

**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 or watched later on YouTube or Facebook.
- ◇ Restrooms are in the first hallway to the left on exiting the sanctuary.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 22, 2023**

** All who are able are invited to stand.
Hymnals are available on the cart by the sound booth.
Regular attenders, visitors, & members, please complete &
return Connect/Prayer cards in offering plate
or to the Welcome Table at the back of the sanctuary.
Today's worship leaders: Rev. Rory Swenson, Ruth Ewule, Billy Boucheu
and Vera Rae Boucheu.*

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer & Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

***Opening Song** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymn #35)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Give Thanks (with a Grateful Heart)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture 2 Timothy 1:3-7 (NRSV)

Children's sermon

Sermon RSVP: "Respond by Serving with Vital People"

Testimony

Call To Offering

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

Offertory

Doxology

Prayers of the People & 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.

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 worshiping with us. Visitors, regular attenders and members, 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 one up from our Information Table at the back of the sanctuary. 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 Information Table or Pastor Rob.

Sunday Events: Due to this weekend being MEA, there are no classes.

- **The children's Sunday school class starts at 9:30am** and goes until 10:15 (meeting upstairs), then the kids will join adults in sanctuary for the Children's sermon. We have a new curriculum called Living the Word which will follow the same Bible verses as our sermons.
- **Adult Class** - The Black Church: In November we will resume the PBS series on the Black Church in our after-worship adult class. Last spring

we viewed the first 4 sessions; watch for dates to be determined to see the second half.

Weekday Events:

- **(Monday) Coffee & Conversation meets Mondays, 9:30-10:30 am.**
NOTE: COFFEE & CONVERSATION will be suspended another week. Plan to join us the Monday and 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>.
- **Meet in the Middle meets Wednesdays, 4:30-6pm.** Class will resume October 25th. We've started another exciting year of Meet in the Middle at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church*! We do many of the same things we did at summer kids camp. From 4:30-6pm, kids will be playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing, Bible lessons and more! Parents join the kids for 6pm dinner. (A free will offering will be taken for dinner).
- **Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 29th, 11:30am-12:30pm** in the Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church parking lot. Wear your costume and bring your bucket! All age welcome.

Holiday Greens online sale ends today, 10/22! To order your Greens, Poinsettias, and plant cards for our fundraiser group:

- 1) Go to www.gertensfundraising.com
- 2) Enter our (Store) ID code 149 into the text field and click 'Enter ID to Continue'.

Pastor Rob will be offering **Confirmation class** for 7th & 8th graders, or high schoolers not yet confirmed. Class start date will be announced. Class will meet immediately after worship, in Pastor Rob's office. Following the initial class, confirmation will meet the 2nd Sunday of the month starting with November 12th. Please email the office at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org, or talk with Pastor Rob directly, to let us know you will be participating!

It's almost Halloween, which means it's also time for **"Arms Full of Love!"** Community Service team is again asking for support for Dakota County families in need this Christmas. This year 360 Communities is suggesting gift cards in \$25 amounts to Cub, Aldi, Target, Walmart, VISA, Mastercard or Amazon. Cash or checks (payable to Spirit of Life, memo Armful) would be even better as they can purchase discounted gift cards and make your donation go further. These cards will be given to families who can then purchase the exact gifts their children are hoping for! Please put donations in the offering plate or box in the front hall by October 29. Many thanks!!

Whether you are ready to commit to membership at Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, have questions, or you're new and need to connect, you and your family are all welcome to enjoy a **New Membership Class** kick-off dinner November 12th. Details available at the information table in the back of the sanctuary.

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 the church office at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org to share a prayer request with our Spirit Care Prayer Team.

Little Free Food Pantry: Our church provides small free food pantry for the neighborhood. The community service team has designated the first Sunday of every month as Little Free Pantry Sunday. Our LITTLE FREE PANTRY is being used frequently! We are asking for canned items and other non-perishables, especially PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, boxed potatoes, pasta, canned vegetables, cereal, spaghetti sauce.

Usual Church Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 10-3. Call ahead to make sure as we work remotely some days.

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