

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.
- ◇ Out of reverence for worship, please switch off your phone before it speaks in tongues.

ORDER OF WORSHIP APRIL 26, 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 Tracey Schnell*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: When we feel bound by fear or uncertainty,
All: God's Spirit draws near with freedom and life.

One: When chains—seen or unseen—hold us back,
All: God's love breaks through and sets us free.

One: When freedom feels distant or out of reach,
All: God's liberation is already unfolding among us.

One: Come, let us worship the God who liberates,
All: Whose Spirit is alive and moving among us.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Opening Song Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Hymn #65)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

Passing of the Peace

Song Be Still My Soul (Hymn #819)

Prayer of Illumination

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Acts 16: 16-34

Children's sermon

Sermon A New Way of Being: A Love That Liberates

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 City of God (by Dan Schutte) (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 Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) (CCLI #476815)

***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 worshipping 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 Event:

- **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. Regular Sunday School on 4/26 and 5/17. Special Recognition Sunday, May 3! No Sunday School on Mother's Day.

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>.
- **Meet in the Middle meets Wednesdays, 4:30-6pm.** It's another exciting year of Meet in the Middle at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church*! From 4:30-6pm, kids will be playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing, Bible lessons and more! Parents join the kids for 6pm dinner. (A free will offering will be taken for dinner). *We have 1 more week of M&M: 4/29.
- **Youth group** meets Wednesdays, 6-8pm.

SoL Kids' Corner:

- **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

Cabaret Fundraiser – Get your tickets today!

Join us on Saturday, May 2, from 6:00–9:00 PM for our annual Cabaret—an evening of dinner, entertainment, and a silent auction. Suggested ticket price is \$30, which includes the meal and festivities. You are invited to give as you are able—pay what you can, or more if you're able—to help make this a welcoming evening for all. This special event supports our youth as they prepare for their trip to Montreat. Tickets will be available for purchase starting this Sunday after worship. We hope you'll join us!

SoL Call: Honoring Alex Pretti

The department of Nursing at U of M has established a scholarship fund to honor a beloved alumnus, with his family's support. Donate, if you feel moved to: <https://crowdfund.umn.edu/campaign/AlexPretti>

Our LITTLE FREE PANTRY has been of great use to our neighbors and is in need of frequent replenishment! We have resumed stocking it with canned items as well as other non perishables. Please help us next Sunday, May 3rd, on **REPLENISH THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY Sunday** and leave donations in the

little pantry or in the cabinet inside the church entry. Many thanks for your wonderful support of our pantry and neighbors!

Pastor Rob is offering a **New Member Class**. Remaining meetings dates are April 26 & May 3. New Member Sunday will be May 31st. If questions or complications with these dates, please talk to Pastor Rob!

MN FoodShare: Thank you for your generous support of our MN FoodShare 2026 March Campaign! We delivered a total of 189 pounds of food to Rosemount Resource Center, and they will receive a check for \$1,325 to use to purchase MORE food! Thanks, again!

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

We have a few metal 4 drawer file cabinets, no longer needed by church. They are free to anyone, on a first come first picked -up, basis. There are two lateral and one vertical configuration cabinets. If you can use one or all, please email Shari at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org to set up pickup time.

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

April 26: Karen and Emma Meyer

May 3: Christian Education

May 10: *(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](#)

Usher/Greeter

April 26: *(VOLUNTEER NEEDED)*

May 3: *(VOLUNTEER NEEDED)*

May 10: Karen Meyer

Please use this link to sign up to serve as an Usher/Greeter—<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAFA92FAAFCC34-50066232-spirit>

