

**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  
APRIL 13, 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 Karen Johnson*

**Prelude**

**Parade Procession** Hosanna, Join the Parade (Words and Music by Rob Smith)

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: People of Spirit of Life, bring your garments and branches—Jesus is coming into town! Shout Hosanna!

**All: Hosanna! Our deliverer has come! Let all the hungry be fed!**

One: Jesus, the servant king, has come to show us a new kind of power.

**All: Hosanna! Our liberator will set the prisoners free!**

One: Let us worship the one who will save us from corruption. Shout Hosanna to the King of Kings!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna! The bread of life has come to sustain us.**

One: Let us worship God.

**Prayer**

**\*Opening Song** The King of Glory! (By Lloyd Larson)

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

**Assurance of Grace**

**\*Passing of Peace**

**\*Song** He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates) (CCLI #1493)

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture** Luke 19: 29-40

**Children's sermon**

**Sermon** "Bread for the Road"

**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** Sing Hosanna, Hosanna (Words and music by Cathy Skogen-Soldner) (Spirit of Life Children Singers)

**Doxology**

**Prayers of the People**

(\*Response: **Hosanna, Save us.**)

**Announcements**

**\*Closing Song** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (Hymn #526)

**\*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 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.

- The “First Light” adult class will not meet Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. The final class will be April 27th.
- All children are invited to the **Easter Egg Hunt** TODAY, Palm Sunday, 11:15 am, after church. Please join in the fun!

**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. It is open for you to pop in and out any time so feel free to drop in and say hello. Same time and same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>. **NOTE: No Coffee with Pastor Rob this week, April 15th.**
- **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: Meet in the Middle this week** will be Thursday to join the Maundy Thursday worship as a family.
- **Youth group** meets Wednesdays, 6-8pm. **NOTE: Youth group this week** will be Thursday to join the Maundy Thursday worship as a family.

**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

- Apr 13: Lisa Smith
- April 20: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)
- April 27: (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)

Usher/Greeter

- Apr 13: Sayra Maberry & Jeff Mortimer
- April 20: Bob and Rebecca Shepard
- April 27: (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

Please use this link to sign up to serve as an Usher/Greeter—Spirit of Life Congregation Members: Spirit of Life Usher/Greeter/Offering (signupgenius.com)

Our commitment as a connected Presbyterian Church during lent is supporting **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Each gift to 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. To help support these efforts, our children will be passing the change-for-change buckets each Sunday now through Easter. Help bring change to give each week for us to help support One Great Hour of Sharing.

**Update: MAY THE “FOURS” BE WITH YOU!** From Community Service — final report on 2025 MN FoodShare March Campaign: Feeding Minnesota for 44 years. Donations from Spirit of Life support the Rosemount Resource Center,

part of 360 Communities. We collected and delivered a total of 180.5 pounds of non-perishable food items, and raised a total of \$492.48. The Community Service Committee is very grateful for your generosity!

The **Merry Old SoLs**, our senior fellowship group, will gather on Wednesday, April 23, 9:30-11:30 am, at the home of Frank & Chris Sachs in Apple Valley. Please RSVP to Marge or Steve Braden. We hope you can join us.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Our Men's Bible study group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday and our next meeting is Thursday, April 24, 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](mailto:andrew.zumbach@gmail.com) to help him plan for food and space.

***SoL Call***

***Earth Day & Climate Justice***

Environmental protections are being gutted, and you can take action to resist by participating in a family-friendly day with MN360 and St. Paul Parks and Rec, or march to the Capitol with the People's Earth Day coalition:

<https://mn350.org/>

<https://thirdact.org/minnesota/events/fight-for-a-peoples-earth-day/>

An offering from Interfaith Creation Care of the South Metro: Earth Day 2025 is arriving soon! The Church of the Risen Savior and their Environmental Concerns Committee have arranged for a special speaker, Dr. Joe Fargione, Director of Science for the Nature Conservancy's North America Region. The talk is titled Climate Change 101 and is free to all who attend. Dr. Fargione's work has focused on quantifying nature's benefits to people, including the potential for nature to contribute to fighting climate change. He was an author of the Fifth National Climate Assessment and has testified before Congress on Natural Climate Solutions. The event is scheduled for **Earth Day April 22nd at 7 pm**. The Church of the Risen Savior is located at 1501 E. County Road 42, Burnsville, MN. If interested, pick up a flyer from the information table at the back of the sanctuary.

**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.

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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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