

**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
MARCH 23, 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: Pastor Rob Smith, Steve Raatz and Dan Kurtti*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Listen, siblings of faith. Today, you will receive the good news of Jesus.

All: The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

One: Today, God will speak to us, filling our hearts and healing our souls.

All: The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

One: Today, there will be enough bread for all, enough to mend every broken place.

All: The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

Prayer

***Opening Song** Come Thou Fount (Hymn #356)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Hymn #654)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Luke 15:1-32

Children's sermon

Sermon "Bread For When We Are Lost"

Testimony: Kristine Kolb

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 O Come To The Alter (Odosa Amadasun)

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** Bread of Life by Andrea Hamilton & Amanda Meisenheimer (CCLI#7252237)

***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. **NOTE:** Due to school spring break, there will not be Children's Sunday school today, 03/23.

- **The Sunday morning adult class**, "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God," in the conference room. Join us in person or via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136883066>.

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 week we meet 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). **NOTE:** Due to school spring break, Meet in the Middle will not meet at 4:30pm this week but join the adults for the Wednesday Lent family meal, worship and devotions at 6pm.
- **Youth group** meets Wednesdays, 6-8pm.

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 23: Rebecca Shepard
 Mar 30: Dan & Yuko Kurtti
 Apr 6: Josephine Amadasun

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)

Update: MAY THE "FOURS" BE WITH YOU!

MN FoodShare, Feeding Minnesota for 44 years.

Our goal is to collect at least 44 pounds of nonperishable food items weekly:

- WEEK ONE: 48 lbs
 - WEEK TWO: only 15 lbs
 - WEEK THREE: 36 lbs — we're still running behind!
- A new goal is to collect at least \$444 in financial donations by the end of March (checks made out to Spirit of Life with MN FoodShare in the memo line):

- WEEK ONE: \$0
- WEEK TWO: \$150
- WEEK THREE: \$220

TWO MORE SUNDAYS IN MARCH TO DONATE!!

We will have a short **HUB meeting** TODAY, March 23, 2025, following worship in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in hearing more or joining is welcome to attend!

SoL Call**Upholding the Rule of Law**

Support organizations challenging potentially illegal or unconstitutional executive actions in court:

<https://democracyforward.org/about/>

<https://www.aclu.org/>

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Men's Bible study group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday and our next meeting is Thursday, March 27, 6-8 PM at Andy Zumbach's home. Address is 15602 Early Bird Circle, Apple Valley. We are studying the gospel of Luke. Just bring your Bible and a friend! And please, RSVP to Andy at andrew.zumbach@gmail.com to help him plan for food and space.

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

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th, Palm Sunday immediately after church and are asking for **donations** of plastic fillable eggs or treats to fill the eggs. Donations accepted Sundays through 4/6 in the collection box in the front entry way. Thank you for your donations.

Little Free Library: Not sure the story on our Little Free Library. Last Sunday it was stocked and Monday not! Our hope is that someone really likes to read, or the little someone will receive from half-price books will help meet their needs. Help us restock. If you have recent books that you are done reading, help donate one, or two. Thank You, Pastor Rob

One Great Hour of Sharing offering this year will be received on Easter Sunday with fish banks available to the kids and youths to begin collecting their coins, too! One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

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.

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

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