

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 NOVEMBER 2, 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 Merry Close

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: When the noise of the world grows loud, God calls us to listen.

All: In the stillness, God's voice whispers peace.

One: When fear and weariness weigh us down, God renews our strength.

All: In quiet confidence, we find our hope again.

One: Today we come — hearts open, hands offered — to give thanks for all God has done.

All: With grateful hearts, we listen, we give, we worship.

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

***Opening Song** You Keep Hope Alive (CCLI #7125876)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Spirit of the Living God (Hymn #288)

Prayer of Illumination

Intro to Scripture

Scripture 1 Kings 19:1-13

Children's sermon

Sermon The Work of Our Hands (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 How Beautiful (by Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson) (Laurie Herman, Christine Kolb, Lisa Smith, Mary Brause, Kortney Dick, Sarah Rutherford)

Communion: 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.

Holy Communion

Communion Prayer

Announcements

***Closing Song** Build Your Kingdom Here (CCLI #6186078)

***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:

- **Children's Sunday School** class starts at 9:30am and goes until 10:15, then the kids will join adults in sanctuary for the Children's sermon.
- **Harvest of Talents Consecration Sunday with Chili Cook Off today!** immediately following worship. The various ministry teams of Spirit of Life bring a special recipe of chili for sampling. It's a fun celebration of the blessings!
- Today is **Replenish the LITTLE FREE PANTRY Sunday**. The pantry has been of great use to our neighbors and is in need of frequent replenishment. And now that we're looking a below freezing temps possible, we need to eliminate glass jars and often canned items from our LITTLE FREE PANTRY. We suggest items in boxes, bags, paper wrapping, foil packets, plastic jars etc. We can store canned items in our entryway cupboard and put out as weather allows. Suggestions Include: Pasta Products, Pasta

Sauce, White Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Boxed Potatoes, Cereal / Oatmeal, Fruits and Vegetables, tuna, ANY Nonperishable Items. Hunger persists in our neighborhood and we thank you for your help!

Weekday Events:

- **(Tuesday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** so join us Tuesday and come as you are. This week we meet at Cracker Barrel, Lakeville.
- 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

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

Nov 2: Consecration Celebration Chili Cook-Off
Nov 9: Marge Braden
Nov 16: Pat Ekstrom

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

Nov 2: Monique, Kai & Cor Lander
Nov 9: Vasanth Sivan, Mark Devine, Maya Sivan
Nov 16: **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 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 is 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. **Next class: Nov. 9th.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Rob

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. NOTE CORRECTION: We are requesting that donations be made today! (See our Halloween "Arms Full of Love" display) Please give 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. 360 COMMUNITIES IS ASKING THAT WE ATTACH A RECEIPT (GIFT OR REGULAR) TO EACH GIFT CARD, IF POSSIBLE. COPIES ARE ACCEPTABLE. THANKS FOR HELPING US PROVIDE A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR ALL!

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 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

The Majority Project

A mass, coordinated post card mailing campaign to flood Congress with the facts and prove the real majority stands for progress. <https://www.signsofjustice.com/products/tmp>

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.

Our **Community Service food shelf donation garden** is wrapping up for the season. Most of it has been cleared out, but we may still be able to deliver some eggplant and herbs, if we don't get a hard freeze soon! We had a better rain season this year, so the garden was more productive: we delivered a total of 754.5 pounds to Rosemount Resource Center. Thanks for your ongoing support, and to the team of garden helpers!!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesdays at the church!! Men's Bible study group meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 12th, at 6:00 PM.

It's time to talk Christmas with the **Poinsettia youth fundraiser!** Funds raised will go toward the youth Montreat trip next summer. Orders due to the church office by end of business on December 8, 2026.

Bachman's delivery will be the week of December 15-19 (TBD)

Available for purchase:

Red Poinsettia: 6.5" for \$15/each	OR	Red Poinsettia: 8" for \$22/each
White Poinsettia: 6.5" for \$15/each	OR	White Poinsettia: 8" for \$22/each
Pink Poinsettia: 6.5" for \$15/each	OR	Pink Poinsettia: 8" for \$22/each

...Pots will be wrapped with gold foil.

...Please indicate whether you are ordering for your home or for the sanctuary adornment. Reach Becky Brandt at thebrandtfam@gmail.com with 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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