

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 28, 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, Chris Sachs and Tracey Schnell

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Come, people of God—draw near to the Holy One who calls us by name.

All: We come to listen, to learn, to follow.

One: The God who spoke from the burning bush still speaks today.

All: "I Am" is with us—mystery and mercy, strength and hope.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

All: Together we lift our hearts in praise.

Light the Candle

Prayer

***Opening Song** Holy, Holy, Holy (Jesus Reigns) (CCLI #7067552)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** I Love You Lord (CCLI #25266)

Prayer of Illumination

Intro to Scripture

Scripture Exodus 2: 23- 3: 15; 4: 10-17

Children's sermon

Sermon The God Who Calls: I Am: God's Name, Our Call (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 Send Me, Lord (by Matt Redman, Josh Silverberg, & Mitch Wong) (CCLI #7138943) (Becky Brandt, 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** Go Tell Everyone (CCLI #434431)

***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 worshipping 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.

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, Oct 8th, at 6PM, at *Spirit of Life*.

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, October 5th, 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. With warmer weather, any type of container is acceptable. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FEED OUR NEIGHBORS!

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 28: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)
Oct 5: SoTR CROP Hunger Walk (Hotdish Hustle)
Oct 12: Chris Sachs

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

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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.

The South of the River CROP Hunger Walk is coming October 5!

UPDATES: Spirit of Life is hosting, and preparations are well under way, but we still have gaps in important areas! We need more Spirit of Life team members committed to fundraising! Please consider joining the team! <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/spirit-of-life-presbyterian-church>

- We NEED VOLUNTEERS! To help with set up, clean up, and just generally managing the building from end of worship until end of Walk. You can also help manage the Bake Sale, or help with registration, or serve as our photographer for the event! Sign up, or reach out to Denise Lewis if you want to help.
- BAKE SALE! It will be great -- we have many of your favorite bakers signed up to provide their delicious goodies!
- NEW THIS YEAR: **The CROP Walk HotDish Hustle!** This will be so much fun! We have commitments for NINE different hot dishes for you to sample, including vegetarian and gluten free options! Bring cash to "vote" for your favorite!
- Food drive to support Rosemount Resource Center food shelf -- non-perishable items, only. Pick up a grocery bag from the back table.

Donate to our team, or a specific team member! Our Kids Camp participants have led the way, making the first donation of \$177! THANK YOU, Kids Camp! Now, it's time for the rest of us to step up! You can donate online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/spirit-of-life-presbyterian-church-2> or write a check to Spirit of Life with "CROP Walk" on the memo line. The CROP Walk is Sunday, October 5, with set up immediately following worship, and then the bake-sale

and HotDish Hustle will begin about 11:45. The Walk will step off about 1:00 pm, after awarding the prize to the HotDish Hustle champ, and a brief program. For questions, contact Denise Lewis, dlewis9476@comcast.net.

Help Needed! Help us build multigenerational relationships at SoL by teaching a Sunday School class! All plans and supplies will be provided. Want to try it, but not by yourself? Team teach with a friend or Christine! Teachers needed October 26 and November 2 and 16. Reach out to Christine with questions or to sign up! 952-210-6412 // christine@christinesfloraltouch.com

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>

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.

Meet in the Middle is here! Join us Wednesday, October 1st for our family night schedule:

- 4:30-6:30pm children
- 6:00PM Family Dinner
- 6-8pm youth
- 6-8pm Men's group (2nd & 4th weeks)
- 7pm choir & small music group rehearsal

M&M will be starting on October 1. We will be serving meals at 6 p.m. **We need people to prepare meals.** If you would like to prepare and serve a meal, please contact Loretta Hunt at: lorettahunt5678@gmail.com with your name. Currently we need a meal provided for Wed, Nov. 12.

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.

Staff: Pastor: Rev. Robert (Rob) Smith (pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org)
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