

**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
March 26, 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, Merry Close and Becky Brandt

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***Opening Song** When the Lord Redeems the Very Least (Hymn #852)

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** All the Poor and Powerless (CCLI #5881130)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Matthew 25: 31-46

Children's Sermon I Just Wanna Be a Sheep

Sermon Reflections on the Heart: Deeds

Call To Offering

Offertory Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley (arr by Victor C. Johnson)
Ushers will circulate offering plates for those who wish to give in this way. Online giving is also available on our website.

Doxology

Prayers of the People

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

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

***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 worshiping 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 is suspended today for Spring break!** Class resumes next week, 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.**
- ◆ **Spring cleanup today, March 26 (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.

Lent at Spirit of Life:

6pm, Wednesday, March 29 Dinner and Devotions
 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 at 9:30 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 at 4:30 on March 29 (due to spring break) but will join everyone at 6pm for the devotions and meal. The following week, there will be no activities 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 29th, or 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.

Easter Egg Hunt: All children are invited to come and hunt for eggs following worship on Palm Sunday, April 2nd.

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, make a cash donation of \$25 dollars — we just need three more donations to fill in the smile on our snow Ambassador, before spring melts it away! 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 at the snow Ambassador Foodshare table for more details!

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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