

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 5, 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, Merry Close and several in person who will represent various countries around the world!

Prelude

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who hunger for justice, all who thirst for peace.

All: God provides bread from heaven, enough for each and every one.

One: From wilderness wanderers to city dwellers, from every nation and language—

All: We gather at one table, many members, one body.

One: On this World Communion Sunday, we remember that Christ's table stretches wider than borders and longer than walls.

All: We come with gratitude and hope, ready to be fed and to be sent.

One: Let us worship God, who gives us bread for the journey and calls us to feed the world,

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

***Opening Song** Gather Us In

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Prayer of Illumination

Intro to Scripture

Scripture Exodus 16:1-18

Children's sermon

Sermon song

Sermon The

Call To Offering and Prayer

Ushers will circulate offering plates for those who wish to give in this way. Online giving is also available on our website.

Offertory Hamba Nathi [traditional South African] (Spirit of Life Choir)

Communion Instructions

We welcome you to an open table where all are welcome. To share this welcome, the bread served is gluten free, and for the cup we share both grape juice (white) and wine (red). As you are able, come to the front to receive communion and bring it back to your seat where we will all receive the bread and cup together as one. If needed, remain in your seat and we will bring communion to you.

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.

Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Prayer

Announcements

***Closing Song** Thuma Mina (Send Me, Jesus) [traditional South African]

Commissioning of our Walkers and Helpers

***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:

- ***The South of the River CROP Hunger Walk is today!*** Spirit of Life is hosting but we could use more Spirit of Life team members so please talk with Denise immediately following worship. For ***The CROP Walk HotDish Hustle*** we have commitments for NINE different hot dishes for you to sample, including vegetarian and gluten free options! Cast your "vote" for your favorite with cash! For the food drive to support Rosemount Resource Center food shelf -- non-perishable items only, in 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. Set up is immediately following worship today, 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.

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 5: SoTR CROP Hunger Walk (Hotdish Hustle)
- Oct 12: Chris Sachs
- Oct 17: (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

- Oct 5: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)
- Oct 12: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)
- Oct 17: (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.** to join us Tuesday and come as you are. This coming week the coffee group will meet this first Tuesday of the month, Oct. 7th, 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** 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 leave items from the store or your cupboards today for **Replenish the Little Free Pantry Sunday** today! 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!

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.

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>

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

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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