

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 16, 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, Steve Raatz & Oghomwen Amadasun

Prelude

Welcome Song

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: In the shadows of fear and uncertainty, a light has dawned.

All: God's promise shines where we least expect it.

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: We gather to reflect this light, to live as children of hope.

One: The light of Christ brings warmth to the weary, peace to the troubled, and joy to the seeking.

All: Come, let us worship the One who is Light in our shadows and hope in our waiting.

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

***Opening Song** Here I Am to Worship (CCLI #3266032)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Hymnal #377)

Prayer of Illumination

Intro to Scripture

Scripture Isaiah 9:1-7

Children's sermon

Sermon Song

Sermon A Great Light (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 Total Praise (by Richard Smallwood) (Spirit of Life Choir)

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** My Lighthouse (CCLI #7002032)

***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.
- **Membership Class:** Remaining classes are Nov 16, 23 and Dec 7 at 11:15am at the church. We'll be receiving the new members in worship on Sunday, Dec 14.

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 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>.

- 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 16: Pat Ekstrom
Nov 23: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
Nov 30: Dan and Yuko Kurtti

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 16: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
Nov 23: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
Nov 30: **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



Hey everybody! We'll be **decorating for Advent** after services on Sunday, November 23rd. Many hands make light work so we'd like to have as many people as possible stay and help!

Listening Circles – December 7 & 14 following worship. As Spirit of Life shapes a renewed **mission and vision**, we're inviting every voice to be heard. Join a **Listening Circle after worship** to share your hopes and insights for our church's future. Sign up at the information table or email spirit@spiritoflifeav.org.

Would you like to join the Deacons and Community service teams in preparing **Christmas cookie trays**? Sign up at the info table to bring 3-4 dozen cookies on Sunday, December 14th, and following worship, we'll enjoy fellowship while we prep trays in the conference room! See Rose McMurray with questions.

SoL Trip to the Westminster Town Hall Forum featuring The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde is Thursday, December 4. We will leave Spirit of Life by 10:30 am. There is live music by Ann Reed at 11:30 and the forum is from 12- 1 pm. We should be back to church by 1:30 pm. How Much Can a Human Heart Hold? To Persevere in Hope in Fearful Times "Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde is the first woman elected spiritual leader for the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, which includes the Washington National Cathedral. Previously, Bishop Budde

served as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis for 18 years. Join us as Bishop Budde shares her thoughts on the intersection of faith and politics and speaking truth to power. She will offer insight on how we can support one another and keep hope alive." Sign up in the back of the sanctuary or by texting Christine at 952-210-6412.

Calling all handbell ringers (beginners are welcome). Our 1st worship performance will be in Advent on Dec 7. Rehearsals will be from 7:45 - 8:15 on: Nov 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. Talk to Martha if interested in participating!

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. **Next class: Nov. 23rd.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Rob.

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 26th, at 6:00 PM.

SoL Call TIME SENSITIVE
Protect the Boundary Waters

Options: register for a webinar describing the risks, and actions you can take. Or, click the link to easily send a message to your elected representatives.
<https://www.savetheboundarywaters.org/supporter-webinars>
<https://www.savetheboundarywaters.org/action-borderbill2025>

Funds raised with the **Poinsettia youth fundraiser** will go toward the youth Montreat trip next summer. Orders due to church office by end of business December 8. Bachman's delivery will be the week of Dec 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.

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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