

**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 16, 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, Tracey Schnell and Chris Sachs*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: ... Calling all who are hungry for the goodness of life!

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

One: Come with empty pockets and open hands!

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

One: Let us gather from all walks of life, celebrating in unity our common needs and singular purpose.

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

Prayer

***Opening Song** There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (Hymn #408)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Great God of Every Blessing (Hymn #694)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Luke 13: 1-9, 31-35

Children's sermon

Song

Sermon "Bread for Growth: Patience"

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 Goodness of God (by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, & Brian Johnson) (CCLI # 7117726) (Josephine, Oghomwen, Clara, Odosa & Beauty Amadasun)

Doxology

Prayers of the People

Response: With your guidance and grace, may your kingdom grow.

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 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," resumes today 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). **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 16: Ruth Ewule
Mar 23: Rebecca Shepard
Mar 30: Dan & Yuko Kurtti

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)

NEW MEMBER CLASS begins TODAY, March 16, after worship! See Pastor Rob.

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—our light saber is flickering! Power t up with a big donation Sunday!

A secondary goal is to collect at least \$44 weekly in financial donations (checks made out to Spirit of Life with MN FoodShare in the memo line):

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

SoL Call
Defending Democracy

"Freedom is not a state; it is an act... and each generation must do its part" - John Lewis

The League of Women Voters MN offers many ways to get involved: lwvmn.org/take-action

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

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. We are asking for **donations** of plastic fillable eggs or treats to fill the eggs. You can donate these on 3/16, 3/22, 3/30 or 4/6 Sundays. There will be a collection box in the front entry way. Thank you for your donations

One Great Hour of Sharing offering this year will be received on Easter Sunday. Will you be prepared? We will have fish banks available to the kids and youths so they can 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. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

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.

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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