

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 FEBRUARY 1, 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, Jeff Mortimer and Steve Raatz

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who are weary from divisions that run deep—
from walls built by fear, history, and harm.

All: We come, longing for living water.

One: Come, you who have been taught who belongs and who does not,
who may speak and who must remain silent.

All: We come, ready to listen for God's truth.

One: At a well in the heat of the day, Jesus crossed lines others would not
cross— of gender, race, religion, and respectability.

All: And in that crossing, new life began.

One: Here, God meets us not in safe places, but in honest ones. Not to shame
us, but to free us.

All: Open our hearts, O God. Break down what divides us.

One: Come and worship the One who sees us fully, loves us deeply, and sends
us boldly.

All: We come to worship in spirit and in truth.

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

Opening Song We Are Called (Hymn #749)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Thy Word (Hymn #458) (CCLI #14301)

Prayer of Illumination

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture John 4: 5-29, 42

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 Peace (by Ed Cash) (CCLI #7149280) (Mary Brause, singer)

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

Announcements

Closing Song For Everyone Born (CCLI #7228536)

***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.
- **From Community Service — Announcing a Gluten-Free February Food Drive!** We learned from our recent delivery of gluten-free birthday cake kits that gluten-free items are request food shelf clients, and are often not available. So, we are doing a flash gluten-free drive! Bring your gluten-free donations to church today, Feb 1, or Feb 8, placing them on the table by the sound booth, and a Community Service team member will deliver them to RFRC on Feb 9. Thanks!
- **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.

Weekday Events:

- **(Tuesday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** We meet in person only at Cracker Barrel, 17189 Kenyon Ave, Lakeville, MN this coming Tuesday, February 3rd. The following Tuesday we will return to Spirit of Life where it is open for you to pop in and out any time. 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

Feb 1: Pat Ekstrom

Feb 8: *(VOLUNTEER NEEDED)*

Feb 15: Karen and Emma Meyer

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

Feb 1: Mark Devine, Vasanth Sivan, Jerry Johnson

Feb 8: Scouts

Feb 15: *(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 6th, 7th, or 8th graders will meet **February 8th**, and continue meeting the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.

SoL Call: Volunteer opportunity

Help raise funds to support our food shelf by volunteering to bag groceries at Rosemount Cub Feb. 7 or 8. <https://360communities.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/superbagging2026>

M&M meals will be starting Feb 11th. We will be serving meals at 6p.m. and 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: Wednesdays, March 4, April 15, or April 29. Thank you!

Plan now to join us for our **Ash Wednesday family evening on Wednesday, February 18th.**

4:30pm Meet in the Middle
6:00pm Pancake Family Meal
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Family service for children, youth & adults
Post Meal Cleanup

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the church! at 6:00 PM!

SoL Kids' Corner:

-Meet in the Middle 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.

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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