

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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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.

Prelude (Martha Davis)

Welcome (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Monique Lander in person)

Taize: Come and Fill Our Hearts (Hymn #466)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

There are empty chairs in the row I am sitting.

There is an empty seat at our table at home.

There is room on Wednesday night at church for someone is hungry.

Whom then shall we invite?

The doctor, the lawyer, the banker?

The mother, the neighbor, the friend?

The homeless, the refugee, the outcast?

Whom then shall we invite?

In all of our preparation.

In all that makes us busy.

Are we ready for the kingdom of God?

Whom then shall we invite?

(light the candle)

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Alleluia!

Opening Song Listen God is Calling (Hymn #456)

Prayer of Reconciliation (Based on Spill the Beans Issue #16) (Merry Close online confirmed)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of Peace

Song Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling (Hymn #418 vs 1 & 3)

Prayer of Illumination (Song: Spirit of the Living God led by Pastor Rob)

Scripture Matthew 22: 1-14 (Monique Lander and Merry Close)

Children's sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

I Cannot Come To The Banquet (Martha, Rob, and congregation)

Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith) Reflection on the Heart: Hospitality/Welcome/Invitation...

Call To Offering: (Monique Lander)

Offertory Grace Upon Grace by Mary McDonald (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 Head to the Heart

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

Announcements

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 <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"> Maundy Thursday: April 6, Potluck and Worship at 6:00 PM Good Friday: April 7, Worship at 7:00 PM Easter: April 9 at 10:00 AM </p>	<p>Wednesday Night Dinner and Devotions</p> <p>6:00 - 6:45 PM All People, All Ages, All Welcome</p> <p>For this season in Lent, come join us at table in-person or online as we share breaking bread and discussion. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in community.</p> <p><small>*For online community joining us, watch your email for devotion packets and link to join us online. Email spirit@spiritoflifeav.org if you need to be added to receive email.</small></p>
 <p style="margin-top: 5px;"> March 1: Storing Up Treasures March 8: Sharing Our Hearts March 15: Knowing the Good March 22: Consider the Lilies March 29: Becoming Someone New </p>	

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
03/12	Sara
03/19	Sara
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 is today, March 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 class meets following worship on March 12 and 19 for its concluding sessions. See Steve Braden with questions.

(Monday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION Plan to join Pastor Rob and others for Coffee and Conversation on Mondays, at 9:20 am. Come as you are. This is a gathering online and in person at the church. 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#.

March is MN FoodShare month! 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, make a cash contribution in \$25 or \$50 dollar increments to put a face on our snow Ambassador! Make checks out to Spirit of Life, with MN FoodShare on the memo line, or donate online with the same notation. All food and cash contributions will go to the Rosemount Family Resource Center. Contact Denise Lewis with questions.

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!

The community service team designates 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.

Spring cleanup date of March 26th, 2023 (after worship): work for all ages, come one, come all. HUB members serving as work crew leaders on various projects for organization and work flow. This year we will focus on the inside of the church building as our new grounds / snow vendor has a spring cleaning included in their mowing price.

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.

The family of Joan C. Emden wants to acknowledge the cards and to thank the people of Spirit of Life who gave memorial money. We have decided to give the funds to the Southern Poverty Law Center, a cause to which Joan contributed during her lifetime. We also want to reiterate our thanks for the kindness with which our mother was treated by all of you. She loved her church family, and you loved her back. Peace, Elizabeth Remfert, Dirk Janssen, Marjory Blare.

Per Capita for 2023 went up to \$37.50