

**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
JULY 13, 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 and Tracey Schnell*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, you who long for home and hope.

People: God calls us to seek the peace of the city.

Leader: Come, you who wonder if there is a future.

People: God promises plans for peace, not harm.

Leader: Come, ready to bloom where you're planted.

All: We come to worship the God who is with us, even here.

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

***Opening Song** Let There Be Peace on Earth (CCLI #93690)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Ubi Caritas (Live in Charity) (Hymn #205)

Prayer of Illumination

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14

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 He's Always Been Faithful (by Sara Groves)
(CCLI #3420720) (Lisa Smith, 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** Siyahamba/We are Marching in the Light of God
(Hymn #293)

***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. 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>. PLEASE NOTE: no Tuesday morning coffee next week, July 15. Pastor Rob will be on vacation. Will gather again the next week on July 22.

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 23rd, at 6:00 PM, at *Spirit of Life*.

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.

Each day we will be serving a meal at noon. If you would like to prepare a meal, please sign up on the paper at church or email: lorettahunt5678@gmail.com. There will be approximately 20-25 people for each meal.

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

July 13: Lisa Smith

July 20: Marge Braden

July 27: Monique Lander

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

July 13: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

July 20: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

July 27: (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

Please note: The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 14 & 15. Pastor Rob will be on vacation July 14 -20 and Shari will be on vacation July 14 & 15. If you have pastoral care needs, please leave a voice message at the church office. We will be checking messages. Thank you.

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

Protect Civil Liberties

The Supreme Court recently issued several landmark decisions. Let the ACLU bring you up to date: <https://www.aclu.org/>

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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