

**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.

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 24, 2024**

*\* All who are able are invited to stand.  
Regular attenders, visitors, & members, please complete &  
return Connect/Prayer cards in offering plate  
or to the Welcome Table at the back of the sanctuary.  
Tonight's worship leaders: Rev. Rob Smith, Bob and Rebecca Shepard*

**Prelude**

**Introit:** Noel (by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, & Matt Redman)  
(Oghomwen, Odosa, Clara, & Beauty Amadasun, singers)

**Call to Worship**

**\*Congregational Song Medley** O Come All Ye Faithful (Hymn # 133), The First Noel (Hymn # 147), Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Hymn #119)

**I Cannot Tell You How The Light Comes** (By Jan Richardson)

**Advent Candle**

**\*Congregational Song** Light a Candle Bright and Tall, copyright 2012, by David Woods, (permission given to use in worship) (tune of For the Beauty of the Earth)

**Prayer**

**Special Music** All Because of Him (by Shauna Edwards) (Oghomwen Odosa, Clara & Beauty Amadasun, singers)

**Scripture** Luke 2: 1-14

**\*Congregational song** Angels We Have Heard on High

**Scripture** Luke 2: 15-20

**Special Music** O Holy Night (by Adolphe Adam) (Kate Frost, singer)

**Sermon** Out Like A Lamb (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Sermon Song Response** What Child is This?

**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** What a Glorious Night (by Casey Brown, Dave Frey, Ben McDonald, & Jonathan Smith) (Spirit of Life Choir)

**Communion: Welcome to the Table** (Rev. Rob Smith)

We welcome you to an open table where all are welcome. To share this welcome, the bread served is gluten free, and for the cup we share both grape juice (white) and wine (red). As you are able, come to the front to receive communion and bring it back to your seat where we will all receive the bread and cup together as one. If needed, remain in your seat and we will bring communion to you.

**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.

**Communion**

**Communion Song** The Table (by Jonathan Traylor & Jef Pardo) (Odosa Amadasun, singer)

**Choir Song** Light a Candle (by Jason Cox & Lee Black) (Spirit of Life Choir)

**Benediction**

**\*Closing Song** Silent Night (Hymn #122)

# 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:

- **Children's Sunday School class** is suspended on Dec 29. Class resumes January 5th, meeting at 9:30am Sundays.

## Weekday Events:

- **(Tuesday) Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** Plan to join us the Tuesday 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>. **NOTE: Due to the holidays, we will not share coffee together Dec 31st.** Another update: the first Tuesday of the month, Jan 7th, is in person only at CRACKER BARREL, 17189 Kenyon Ave, Lakeville, 55044.
- **Meet in the Middle meets Wednesdays, 4:30-6pm.** It's another exciting year of Meet in the Middle at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church*! 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). **Youth group** meets Wednesdays, 6-8pm. **NOTE:** We will be taking a break over the holidays and will resume on JANUARY 15.

**The Little Free Pantry update** Now that we've been having BELOW FREEZING TEMPS (BRRRRRRRR) we need to eliminate glass jar and often canned items from our LITTLE FREE PANTRY. We suggest items in boxes, bags, paper wrapping, foil packets, plastic jars etc. We can store canned items in our entryway cupboard and put out as weather allows. Suggestions Include: Pasta Products, Pasta Sauce, White Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Boxed Potatoes, Cereal / Oatmeal, Fruits and Vegetables, tuna, ANY Nonperishable Items. Hunger persists in our neighborhood and we thank you for your help!

**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 Chris Sachs at [ccsachs123@gmail.com](mailto:ccsachs123@gmail.com) to share a prayer request with our Spirit Care Prayer Team.

**It takes all of us to be the church.** Leadership has worked diligently to organize the opportunities and share many of these through the following Sign-Up Genius links. Would you please take a few minutes and make a commitment to help pick up a part? Please click on the link and select a date you could serve:

Fellowship Time

Dec. 29: Barb Ostlund

Jan 5: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Jan 12: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Please use this link to sign up to prepare and serve coffee and treats for the fellowship time: Spirit of Life Congregation: Spirit of Life Sunday Fellowship—Coffee/Treats ([signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com))

2025 Per Capita is \$40.00

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

**Staff:** Pastor: Rev. Robert (Rob) Smith ([pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org))  
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