

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 SEPTEMBER 14, 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, youth from Montreat trip*

Prelude

Welcome

Reading

Light the Candle

Call to Worship

Introduction to Music

***Opening Song** Be Our Guide, Zach Light-Wells

Affirmation

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (#582, Purple Hymnal)

Prayer of Illumination

Children's sermon "Energizer"

Reading

Montreat Reflections

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 The Transfiguration/Chicago, Sufjan Stevens, arr. Zach Light-Wells (Odosa Amadasun, lead)

Reading

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.

Reflection

Montreat Slideshow

***Closing Song** Light Our Path, Zach Light-Wells

Announcements

***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:

- **How the New Testament Was Formed:** This adult class explores the formation of the New Testament. Steve Braden will lead following worship, also available via Zoom.

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

Sept 14: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Sept 21: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Sept 28: (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

Sept 14: Kolb family

Sept 21: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Sept 28: (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



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 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** Our Men's Bible study group will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday with our next meeting Wednesday, Sept. 24th, at 6PM, 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 work on Mondays and usually Wednesdays, weather permitting. Reach out to Denise.

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.



* **Fundraiser** through Open Circle Church selling Apple Pies! Please order your fresh frozen Swedish Apple pies to support the 13th Annual CROP Hunger Walk by Sept. 25. They are \$15 each or 2 for \$25 and all proceeds go towards global and local hunger relief. We assemble and freeze the pies so you can bake them whenever you wish. If you order through one of our sponsoring churches, you can pick up your pie at your Oct. 5 church service. Pies will also be available for pick up at the walk Oct. 5 or by special arrangement with Veda or Denise. Thank you for helping to end hunger, one step at a time! You can pay your church CROP walk organizer with cash or a check made out to CWS/CROP or contribute \$15 per pie (or 2 for \$25) at the walk. Thank you for supporting our walk! Order with QR code:

* Questions - email Veda at vmkanitz@gmail.com or if you can't get the link to work and want to order, contact Denise.

SoL Call

Stand for hunger justice:

September is hunger action month. Sign on to the CWS ecumenical hunger statement: <https://cwsconnect.org/hunger-statement/>

Or, learn more about Second Harvest Heartland's vision to end hunger: <https://www.2harvest.org/about-us/make-hunger-history>

Merry Old SoLs, our senior fellowship group, will gather on Wednesday, September 24, 9:30-11:30, at the home of Steve & Marge Braden in Rosemount. Please RSVP to Steve or Marge. We hope you can join us!

Eat at Famous Daves, 7593 147th St, AV, to support Spirit of Life Youth group. RSVP online but dine in Tues, Sept 30th, 5-8pm, and 20% will be donated back to the youth for Montreat 2026. See handout at info table for more details.

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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