

**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
JUNE 15, 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:
Clara and Oghomwen Amadasun and Bryce Kube*

Prelude

Welcome

***Opening Song** Who You Say I Am (CCLI #710240)

Call to Worship

One: Before we were born, God knew us.

All: Before we could speak, God called us.

One: Before we had answers, God gave us a purpose.

All: We come to worship the One who shapes us and sends us.

One: On this day, we give thanks for fathers and those who have shown fathering care—

All: And we hold space for love, loss, gratitude, and grace.

One: Come with your doubts, your fears, your hopes, your gifts.

All: We come as we are, trusting that God is already at work in us.

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Take My Life & Let It Be

Prayer of Illumination

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Jeremiah 1: 1-10

Children's sermon "Happy Father's Day!"

Sermon "God Calls Us Before We Are Ready" (Clara and Oghomwen Amadasun)

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 (Gladys Mbonifor, singer)

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** Here I Am, Lord (Hymn #69)

***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:

- **Adult Class:** Steve Braden will lead an adult class exploring Brian McLaren's book, *A New Kind of Christianity*, during the month of June after worship. The

class will be available 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. 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>.
- **Merry Old SoLs**, our senior fellowship group, will gather at the church on Wednesday, June 18th, 9:30-11:30 am. Weather permitting, we'll be outside on our new picnic tables. RSVP to Steve or Marge Braden. We hope you can join us!

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 help make a commitment to help pick up a part. Please click on the link and select a date you could serve:

Fellowship Time

June 15: Vasanth Sivan and Mark Devine

June 22: Gladys Mbonifor and Afanwi Kube

June 29: (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 - Coffees/Treats (signupgenius.com)

Usher/Greeter

June 15: Will and Teri Larson

June 22: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

June 29: (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). Thank You, Pastor Rob

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 25th, at 6:00 PM, at *Spirit of Life*.

SoL Call

LGBTQ+ youth suicide prevention

The Trevor Project is a non-profit organization providing mental health support, advocacy, research, and education for LGBTQ+ young people.

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/pride/>

Join us on Sunday, June 22nd, as we celebrate **Juneteenth** in worship and community! Together, we'll honor this important day of freedom and reflection with a special service followed by a joyful churchwide potluck picnic. This will be a time for learning, remembering, and celebrating the hope and resilience that Juneteenth represents. All are welcome—bring your spirit of curiosity,

celebration, and community! Please sign up in the back for the Juneteenth Pot Luck Picnic on June 22 with what you want to bring.

HUB (building & grounds committee) meeting Sunday, June 22 at 11:15 after worship.

Follow up on the June 1 **Sacred Sites Tour**: on June 1, Denise Lewis, Joanne Boyd, Karen Johnson, and Chris Sachs joined a group of 50 participants in visiting three locations sacred to the Dakota people indigenous to this area. Guided by Jim Bear Jacobs, we experienced layers of history, treaty politics, and masterful storytelling in a moving and informative afternoon. If you have any questions about the tour, any one of the four would be happy to share their experience with you.

Home Communion: The Deacons regularly reach out to church members who are unable to attend Sunday services in person on a consistent basis. We also try to provide home communion to these individuals, but we need your help to make this happen. We currently have 4 people on the home communion list and we would like to provide them with communion on the first Sunday of the month (the same day as communion in church). The goal is to have 2 people on each visit. Pastor Rob provides a home communion bulletin to guide you through the process. You can sign up by using Sign Up Genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAFA92FAAFCC34-47047790-spirit#/> Please reach out to Jann Henkes at 612-414-7835 with any questions or to add your name to the list of individuals the Deacons can call on as needed.

From Community Service: If you would like to help with weeding, or harvesting vegetables for delivery to the food shelf, we will plan to start working on Sundays after worship, and usually on Mondays, weather permitting. Reach out to Denise.

The Dakota County Historical Society is sponsoring a series of monthly talks by Frank Sachs, beginning in July. Check for details on the **Community Events bulletin board** by the office.

Prayer requests to share with our Spirit Care Prayer Team may be emailed to Barb at bostlund@charter.net. Word it as you wish it to be submitted, and we will post it for our 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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