

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.
- ◇ If your cell phone goes off in worship today, we will take that as God's call that you will lead the next children's sermon.

ORDER OF WORSHIP MAY 3, 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, Denise Lewis and Merry Close

Prelude

Greeting Song The Hour has Come, the Hour of Fellowship & Faith Rolls the Mountain (Gladys Mbonifor, singer)

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We gather in a world that is beautiful and broken,

All: and God meets us here.

One: In every place, in joy and in struggle, in hope and in pain,

All: God is already at work.

One: We do not come to escape the world,

All: but to be renewed for it.

One: Come, let us turn our hearts toward God, and worship together

Opening Prayer

Opening Song Gather Us In

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace

Passing of the Peace

Song Breathe on me Breath of God (Hymn #286)

Prayer of Illumination

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Acts 17: 16-31

Children's sermon

Blessings to our 3rd graders who are receiving Bibles this morning as they grow and learn: Samantha Davis, Peter Ekame Jr, Anwyn Frost, and Keaton Kolb

Sermon A New Way of Being: A Love That Engages the World

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 Step by Step We are Moving on to the Altar With Our Gifts & We Will Thank Our Lord Everyday (Gladys Mbonifor, 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

Music During Communion Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees & Search Us Lord (Gladys Mbonifor, singer)

Announcements

Big thank you to the many volunteers who help make Sunday School and Meet in the Middle happen each week: Karen, Chris, Merry, Rose, Loretta, Gladys, Rebecca, Odosa, Beauty, Mykala, and Sammie

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 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. Special Recognition Sunday today, May 3! No Sunday School on Mother's Day. Regular Sunday School on 5/17.

Weekday Events:

- **(Tuesday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION with Pastor Rob meets Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am.** This week we meet in person only at Cracker Barrel, 17189 Kenyon Ave, Lakeville, MN this coming Tuesday, March 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. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>.
- **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

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 today, May 3rd, on **REPLENISH THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY Sunday** and leave your nonperishable food donations in the little pantry or in the cabinet inside the church entry, or drop your monetary gift in the offering (marked accordingly). Many thanks for your wonderful support of our pantry and neighbors!

Pastor Rob is offering a **New Member Class**. The remaining class is today, May 3. New Member Sunday will be May 31st. If questions, please talk to Pastor Rob!

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

May 3: Christian Education

May 10: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

May 17: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

Please use this link to sign up to prepare and serve coffee and treats for the fellowship time: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAFA92FAAFCC34-50066232-spirit>

Usher/Greeter

May 3: (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

May 10: Karen Meyer

May 17: (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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