

**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 30, 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 Anne Nelson*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: You are invited to the feast of plenty. Let every willing soul join in the circle!

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

One: Wear whatever you have. You are welcome as you are!

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

One: At this celebration, no one is turned away. There is a place for you!

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

Prayer

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

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Jesus Loves Me (Hymn #188)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Luke 16: 19-31

Children's sermon

Sermon "Bread for Hospitality: Gratitude)

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 Welcome Table (Hymn #770)

Doxology

Prayers of the People

Response (All): Bread of life, may we freely give to others.

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** All of Us (Illustrated Ministry—used with permission)

***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 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.
- **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. The first Tuesday of the month, April 1st, 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. 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.

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 30: Dan & Yuko Kurtti
Apr 6: Josephine Amadasun
Apr 13: Lisa Smith

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)

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

Update: MAY THE "FOURS" BE WITH YOU!

MN FoodShare, Feeding Minnesota for 44 years. One more Sunday in March to get our light saber fully powered up!

Our goal was to collect at least 44 pounds of nonperishable food items weekly, over the 5 Sundays in March. The 4th week, 40 lbs were donated, for a grand total of 139 lbs. So, with one more Sunday to go, we are short 81 lbs.

With an additional \$70 donated the 4th Sunday in March, we have raised \$440 — which will be amplified in impact by RFRC, using their contracts and purchasing power. Thank you for your generosity! You can still donate, checks made out to Spirit of Life with MN FoodShare written on the memo line.

ONE MORE SUNDAY IN MARCH TO GET OUR LIGHT SABER FULLY POWERED UP!!

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 next Sunday, April 6th, 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. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FEED OUR NEIGHBORS!

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.

All children are invited to the **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 13th, Palm Sunday, 11:15 am, after church. Please invite your family and friends to join in the fun.

SoL Call

Lift Your Voice

Saturday, April 5, will be a nation-wide day of mobilization, coordinated by local and national groups. Choose your issue (saving SNAP, Medicaid, Social Security; immigrant or refugee rights; upholding our constitutional form of government; etc), make a sign, and come to the MN State Capitol. More info: <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblewincities/event/764780/>

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Men's Bible study group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday and our next meeting is Thursday, April 10, 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.

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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