

**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
MAY 18, 2025**

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

*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, Patrick Keohane & Steve Raatz*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who seek belonging,

All: For God is building a house with room for all.

One: Come, all who have been turned away or shut out,

All: For Christ is breaking down every dividing wall.

One: Come, beloved community—

All: Let us worship the God who welcomes, gathers, and makes us new.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Song** Welcome Home (CCLI #7219533)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Breathe on me Breath of God (Hymn #286)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Acts 15:1-18

Children's sermon "Meet and Greet: Who Gets In?"

Sermon "Who Gets In?" (Rev. Rob Smith)

Generosity Testimony: Christian Education (Keaton 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 Draw the Circle Wide (by Gordon Light & Mark Miller) (Christine Kolb, singer)

Celebration of Gifts: Recognizing teachers and children

Children & Youth 2024/2025: Lydia Davis, Anwyn Frost, Peter Jr. Ekame, Keaton Kolb, Corwin Lander, Maya Sivan, Amelia Kolb, Josie Samara, VeraRae Boucheu, Johnny Currens, Charlie Currens, Joshua Gracek, Elayna (Lainey) Davis, Kai Lander, Briyelle Kube, Jimmy Currens, Shanelle Grace Assah, Prince Jordan Cornormia, Shayne Mortimer, Bailey Kube, Raymond Gracek, Beauty Amadasun, Bryce Kube

Teachers and Helpers 2024-2025: Karen Johnson, Sara Gracek, Christine Kolb, Trista Hansen, Chris Sachs, Merry Close, Rose McMurray, Loretta Hunt, Marge Braden, Rob Smith, Martha Davis, Eric Scott, Luke Scott, Sayra Maberry, Oghomwen Amadasun, Steve Braden, Chris Gant, Denise Lewis

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** Welcome Table (Hymn #770)

***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:

- **Today, May 18, is Recognition Sunday** and we honor our children and teachers/leaders.

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. 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. *Note, same time and same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>.
- **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

May 18: Pat Ekstrom & Christine Kolb

May 25: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

June 1: (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

May 18: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

May 25: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

June 1: (VOLUNTEER 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)

The next gathering of **Merry Old SoLs**, our senior fellowship group, will be Wednesday, May 21, 9:30-11:30, at the home of Jerry & Karen Johnson in Eagan. Please RSVP to Steve or Marge Braden.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Men's Bible study group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday and our next meeting is Thursday, May 22nd, 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.

SoL Call

Support Public Media

We benefit from outstanding public media in Minnesota, but federal funding cuts are being threatened. MPR gets 75% of it's funding from listeners, so now is the time to donate to support their great programming! <https://www.mprnews.org/>
<https://www.tpt.org/>

Community Service would like to get your reaction to our weekly "SoL Call" initiative. If you haven't already, please fill out the brief survey inserted in your bulletin today, and return it to the yellow box on the back table. Your responses from last week were noted and much appreciated. If you have a group that you would like us to highlight, please put that on the survey, and watch for it in a future SoL Call.

Scout Troop 292 Equipment Fundraiser: As most of you know, Spirit of Life has sponsored Scout Troop 292 for many years. A few weeks back they had the misfortune of having their equipment trailer stolen. The trailer has been recovered, however a lot of the gear inside was taken. Approximate value of \$5,600.00, which included 15 new tents. Donations can be made online or send check and designate Scout Fundraiser. Please contact Duane Brause if you have any questions. Email: braushaus@charter.net or 612 816-5337.

NOTE: The **Sacred Sites Tour** for June 1 is fully booked up!

There is one more scheduled tour in October, if you want to consider going on your own. Detailed information about these tours is available on the Info/Connect table at the back of the sanctuary, or at this website (scroll down towards the lower half of the page): <https://mnchurches.org/what-we-do/healing-minnesota-stories>.

The Community Service Committee is organizing a group from Spirit of Life to attend the Northfield Pride in the Park event on June 7. If you are interested in going with the group, list your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet on the Info/Connect table, as well as your willingness to drive, or preference to car pool. For questions, contact Denise Lewis, Vasanth Sivan, or Rose McMurray. Pick up a flyer with more details.

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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