

**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  
MARCH 2, 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. Rob Smith, Merry Close,  
Bob and Rebecca Shepard*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Song** Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #450)

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

**Assurance of Grace**

**\*Passing of Peace**

**\*Song** Child of Love (CCLI #7153977)

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture** Luke 9: 28-36

**Children's sermon**

## **Sermon**

### **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** Peace (by Ed Cash, CCLI #7149280) (Mary Brause, singer)

### **Communion Instructions**

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.

### **Welcome to the Table**

### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving / Prayers of the People**

### **Communion Song**

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.

### **Holy Communion**

### **Announcements**

**\*Closing Song** I Come With Joy (Hymn #515)

**\*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 worshipping 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.
- **New Adult Class:** Steve Braden will lead an adult class after worship viewing and discussing "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God" by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Come and explore a new understanding of Jesus' message and meaning: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136883066>. NOTE: Adult class will pause this Sunday, March 2nd, and resume on March 9th with session 4.

#### **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. The first Tuesday of the month, March 4th, is in person only at CRACKER BARREL, 17189 Kenyon Ave, Lakeville, 55044. The following week we return to meeting at Spirit of Life in person, or online. 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.** 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: M&M and Youth will meet with adults this week for the ASH WEDNESDAY service at 7pm.**

Our LITTLE FREE PANTRY is being used often and in need of frequent restocking. Please pick up a couple items from the store or your cupboards and bring this Sunday, March 2nd, for **Replenish the Little Free Pantry Sunday**. Leave them on or in the cabinet in the entryway. Suggestions Include: Pasta Products, Pasta Sauce, White Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Boxed Potatoes, Cereal / Oatmeal, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Canned Meats, ANY Nonperishable Items. With warmer weather, any type of container is acceptable. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FEED OUR NEIGHBORS!

**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  
Mar 2: Mary Brause  
Mar 9: Bradens  
Mar 16: Ruth Ewule

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))

**MAY THE "FOURS" BE WITH YOU! MN FoodShare** is starting its 44th Annual March Campaign, and Spirit of Life will be participating again to benefit the Rosemount Resource Center food shelf, part of 360 Communities. So, power up your light sabers to help feed Minnesota! Our goals are:

-Collect at least 44 lbs of non perishable food items every week in March. You can leave your contributions on the information table under the MN FoodShare display.  
-Raise at least \$44 in cash donations every week in March. Through their contracts, food shelves have amplified purchasing power, so your cash contribution stretches further. Make checks out to Spirit of Life, with "MN FoodShare" on the memo line, or donate online with that notation.

**Merry Old SoLs** Pie Party March 12: In honor of Pi Day (3/14), the Merry Old SoLs, our senior fellowship, is having a Pie Party Potluck lunch at the Bradens' in Rosemount on Wednesday, March 12, 11am-1pm. Folks are invited to bring some form of pie, whether savory or sweet. To RSVP or for more details, contact Steve or Marge Braden.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Our inaugural Men's group will be on Thursday, March 13 at 6:00 PM at Andy Zumbach's home. Address is 15602 Early Bird Circle, Apple Valley. With this being the first meeting, we will discuss together about how frequently we want to meet (and dates that work for the group). For the beginning, we will be in the gospel of Luke. Andy will have wings! Just bring your Bible and a friend! And please, RSVP to Andy at [andrew.zumbach@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.zumbach@gmail.com) to help him plan for food and space.

#### **SoL Call**

##### **Refugee resettlement**

The mission of the International Institute of Minnesota is to help New Americans achieve self sufficiency and full membership in American life. They are struggling to serve newly arrived refugees due to abrupt federal funding freezes. Read their newsletter, or visit their website: <https://mailchi.mp/iimn/february-2025> <https://iimn.org/>

Our **Easter Flower fundraiser** begins today, March 2nd, and goes through March 30th. See insert for selections available for purchase. Proceeds will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

**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.

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.

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