

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 15, 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, Chris Sachs, Merry Close

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Jesus comes among us as light for the world — not to shame our blindness, but to open our eyes.

All: We come longing to see more clearly — God, neighbor, and ourselves.

One: Sometimes we see only what is comfortable. Sometimes we miss the image of God right in front of us.

All: Open our eyes, O Christ, that we may see with humility and compassion.

One: The One who healed the blind still meets us — still calling us toward deeper vision and fuller love.

All: We come to worship the Light of the World, who helps us truly see.

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

Opening Song Open My Eyes Medley: Open My Eyes, That I May See, Open Our Eyes (CCLI #1572), Open the Eyes of My Heart (CCLI #2298355)

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

Scripture John 9: 1-41 (NRSVUE)

Children's sermon

Sermon I Was Blind...Now What? (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 Speak to Me (by Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes, Amanda Cook and Jacob Cook) (CCLI# 7070518) (Lisa Smith, singer)

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 Lord, Listen To Your Children (CCLI #22829)

***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.
- **Civil Rights Class in February:** After worship in February, Steve Braden is leading a class looking at current issues in civil rights, including voting rights, immigration issues, and others.

Weekday Events:

- **(Tuesday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** This week we meet at Spirit of Life where it is open for you to pop in and out any time, in person or online. 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>.

NOTE: If you brought palm branches home last Palm Sunday, feel free to bring them this week on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, to help make our ashes.

FROM COMMUNITY SERVICE:

◇We're helping launch the South Metro Church Coalition Food Program, a multi-church effort (including Spirit of Life, Living Joy Lutheran, Risen Savior Catholic, Grace UMC, New Spirit UCC, and others) supporting local families in need.

◇You can donate through Spirit of Life (mark "food program") and volunteer opportunities are coming. To learn more or get involved, sign up at the sound booth table or contact Denise Lewis (dlewis9476@comcast.net)

◇We delivered 41 pounds of gluten-free products to RFRC, as a result of our flash food drive, and they were thrilled to receive it! Thank you to all who donated!

NEW SoL Call: Upholding constitutional rights

Resources and training for protecting rights for all people in Minnesota.

<https://monarcamn.org/about>

Plan now to join us for our **Ash Wednesday family evening on Wednesday, February 18th.** (See Lent flyer for additional Lent worship details)

4:30pm Meet in the Middle

6:00pm Pancake Family Meal

6:30pm Ash Wednesday Family service for children, youth & adults

Post Meal Cleanup

Confirmation class for 6th, 7th, or 8th graders will meet February 22nd, and continue meeting the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.

Christian Nationalism: Understanding Its Harm to the church and our civics

— **Feb 24, 6:30pm:** Rev. Angela Denker will explore how Christian Nationalism distorts faith and damages culture, community, and public life. Hosted at Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley.

Merry Old SoLs, our senior fellowship group, will gather on Wednesday, **February 25, 9:30-11:30**, at the home of Chris & Frank Sachs in Apple Valley. We hope you can join us. RSVP to Steve or Marge Braden.

THANKS! The Larson family wishes to thank the volunteers for helping with Tom Larson's memorial service. We felt very comforted by people's presence and the gifts of shared (time, flowers and food).

SoL Kids' Corner:

• **Save the Date – SoL Kids' Camp: Aug 10–14**, for kids entering **K–6** and middle/high school helpers. More details coming this spring. Questions? Christine: **952-210-6412** or **christine@christinesfloraltouch.com**

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

Please note: Please do not put plastic bags in our blue recycle bins. Those bags need to be returned to the store if they have a recycle code on them.

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

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 15: Karen and Emma Meyer

Feb 22: Monique Lander

Mar 1: Christine Kolb and Terri Dahlberg

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 15: Pat Ekstrom, Patrick Keohane, Deon Ford

Feb 22: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Mar 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

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

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