

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 JANUARY 11, 2026

**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, Denise Lewis, Steve Raatz

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: In the turning of the year, when the lights come down and the calendar turns, God is still at work.

All: We come carrying hope, questions, and unfinished joy.

One: When celebration runs thin and expectations fall short, Christ does not turn away.

All: God meets us with abundance and grace.

One: Come, whether your cup feels full or nearly empty.

All: We come trusting the God who brings new wine, new life, and new beginnings.

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

Opening Song Our God (by Matt Redman & Chris Tomlin)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Lord, Make Me Over

Prayer of Illumination

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture John 2: 1-11

Children's sermon

Sermon

Testimony

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 New Wine (by Hillsong Worship) (Singers: Beauty and Odosa Amadasun)

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.

Announcements

Closing Song Make Me New Again

***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.

Weekday Events:

- **(Tuesday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** We meet at Spirit of Life, in person or online, this coming Tuesday, January 13th. 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>.

It is JANUARY, so we will begin our activities honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in meaningful and intergenerational ways. During worship **on January 11**, Jordan Cornormia and Odosare Amadasun will be sharing their perspectives on "what feels authentic vs. performative when celebrating Black stories." During the service **on January 18**: Alvine Laure Siaka and Lumsina Kube will be sharing their migration stories reflecting on their journeys and lived experiences.

Immediately following worship on January 18:

- Soul Food Potluck + Recipe Exchange: A shared meal honoring culture, history, and fellowship. Look for the sign up sheet on the back table.
- Screening of "Eyes on the Prize" (Episode 1): Eyes on the Prize - S01E01 - Awakenings, 1954-1956 - video Dailymotion. The first episode of the landmark Civil Rights documentary series (1954-1983) will be viewed during the meal.
- Intergenerational Conversation: A cross-generational conversation on civil rights, justice, hope, and Dr. King's vision for the beloved community. Questions can be directed to Alvine Laure Siaka or Karen Johnson.

Join us for an MLK Day of Service at Spirit of Life on MONDAY, JANUARY 19, BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM. A simple lunch will be provided to all participants, when our project is completed. Please sign up in the back so we know how much to prepare for lunch. Remember to bring your pledged food items BY NEXT SUNDAY, January 18. And please bring paper grocery bags, if you can!

Civil Rights Class in February: Starting February 1, Steve Braden will lead an after-worship adult class on Civil Rights in 2026. We'll start with a look at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's, and move on to current issues such as voting rights, immigrant rights, religious freedom, and others.

Confirmation class for 6th, 7th, or 8th graders will resume meeting January 11, 2026, and meeting the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.

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

Jan 11: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Jan 18: Martin Luther King potluck (be sure to sign up!)

Jan 25: (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

Jan 11: Jeff Mortimer

Jan 18: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Jan 25: Patrick Keohane & Barb Ostlund



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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the church!! The next meeting is Wednesday, January 14th, at 6:00 PM.

M&M meals will be starting on February 11th. We will be serving meals at 6p.m. We need people to prepare meals. If you would like to prepare and serve a meal, please sign up on signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary or contact Loretta Hunt at lorettahunt5678@gmail.com to let her know which of the following Wednesday work best for you: Wednesday, February 18, March 4, March 18, April 15, or April 29. Thank you!

SoL Call: A New Year of Resistance!

Women's March MN keeps a calendar of protest opportunities, covering several issues. Find something that you feel passionate about!
<https://www.womensmarchmn.com/google-calendar>

SoL Kids' Corner:

-Sunday School is on Winter Break! We will resume on Sunday, January 11.
-Meet in the Middle is on Winter Break, too! We will resume February 11.
-"Save the Date! **SoL Kids' Camp will be August 10-14!** Open to kids going into K-6th grade and to middle/high schoolers that want to help! More info will be shared later this spring. Contact Christine, 952-210-6412 or christine@christinesfloraltouch.com with any questions."

Winter Chrysalis Women's Retreat at Clearwater Presbyterian Forest is Feb 20-22, 2026 (starts at 4pm Feb 20th). Theme is Our Daily Bread: What Do You Knead? Speaker is the Reverend Elaine Boyd. Fee is \$300, covers 2 nights of lodging in a double room, speaker presentations, entertainment, programming and 5 meals. A \$75 deposit is required, first time attendees are eligible for a \$50 discount. Scholarships are available. Register at Retreats | Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center "Women's Chrysalis". Questions, contact Karen Johnson, she has gone many years. You can carpool with Karen to Clearwater Forest.

On your way out after service, help yourselves to a **FREE Xcel Energy Greenlite LED Nite Lite** (twin pack), or take a box to share!

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.

2026 Per Capita is \$43.75

Usual Church Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 10-3. Call ahead to make sure as we work remotely some days.

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