

**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
AUGUST 3, 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, Bob and Rebecca Shepard*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, you who long for renewal.

People: God promises a new covenant, written on our hearts.

Leader: Come, you who long for closeness.

People: In Jesus, God draws near with intimate love.

Leader: Come, ready to be shaped by grace.

All: We come to worship the God who renews and restores.

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

***Opening Song** Come Thou Fount (Above All Else) (CCLI #7029505)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Bind Us Together (CCLI #1228)

Prayer of Illumination**Introduction to Scripture**

Scripture Jeremiah 33:14–18; 31:31–34

Children's sermon

Sermon (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 By Our Love by Christy Nockels (CCLI #5489329) (Karen Johnson, singer)

Communion Instructions

We welcome you to an open table where all are welcome. To share this welcome, the bread served is gluten free, and for the cup we share both grape juice (white) and wine (red). As you are able, come to the front to receive communion and bring it back to your seat where we will all receive the bread and cup together as one. If needed, remain in your seat and we will bring communion to you.

Welcome to the Table**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving / 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.

Words of Institution**Holy Communion****Communion Prayer****Announcements**

***Closing Song** I Come With Joy (Hymn #515)

***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. Pastor Rob will be on vacation but several are going to meet this first Tuesday of the month, Aug. 5th, 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. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>.
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets Wednesdays for the summer!! And at the church!! Our Men's Bible study group will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday for the summer so our next meeting is Wednesday, August 13th, at 6:00 PM, at *Spirit of Life*.

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

Aug 3: Dan and Yuko Kurtti
Aug 10: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)
Aug 17: C.E.

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

Aug 3: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)
Aug 10: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)
Aug 17: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Please use this link to sign up to serve as an Usher/Greeter—<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAFA92FAAFCC34-50066232-spirit>
Thank You, Pastor Rob

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.

Collection Drive for The Drawer: The Drawer is a local non-profit that collects and distributes new socks and underwear for people in need. The founder, Stew Shepard, will be coming to Kid's Camp to share with our youth about their mission. The kids will also get the opportunity to help put bundles together! We would love to gift The Drawer with a collection of NEW socks and underwear. Please bring your donations July 20, 27, or August 3. The current top most needed items are—men's underwear (size S-5XL), women's underwear (size 5-16), boys' underwear (toddler to teen XL), and girls' underwear (teen 8-16). There will be a bin in the entryway for them. Thank you for your help!

Craft Wish List! Do you have any of these items sitting around at home? Please consider donating them to Kids' Camp for us to use in some exciting craft and service projects!

watercolors/brushes

Brightly colored yarn

Wood glue

Ziploc baggies in various sizes

White cardstock

blank note cards

Paint markers

Egg cartons (to use as paint tray)

Newspaper

twine

Small blank canvases (to paint on)

A box to collect these items will be outside the sanctuary beginning Sunday, July 20. Thank you so much for your support!

SoL Call

Immigrants' Rights

With the infusion of large amounts of cash from the recently passed reconciliation bill, immigration enforcement and detention will get even more intense. Learn how you can support our immigrant neighbors with the MN Immigrant Rights Action Committee:
<https://www.miracmn.com/>

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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