

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 MARCH 8, 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. Doug Pagitt, Pat Ekstrom, Steve Raatz*

Prelude

Opening Song You Are My All In All (CCLI #825356)

Welcome

Prayer

Song Come and Fill Our Hearts (Hymn #466)

***Passing of Peace**

Song What Wondrous Love is This (Hymn #215 vs 1 & 2)

Scripture John 18: 12-27 (NRSVUE)

Children's sermon

Sermon Love That Will Not Look Away: Love That Does Not Turn Away When We Do (Rev. Doug Pagitt)

Reflective Song Love That Will Not Look Away

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 Deep Within (by David Haas) (Christine Kolb, 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 Oceans (CCLI #6428767)

***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 share your loose change. Thank you!

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>.

SoL Kids' Corner:

- Our **annual Easter egg hunt** will be held on Palm Sunday, March 29! You can be part of the fun by donating individually wrapped candies or VERY TINY toys. Fortunately, the kids emptied their eggs before taking treats home last year so we have plenty of plastic eggs to reuse! Please put your donations in the basket in the front hall before March 22. Rain or shine, we look forward to a fun day for our kids!
- **Save the Date – SoL Kids' Camp: Aug 10–14**, for children entering **K–6** and middle/high school helpers. More details coming this spring. Questions? Christine: **952-210-6412** or christine@christinesfloraltouch.com

Pastor Rob is offering a **New Member Class**, beginning with an informational meeting on Sunday, April 12th, following worship. Additional tentative meetings dates are April 19, 26 & May 3. New Member Sunday would be May 31st. If questions or complications with these dates, please talk to Pastor Rob!

The **Merry Old SoLs**, our senior fellowship group, will have a Pi Day Potluck on Saturday, March 14, at 11:30 am at the Bradens' in Rosemount. You are invited to bring a pie to share. RSVP to Steve or Marge Braden, and please specify whether you are bringing a sweet or savory pie. We hope you can join us!

We are **selling Easter flowers** to help raise money for the Montreat Trip. See insert for details on purchasing tulips, mums, hydrangeas, a pansy bowl, azaleas or a lily. Orders due March 23rd.

Civil Rights Class: The adult class on civil rights will meet resume next Sunday, March 15th, after worship to explore issues of autocracy.

New SoL Call: Show up for DEMOCRACY!

No Kings 3, the third nation-wide protest, March 28. Many events planned for the Metro -- find one that works for you!
<https://www.nokings.org/>

March is MN FoodShare Month! Community Service will collect food donations from March 1 through April 5, with all donations going to

Rosemount Family Resource Center (360 Communities). You can also donate financially, which is highly recommended, because they can make the money go further. Make checks out to "Spirit of Life" with MN FoodShare on the memo line, or in the notes if you donate online. Next week is Italian week.

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

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

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

Mar 8: Dan and Yuko Kurtti

Mar 15: Mary Brause

Mar 22: Chris Sachs

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

Mar 8: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Mar 15: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Mar 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

