

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 18, 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, Karen Johnson, Tracey Schnell

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: In every generation, God calls people to love boldly and act justly.

All: We gather to listen for God's voice among us.

One: When injustice takes root and sacred spaces are misused, Christ does not remain silent.

All: Jesus disrupts what harms and restores what gives life.

One: This weekend, we remember the witness of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who believed that faith must move our feet toward justice.

All: We come to worship the God who calls us to truth, courage, and love in action.

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

Opening Song Lift Every Voice and Sing

Testimony

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** We Shall Overcome

Prayer of Illumination**Introduction to Scripture**

Scripture John 2: 13-25

Children's sermon**Sermon****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**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 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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.

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.

Join us immediately following worship today:

- Soul Food Potluck + Recipe Exchange: A shared meal honoring culture, history, and fellowship.
- 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.

Weekday Events:

- ***For our MLK National Day of Service on Monday, January 19, please remember to bring in your pledged food items by Sunday, January 18, and place them in the Dove Room. Our activity will begin at 11:00 am on Monday, with a light lunch to follow. Please sign up on the info table in the back of the sanctuary if you plan to attend, to help our planning.*** Questions can be directed to Denise Lewis or Christine Kolb.
- ***(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 20th. 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 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 18: Martin Luther King potluck

Jan 25: Dan and Yuko Kurrti

Feb 1: 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 - Refreshments/Treats](#)

Usher/Greeter

Jan 18: Karen and Jerry Johnson

Jan 25: Patrick Keohane & Barb Ostlund

Feb 1: (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



Plan to stay after worship a little longer on **Sunday, January 25th, for the Annual Business Meeting** to receive the annual reports and remember the blessings of 2025.

Confirmation class for 6th, 7th, or 8th graders will meet January 25, 2026, and continue meeting the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.

Merry Old SoLs, our senior fellowship group, will gather on Wednesday, January 28, 9:30-11:30am, at the home of Marge & Steve Braden in Rosemount. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Steve or Marge.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the church!! The next meeting is Wednesday, January 28th, at 6:00 PM.

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.

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:

-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: Clearwater Presbyterian Forest: Feb 20-22 (starts 4pm, Feb 20th). Theme is Our Daily Bread: What Do You Knead? Speaker: Reverend Elaine Boyd. Fee of \$300 covers 2 nights lodging in a double room, speaker presentations, entertainment, programming & 5 meals. (\$75 deposit required, first time attendees are eligible for a \$50 discount.) Scholarships 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.

Join us for a south of the river joint event of Living Joy Lutheran Community (Prior Lake), Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church (Apple Valley), New Spirit UCC Church (Savage) and Presbyterian Church of the Apostles (Burnsville) on the critical topic of Christian Nationalism. Author of "Red State Christians" and "Disciples of White Jesus" to talk about how we as Christians can recognize and fight Christian Nationalism, **Rev. Angela Denker, will speak at Spirit of Life Church in Apple Valley February 24, 2026 at 6:30pm** at Spirit of Life Church in Apple Valley.

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.