

**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
JANUARY 19, 2025**

** 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. Steve Braden, Denise Lewis
and Tracey Schnell*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

All: Our ancestors were immigrants, trusting in God.

One: The Hebrews were migrants, fleeing famine and violence. They cried to the Lord, and God delivered them.

All: Some of us are immigrants, trusting in God.

One: Jesus welcomed all, loved all, served all.

All: Some of us feel like strangers, learning to trust God.

One: Jesus said, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."

All: Trusting in God, we welcome all; There are no strangers here.

Prayer

***Opening Song** Praise Ye 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 Luke 4: 14-21

Children's sermon

Sermon "Creative Maladjustment" (Rev. Steve Braden)

Song O God, in Christ You Call Us (tune: Aurelia/The Church's One Foundation; text © 2010 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, Hymn Use Permission: Free use of this hymn is given to any congregation that supports the ecumenical work of the National Council of churches of Christ in the USA and/or Church World Service.)

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

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** Live Into Hope (Hymn #772)

***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:

- **Children's Sunday School class** starts at 9:30am and goes until 10:15, then the kids will join adults in sanctuary for the Children's sermon.

Weekday Events:

- **(Tuesday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** Plan to join us 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>. **Coffee and conversation will meet again January 21st** at Spirit of Life and online.
- **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.
M&M MEALS: Meals will be served at 6 p.m. We need people to prepare meals on: Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, and April 23. If you would like to prepare a meal, please contact Loretta at: lorettahunt5678@gmail.com.

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
Jan 19: Marge Braden
Jan 26: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)
Feb 2: (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://www.signupgenius.com))

Annual Business meeting is immediately following worship on January 26th.

The **Valentine Cabaret** will be held on 2/8. Tickets are \$30 and will be sold by youth after church on 1/19, 1/26 and 2/2. There will also be a silent auction and any donations are appreciated. We will be seeking talent as well. Invite your friends!

Attention Women, you are invited to attend **Clearwater Chrysalis** Friday, Feb 21, to Sunday, Feb 23, at Clearwater Forest Church Camp, Deerwood, MN. Chrysalis is a balanced, faith-building Christian program for adult women from all beliefs. Our vision is to nourish and support the body, mind, and spirit in community with other women. Theme is Claiming Your God Given Woman Wisdom, by Speaker Rev. Chris Bellefeuille (lead pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater). There will be: speakers, workshops, crafts, nature walk, snow shoeing, stretches, bingo, etc. Cost is \$250 which covers a double room for two nights and meals. A \$75 deposit is required with registration. First Time Campers are eligible for a \$50 discount. Scholarships are available. Registration ends Feb. 10th. <https://clearwaterforest.org/retreats/> If you have any questions, contact Karen Johnson.

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.

Note: Pastor Rob Smith will be taking family time January 11th—19th, Martha and Shari are also on vacation. Barb Ostlund will be checking voice messages on the church phone. If you have a crisis emergency, contact Steve and Marge Braden at (574-849-0470).

2025 Per Capita is \$40.00

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

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