

**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  
MAY 25, 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, Merry Close & Loretta Hunt*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: Come, not because you have it all figured out—

**All: We come seeking grace that meets us where we are.**

One: Come, not to earn God's love—

**All: We come to celebrate the love that is already ours.**

One: Come, beloved community—

**All: Let us worship the God of unearned, unbreakable grace.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Song** Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) (CCLI #4768151) (Odosa Amadasun, songleader)

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

**Assurance of Grace**

**\*Passing of Peace**

**\*Song** Come and Fill Our Hearts (Hymn #466)

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Introduction to Scripture**

**Scripture** Galatians 1: 13-17; 2: 11-21

**Children's sermon** "Grace On A Bun: Free"

**Sermon** "Unbound: The Spirit of a New Community: Not By Rules, But By Grace" (Rev. Rob Smith)

**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** The Basin and the Towel (by Michael Card) (Julie and Steve Raatz, singers)

**Doxology**

**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** Draw the Circle Wide (Julie and Steve Raatz, songleaders)

**\*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.

**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>.

**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 25: Barb Ostlund  
June 1: Dan and Yuko Kurtti  
June 8: (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](https://signupgenius.com))

Usher/Greeter

May 25: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)  
June 1: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)  
June 8: (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](https://signupgenius.com))

We're excited to share a faithful next step in our church's growth! As part of our strategic plan, we are creating a **part-time (5 hr/week) Children's Christian Education Director position**, beginning this summer. Even more exciting—**Christine Kolb** has already been called into our community, bringing deep experience and a heart for nurturing faith in children. She will help **organize volunteers, prepare curriculum, and support families** through Sunday School and Meet in the Middle. To fund this position, we are inviting the congregation to raise **\$5,000 in increased pledges** each of the next two years. If you're able to support this ministry, please email your commitment to Treasurer **Meg Currens** at [treasurer@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:treasurer@spiritoflifeav.org). Together, let's continue building a welcoming, growing community for children and families! Thanks, Rob

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, June 1st, 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!

**THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP IS MOVED** to Wednesdays for the summer!! And moving to the church!! Our Men's Bible study group will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday for the summer so our next meeting is Wednesday, June 12th, at 6:00 PM, at *Spirit of Life*.

**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](mailto:braushaus@charter.net) or 612 816-5337.

***SoL Call***  
**Defending Refuge**

Affirm the biblical call to welcome the stranger, and stand against policies that harm refugees and immigrants.  
Read the Church World Service Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Declaration:  
<https://cwsconnect.org/pdf-ecumenical-declaration/>  
Sign the Declaration:  
<https://cwsconnect.org/ecumenical-declaration/#>

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

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

**Staff:** Pastor: Rev. Robert (Rob) Smith ([pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org))  
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