

Spirit of Life offers special Christmas programs

Christmas is in the air and music is in the air at Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church in Apple Valley. Opening the holiday season will be a presentation by the church's handbell choir in the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 3. Then in the Dec. 10 worship service the vocal choir will perform one selection from the upcoming Christmas pageant, "Shout the Good News!"

On Dec. 17, during an all-ages special worship service, the children and youths will act out the story of the Nativity, as the choir performs two additional selections, "My Soul Glorifies the Lord" and "Of the Father's Love Begotten." The final selection will be "Some Children See Him," sung by the children along with the women of the choir.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, the church will conduct two services. The morning service, at 10 a.m., will incorporate the church's annual "Cocoa and Carols" program. The congregation will join in several of the many carols that celebrate the birth of Christ. At the conclusion of the service, Santa Claus will make a visit, and cocoa and cookies and other light refreshments will be served. In the evening service, at 5 p.m., there will be more music and Communion will be served.

The Rev. Robert Smith, pastor of Spirit of Life commented, "We are pleased to have had several more members joining the choir during this season to help us share in celebrating Christ's coming. And all of our neighbors are welcome to attend any of our holiday programs."

Spirit of Life is located at 14401 Pilot Knob Road in Apple Valley. For further information or directions, the church can be contacted at 952-423-2212 or <http://www.spiritoflifeav.org>.