday.
- ◇ Restrooms are in the first hallway to the left on exiting the sanctuary.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 2, 2023**

** All who are able are invited to stand.
Masks are optional in all church events.*

*Hymnals are available on the cart by the sound booth.
Please return Connect/Prayer cards in the offering plate
or to the Welcome Table in the entryway.*

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Rob Smith, Clara Amadasun, Jeff Mortimer

Prelude

Parade Hosanna, Join the Parade

Welcome

Call to Worship

***Opening Song** The King of Glory! (by Lloyd Larson)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Please share the peace of Christ or greetings with others

***Song** Praise the Name of Jesus (CCLI #12712)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Matthew 21: 1-17

Children's sermon

Sermon

Call To Offering

Offertory Head to the Heart (CCLI #7047283)

Ushers will circulate offering plates for those who wish to give in this way. Online giving is also available on our website.

Communion

Invitation to the Table

All are welcome to share in communion.

Prayer of Thanksgiving / Prayers of the People,

Followed by the Lord's Prayer:

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

You are invited to come forward by rows, receive the elements, and return by the side aisles. Please hold the elements until all partake together. Both wheat and gluten-free bread and both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available. Please raise your hand to be served in your seat.

Announcements

***Closing Song** How Great is Our God (CCLI #4348399)

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and refreshments after worship.

Announcements

Visitors: Welcome to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church! Thank you for worshipping with us. Please complete the Connect/Prayer card and indicate if you wish to receive our weekly emails. If you don't have one, please pick up a Welcome Packet from our Welcome Table in the entryway. If you have any questions, please ask at the Welcome Table or Pastor Rob.

Sunday Activities:

- ◆ **Children's Sunday School** resumes today, April 2nd, meeting from 9:30-10:15, upstairs in the Sunday School (SS) room. Kids can Zoom in for SS if they can't attend in person. For more information, or to help, please come to the information table.
- ◆ **No adult Sunday School class today.**
- ◆ **Easter Egg Hunt:** All children are invited to participate in the hunt for eggs following worship today, April 2nd.

Lent at Spirit of Life:

10am, April 2, Palm Sunday Worship
6pm, April 6, Maundy Thursday Potluck meal and worship
7pm, April 7, Good Friday worship
10am, April 9, Resurrection Sunday worship!

Weekday Events:

- **Mondays: Coffee & Conversation** with Pastor Rob and others 9:30-10:30 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>.
- **Wednesdays: Meet in the Middle**, will not meet on Wednesday, March 5th. The children and youth will join the adults on Maundy Thursday, March 6th, at 6pm, for the potluck meal and worship (no separate Meet in the Middle). NOTE: if any children still wish to have their guitar lesson on the 5th, contact Denise Lewis at 651-285-7233 or dlewis9476@comcast.net.
- **Thursdays: GriefShare** at 6:30 pm through May 4. Bob Shepard leads this Christ-centered group for people dealing with grief. More information is available on our website.

Prayer Ministry at Spirit of Life Please use the connect card and turn in at the offering time if you have a prayer request to share today. During the week, please email our deacon, Chris Sachs at ccsachs123@gmail.com to share a prayer request with our Spirit Care Prayer Team.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: We make prayer shawls for members of our community who are in need of comfort. All are welcome regardless of knitting, crocheting, or sewing abilities. More information is available at the welcome table.

Spirit of Life's Meal Ministry is volunteers who work with the Deacons to offer meals to those in need. If you would be able to help provide a meal from time to

time, or are in need of a meal from time to time, see details at the welcome table.

March is MN FoodShare month! Through Palm Sunday, April 2, bring in your non-perishable food items or personal care items, and place them in the empty grocery bags placed around on seats in the sanctuary. Or, you can still make a financial contribution. Make checks out to Spirit of Life, with MN FoodShare on the memo line, or donate online at our website <https://www.spiritoflifeav.org> (the "donate today" button) with the same notation. All food and cash contributions will go to the Rosemount Family Resource Center. Thank you for your generosity! Contact Denise Lewis with questions.

Little Free Food Pantry: Our church provides small free food pantry for the neighborhood. The first Sunday of the month is Pantry Sunday. We invite you to bring food items that can withstand freezing temperatures (no cans or glass containers). Popular items include white rice, cereal, jelly & peanut butter (plastic bottles only), pasta, spaghetti sauce (plastic jars only), Mac and cheese boxes, tuna in foil packets, etc.

Membership class 4-week class begins April 16. See details or sign up at the welcome table.

Your Personal Notes:

Usual Church Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 10-3. Call ahead to make sure, Shari works remotely Tuesday-Wednesday 10-3.

Staff: Pastor: Rev. Robert (Rob) Smith (pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org)
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