

# **Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church**

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**March 19, 2023**

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◆ Masks optional for all activities in the church building.

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Today's worship leaders: Rev. Rob Smith, Billy Boucheu, VeraRae Boucheu and Ruth Ewule

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Song** I Want Jesus to Walk With Me (Hymn #775)

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

**Assurance of Grace**

**Passing of Peace**

**Song** In Christ Alone (CCLI #3350395, v 1)

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture** Matthew 25: 1-13

**Children's sermon**

**Sermon**

**Call To Offering**

**Offertory** There is One Coming by Bill Fischer

**Doxology**

**Prayers of the People**

**Announcements**

**Closing Song** Head to the Heart (CCLI #7047283)

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

## Announcements

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 <p>Maundy Thursday: April 6, Pottuck and Worship at 6:00 PM Good Friday: April 7, Worship at 7:00 PM Easter: April 9 at 10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Night Dinner and Devotions</b> 6:00 - 6:45 PM All People, All Ages, All Welcome 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. <small>*For online community joining us, watch your email for devotion packet and link to join us online. Email: spirit@spiritoflifeav.org if you need to be added to receive email.</small></p>	<p>REFLECTIONS ON THE HEART an illustrated <b>LENT</b></p> <p>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>
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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.

**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 April 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 19 for its concluding session.

We invite you to join us in the **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, making prayer shawls for members of our community who are in need of comfort. All are welcome regardless of knitting, crocheting, or sewing abilities. Join us in community and we will find a job for you. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at Rose McMurray's home, 1317 Crystal Lake Rd E, Burnsville. We meet the 2nd Tuesday every 3 months. If you are unable to join us in person or if the date doesn't work for you but you would still like to be a part of this ministry please reach out to Rose McMurray at 612-710-8327.

The Christian Education Committee will again be sponsoring an **Easter Egg Hunt** for our children on Palm Sunday, April 2. We would appreciate donations of plastic eggs and/or treats that will fit inside. Please leave donations in the basket under the table in the entryway by March 26. Thanks for your help in providing this fun activity for our kids!

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 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.

Have you been considering **becoming a member**? We are offering a 4-week class April 16, 23, 30 and May 7<sup>th</sup>, immediately

following worship. Let us know if we may 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!

**(Monday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION** Plan to join Pastor Rob and others for Coffee and Conversation on Mondays, at 9:30 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#.

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. **NO CANS OR GLASS CONTAINERS**, please. 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](mailto: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**