

Spirit of Life Church plans special Christmas programs

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church in Apple Valley will offer four different special Christmas programs this month.

First, on Sunday, Dec. 16, in the 10 a.m. worship service, the choir will usher in the season, performing a cantata composed of nine anthems. The choir's director is Marge Lewis and the piano accompanist is Martha Davis.

Then, in the evening Dec. 16 at 6:30, the children and youth will present a pageant about Jesus' birth, titled "Twas the Night before Christmas." Following the program cocoa and cookies will be served, and Santa will make an appearance.

On Friday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. the church will inaugurate a Blue Christmas service. For those experiencing loss or struggling to find Christmas joy, Blue Christmas is a service that is more contemplative than traditional Christmas worship. The readings, music and message focus on God's comfort in difficult times.

Finally, on Monday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m., the church will conduct its annual Christmas Eve service. This one-hour family worship opportunity will include Communion.

The Rev. Robert Smith of Spirit of Life commented, "We are pleased to offer a variety of special holiday programs this year. All of our neighbors are welcome to attend any of our programs."

Spirit of Life is located at 14401 Pilot Knob Road in Apple Valley. For further information or directions, call the church office at 952.423.2212 or visit the church's website at <http://www.spiritoflifeav.org>.