

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 OCTOBER 19, 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, Jeff Mortimer & Steve Raatz

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God does not look at things people look at.

All: God looks at the heart.

One: In a world impressed by power and appearance,

All: God delights in faithfulness, compassion, and love.

One: Come, people of God — bring your whole selves before the One who calls and sees you.

All: We come to worship with open hearts and willing hands.

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

***Opening Song** Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #450)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Open the Eyes of My Heart (Hymn #452 & CCLI # 2298355)

Prayer of Illumination

Intro to Scripture

Scripture 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Children's sermon

Sermon The Work of Our Hands

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 Special Music: Build Your Kingdom Here (by Gareth Gilkeson, Chris Llewellyn and William Herron CCLI #6186078) (Chris Gant/Odosa Amadasun/Pastor Rob)

Doxology

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** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

***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:

- No Children's Sunday School today due to MEA weekend.
- Friends - By popular request, Steve Braden will be repeating another of the classes on the **formation of the New Testament**: October 19: Paul & the Pauline letters. Join us if it's of interest. All of the materials are still available online at: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ev2CTGa-TqKvo4yWzzYurVxgIUDtCL-Y?usp=drive_link.

Weekday Events:

- **(Tuesday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** 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>.

- **The Merry Old SoLs**, our senior fellowship group, will gather on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the home of Chris & Frank Sachs in Apple Valley, 9:30-11:30 am. Join us! RSVP to Steve or Marge Braden.
- Join us Wednesdays for our **Meet in the Middle** 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
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** Our Men's Bible study group will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday with our next meeting Wednesday, Oct 22nd, 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

Oct 19: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Oct 26: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Nov 2: Consecration Celebration Chili Cook-Off

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

Oct 19: Rebecca Brandt and Karen Miller

Oct 26: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED) Miller

Nov 2: (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



Confirmation Class for your 6th, 7th, or 8th grader! We'll meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month, so that our youth can continue participating in Wednesday night youth group. The connection and community that have been growing there are such an important part of their faith journey, and Pastor Rob wants to support that rhythm of fellowship and learning. Parents, please confirm with Pastor Rob that your child will be participating in Confirmation this year. Confirmation is an important and meaningful time in a young person's faith development. For many of our children who were baptized as infants or young children, their parents made promises of faith on their behalf. Confirmation is the time when your youth confirms that promise for themselves, claiming their faith as their own. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Rob.

Celebrate **Trunk or Treat at Spirit of Life Church on Sunday October 26th, 11:15-12:30** in the parking lot. Please decorate your car, trunk, and yourself and be prepared to hand out candy! This year we encourage you to also have a game or activity for the kids to play. Ideas could be Corn Hole, Fishing for candy, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, ring toss, etc. There will be prizes for costumes, decorated cars, most fun activity, etc. Please talk to Karen or Christine if you have any questions.

Spirit of Life is once again participating in the **Armful of Love project** which supplies Christmas gift cards to families in need in our community. In order for parents to have time to shop for their families our gift cards or cash donations are due much earlier. We are therefore requesting that donations be made by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8** – just after

Halloween! (See our Halloween "Arms Full of Love" display) Please purchase gift cards in \$25 increments from Target, Walmart, Cub, Aldi, Visa, MasterCard, or Amazon or make checks payable to Spirit of Life with Armful of Love in the memo line . THANKS FOR HELPING US PROVIDE A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR ALL!

Harvest of Talents Consecration Sunday with Chili Cook Off is November 2nd

immediately following worship. The various ministry teams of Spirit of Life will be bringing a special recipe of chili for sampling. If you're interested in preparing a chili, please reply to the office at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org with the type of chili you're bringing and we will plan space accordingly! It will be a fun celebration of the blessings!

Membership Class: Pastor Rob will be leading a New Member class at 11:15am on Sundays, Nov 9, 16, 23 and Dec 7 at the church. We'll be receiving the new members in worship on Sunday, Dec 14. If you plan to participate, or if you wish to join but these dates are challenging, please let Pastor Rob know right away.

Handbell Choir returns to Spirit of Life! All interested bell ringers are invited to join (beginners are welcome). Our 1st worship performance will be in Advent on Dec 7. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, Oct 29 from 8:15 to 8:45. From then on rehearsals will be from 7:45 - 8:15 on: Nov 5, 12, 19, and Dec 3 (no rehearsal Nov 26). The plan is to take a break in Jan and resume rehearsals in Feb for a Lenten or Palm Sunday worship performance and also in May if schedules allow. Please note that rehearsals are very important with Bell Choir - please make every effort to attend as many as you can. Talk to Martha if interested in participating!

SoL Call

Hunger is an injustice:

As people of faith, we commit to learning, educating, volunteering, donating, engaging and advocating so all may thrive with enough food—answering God's call to justice, kindness, humility and neighborly love. Sign the CWS 2025 Ecumenical Hunger Justice Statement: <https://cwsconnect.org/hunger-statement/>

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! Teacher needed November 9. Reach out to Christine with questions or to sign up! 952-210-6412 // christine@christinesfloraltouch.com

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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