

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 SCOUT SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 2, 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, Scouts

Helping lead worship today, our Scouts from the Pack and Troop 292 include: Scout Leader Andrew Cleveland, Staphanie and Asher Peterson (Pack), Charlie Currens (Troop), Calvin Gifford (Troop), Paxton Maley-Hapip (Troop), Reed Munson (Troop), and Elizabeth Pasillas (Troop)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who are searching for hope.

All: We come trusting that God meets us where we are.

One: Come, all who are carrying worry or fear.

All: We come believing that God hears our prayers.

One: Come, all who take steps of courage—even when the way is unclear.

All: We come trusting the word Jesus speaks: "Go; your child will live."

One: Come, people of faith, hope, and love.

All: Let us worship the God who brings healing and life.

Light the Candle

Opening Prayer

Opening Song The Summons (CCLI #1040329)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

*Passing of Peace

***Song** Lord of All Hopefulness (CCLI #7242402)

Prayer of Illumination

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture John 4: 46-54

Children's sermon

-Children's Offering/Change for Change

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 I Speak Jesus (by Dustin Smith, Jesse Reeves, Carlene Prince, Raina Pratt, Kristen Dutton and Abby Benton) (Becky Brandt, 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

Scout Awards: Thanksgiving and Recognition: Scouting and Faith Awards: Johnny Currens: God and Family Award; Charlie Currens: God and Church Award; and Ryan Currens: Building Faith in You Award

Closing Song The Blessing (CCLI #7147007)

***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.

- Today is the 2nd Sunday of the month and the kids will be collecting for their **Children's Offering/Change for Change**. Please drop in your loose change. Thank you!
- **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! Leave your gluten-free donations at church today, 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:** Civil Rights Class: After worship in February, Steve Braden is leading a class looking at current issues in civil rights, including voting rights, immigration issues, and others.
- **Confirmation class** for 6th, 7th, or 8th graders will meet February 8th, and continue meeting the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.

Weekday Events:

- **(Tuesday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** This week we return to 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>.

FROM COMMUNITY SERVICE:

These are challenging days in Minnesota, and many neighbors are living with fear. As Christians, we're called to respond with compassion and action.

- **La Vina Church (Burnsville)** is doing impactful grassroots support — donate or volunteer: iglesiavina.org
- **Stand With Minnesota** lists vetted ways to help statewide: standwithminnesota.com
 ◇ We're also 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)

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>

Invitation: *"Visit our Black History board this week and share your voice, your reflections help shape our understanding of justice and faith in our current moment."*

Black History: Faith, Justice, and the Beloved Community

Purpose: To encourage ongoing reflection on justice, discipleship, and how the legacy of Black faith leaders calls us to courageous compassion in times of hurt, uncertainty, and division. *"Justice, to me, means..."* All are invited to write a short response on a sticky note and place it on the board.

SoL Kids' Corner:

- **Children's Offering / Change for Change:** This Sunday (2nd Sunday of the month). Please bring loose change — thank you!
- **Meet in the Middle:** Back on **Feb 11!** Need a ride? Contact Christine at **952-210-6412**.
- **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

Winter Chrysalis Women's Retreat: Clearwater Forest Presbyterian Camp | Theme: Our Daily Bread — What Do You Knead? | Speaker: Rev. Elaine Boyd. Cost \$300 (lodging, programming, 5 meals); \$75 deposit required. First-time attendees receive \$50 off; scholarships available | Register at Clearwater Forest ("Women's Chrysalis"). Questions or carpool info: Karen Johnson.

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.

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.** (See insert for 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

The next **Merry Old SoLs** will be 9:30am, February 18th, Ash Wednesday, at Chris Sachs'.

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.

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

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.

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 8: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Feb 15: Karen and Emma Meyer

Feb 22: (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 - Refreshments/Treats](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAFA92FAAFCC34-50066232-spirit)

Usher/Greeter

Feb 8: Scouts

Feb 15: Pat Ekstrom

Feb 22: (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

