

**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 11, 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: Guest Speaker Doug Pagitt, Oghomwen Amadasun & Bob Shepard*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: Come, all who feel like outsiders,  
Come, all who wonder if there's a place for you.

**All: God is already here—  
running down the road to meet us.**

One: Come with your questions and your hopes,  
Come with your doubts and your longing.

**All: God is already speaking—  
in stories, in strangers, in the waters of grace.**

One: On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for the women who have  
nurtured and guided us—

mothers and grandmothers, stepmothers and godmothers,  
aunties, teachers, neighbors, and friends.

**All: We give thanks today for all of the women in our lives—  
and we hold tenderly all for whom this day is complicated or painful.**

One: Come, with all that you carry,  
and all that you are becoming.

**All: We come to worship the God who welcomes all.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Song** Spirit Song (CCLI #27824)

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

**Assurance of Grace**

**\*Passing of Peace**

**\*Song** This Little Light of Mine

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture** Acts 8: 26-39

**Children's sermon**

**Sermon**

**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 Gift I'll Give (by Shawna Edwards & Linda Urquhart)  
(Beauty Amadasun, singer)

**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** We Are Called (Hymn #749)

**\*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.

#### **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.

#### **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. NOTE: This coming Tuesday, May 13th, we will meet in person only at CRACKER BARREL, 17189 Kenyon Ave, Lakeville, 55044. Next week, May 20th, 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

May 11: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)  
May 18: Pat Ekstrom & Christine Kolb  
May 25: (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 11: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)  
May 18: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)  
May 25: (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))

Notice: for any family interested in our **music lessons** ministry! We will be wrapping up our winter/spring schedule of music lessons, and making plans to have a 6-7 week schedule of lessons over the summer, so if you haven't had a chance to participate yet, or needed to take a break, you can get involved now! The schedule will be starting from scratch, with days and times determined by the schedules of those interested. As a reminder, the lessons can be in guitar, piano, or voice. They are 30 minutes long, and are offered at no cost. If you would like to participate, or if you have questions, please talk to Denise Lewis directly, or email her at [dlewis9476@comcast.net](mailto:dlewis9476@comcast.net), by May 14.

From Peggy Roeske: We are planning a **Celebration of Life for Don Roeske** on Friday, May 16 at 10am, with gathering starting at 9:30. It will be held in the chapel

at Cerenity Car Center, where Don lived for the past 6 years - 1900 Webber Street, White Bear Lake, MN. If you wish to send condolences to Peggy: White Pine Senior Living Apt #226, 1235 Gun Club Rd, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

**We are so very proud of Min!** Minuette Close will celebrate her High School graduation with an open house Saturday, May 17th, 1-4pm, at 5813 W 32nd St, Sioux Falls, SD. She is enrolled at SDSU in the fall to major in Graphic Design.

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.

**SoL Call  
Rural Stress Resource**

In response to a growing concern about the lack of resources and support for farmers, farm workers and families, UMASH has been working to build partnerships to stimulate innovation and action in the region.  
<https://umash.umn.edu/stress/>

**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.

**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](mailto:andrew.zumbach@gmail.com) to help him plan for food and space.

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>.

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.

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