

**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.

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
April 16, 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. Steve Braden and Denise Lewis*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Song** Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (ccli #117947)

**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** God Welcomes All (purple hymnal #399)

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture** Matthew 28: 16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Children's time**

**Sermon** The Great Commission, Revisited

**\*Song** Lord, You Gave the Great Commission (purple hymnal #298) (tune: Converse/What a Friend)

**Call To Offering**

**Offertory**

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** We All Are One in Mission (purple hymnal #733)

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

Please join us for coffee and refreshments after worship.

## **Announcements**

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**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 a card, please pick up a one up from our Welcome Table in the entryway. Please return completed Connect/

Prayer card in offering plate or in box labeled accordingly at the back. If you have any questions, please ask at the Welcome Table or Pastor Rob.

### **Sunday Activities:**

- ◆ **Children's Sunday School** meets 9:30-10:15, upstairs in the 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.

### **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>. One tap mobile +13126266799, 286584190# +19292056099, 286584190#.
- **Wednesdays: Meet in the Middle** meets Wednesdays at 4:30 and includes 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>.
- **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](mailto: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.

**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.

**Your Personal Notes:**

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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](mailto:pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org))  
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