

**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 31, 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 leader: Odosa Amadasun

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

All: God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

One: Great is God's faithfulness.

All: The Lord is our portion; therefore we will hope.

One: We come as people learning to wait, learning to trust.

All: In our waiting, in our worship, God meets us with mercy and love.

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

***Opening Song** Great is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn #39)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Be Still My Soul (Hymn #819)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lamentations 3: 22-26

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 Quiet (by Tiffany Hammer, Davide Mutendji, Steven Furtick, & Josh Holiday) (CCLI #7152529) (Odosa Amadasun, 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** Every Praise (CCLI #6623483)

***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 coming week the coffee group will meet this first Tuesday of the month, Sept 2nd, 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>.
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets Wednesdays at the church over the summer. Our Men's Bible study group will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday for the summer so our next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 10th, at 6PM, 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 31: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Sept 7: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Sept 14: (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

Aug 31: Walt Ullrich, Karen and Jerry Johnson

Sept 7: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Sept 14: (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

From Community Service: If you would like to help with weeding, or harvesting vegetables for delivery to the food shelf, we work on Mondays and usually Wednesdays, weather permitting. Reach out to Denise.

Celebration Sunday is September 7th, kicking off our fall schedule! Spirit of Life Students and School Staff: Please bring your backpacks and bags to church on Sunday, September 7 for our **Blessing of the Backpacks!**

How the New Testament Was Formed: A new adult class after worship will start September 7, exploring the formation of the New Testament. Steve Braden will lead. It will also be available via Zoom.

South of the River CROP Hunger Walk, Oct. 5! Hosted here at Spirit of Life.

- * 11:45 am- 1:00 pm: Pre-walk meal, bake sale, and food drive.
- * 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm: Walk, to Farquar Park and back, total of 3 miles.
- * Look for more information and sign up sheets on the back table.
- * Join the team, or donate: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/spirit-of-life-presbyterian-church-2>
- * Contact Denise Lewis for questions: dlewis9476@comcast.net
- * **Fundraiser** for South of the River CROP Walk at Smashburger in Burnsville, September 21. Pick up a flyer at the info table for details.

From Community Service/Justice Works:

We will be offering free music lessons again in the fall. The schedule will be based on how many students sign up, and will likely start in late September. Lessons available for piano, guitar (individual), and guitar (group). Contact Denise Lewis if you are interested or have questions: dlewis9476@comcast.net. Denise will be reaching out to past participating families directly.

Sol Call

Countering Vaccine Disinformation

An initiative dedicated to safeguarding vaccine use in the U.S. so that it remains grounded in the best available science, and focused on optimizing protection of individuals, families, and communities against vaccine-preventable diseases. <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/vaccine-integrity-project>

Mendota Mdewakanton Pow Wow will be September 12-14, 2025 at the St. Peters Church Grounds, 1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota, MN 55120. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary if you are interested in going. We will meet at the church and car pool on Saturday, September 13th, 1 pm. Plan on returning by 4 pm. Please dress appropriately for this outside activity. See Karen Johnson for questions.

If you are missing a jacket or other items, please check for lost and found in the church entry. We will be donating items soon so look for yours after church!

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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