

**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 29, 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, Becky Brandt and Steve Lewis

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Come, you who long for a word of hope.

All: God's Word cannot be silenced.

One: Come, you who face resistance or fear.

All: God's Word will not be burned away.

One: Come, ready to listen and ready to live the truth.

All: We come to worship the God whose Word endures forever.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Song** Sanctuary

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Set A Fire (United)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Jeremiah 36:1–8, 21–23, 27–31

Children's sermon

Sermon "The Word Will Not Burn" (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 Start a fire (Unspoken) (Odosa, Beauty and Clara Amadasun, singers)

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.

Ordination and Installation

Announcements

***Closing Song** My Lighthouse

***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. The first Tuesday of the month, March 6th, is in person only at CRACKER BARREL, 17189 Kenyon Ave, Lakeville, 55044. The following week 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>.

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 29: Pat Ekstrom

July 6: Afanwi Kube

July 13: Lisa Smith

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 29: Jerry and Karen Johnson

July 6: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

July 13: (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

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, July 6th, 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!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets Wednesdays for the summer!! And at the church!! Our Men's Bible study group will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday for the summer so our next meeting is Wednesday, July 9th, at 6:00 PM, at *Spirit of Life*.

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.

Bikes & Burgers Event: Looking for ways to connect with others in the PTCA while connecting our local stories to the stories of our faith? To have time to build those relationships with other and these stories meaningfully? Join Dr. Jimmy Hoke and Moderator Elsa Kendig on July 19th for a bike tour through the cities to hear about the histories of LGBTQIA+ people who shaped our communities and who's shadows still influence the rhythms of our lives and the streets we live in. Two dates: Saturday July 19th - Focus: LGBTQIA+ Histories AND Saturday August 30th - Focus: BIPOC Histories. The tours will start at 10am and will be about 6 miles long (easy for any ability level with plenty of stops) and will be as flat as possible. In addition to Dr. Hoke's presentation, you'll also have time to discuss in small groups, before stopping for lunch and fellowship at noon at a local burger joint. All bikes and abilities welcome. See flyers on info table or reach out to Karen Johnson for additional details. Questions? Contact Elsa at elsak@hohchurch.org.

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/>

Kids Camp - Radical Hope

Join us for Kids' Camp at Spirit of Life August 11-15 where we will dig into Radical Hope in our community. The week will include music, arts and crafts, outdoor and indoor games, puppet shows, Scripture, service projects, and lots of fun! Lunch and snacks are provided. Register online here <https://tinyurl.com/4tjcb28p> Contact Christine Kolb at 952-210-6412 or christine@christinesfloraltouch.com with any questions.

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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