

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Sermon: “Transformed, Not Conformed”

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

***Sermon Hymn: “God Will Take Care of You”**

(Green # 56 /Screen)

***Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People/The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Offering/Offertory: “Let It Be Said of Us”

Elizabeth, Alan & Lyle

***Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

(Green # 98/Screen)

***Charge/Benediction: “Aaron’s Blessing”**

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

Postlude

Maggie Harp

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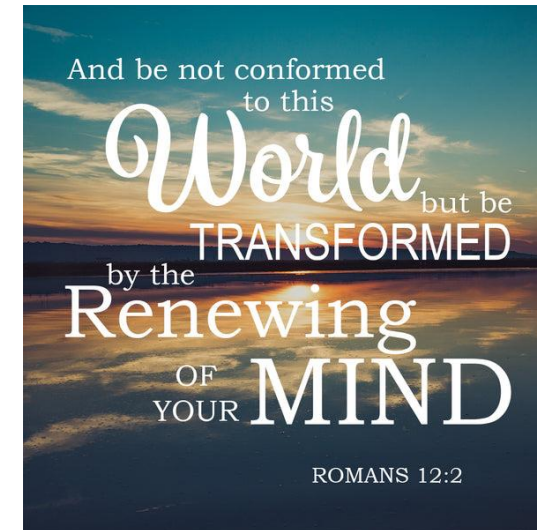
Sunday, August 27, 2023

8:30 a.m. Worship (Hopewood Chapel)

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

(On Facebook Live & KGLH 96.9 FM Radio)



As a community of Christ, Hope Presbyterian Church demonstrates the good news of God’s love, grace and hope.

- *We build relationships with one another in order that we might strengthen our ability to love God and love others.*
- *Visitors, youth and children are welcome to participate in worship, Bible Study, spiritual development opportunities, prayer, and service.*

God is here and welcomes you! If you are a visitor and are looking for a church home, be assured you are welcome and needed at Hope Presbyterian Church. We are a people who seek to respond to God's love in Christ and we invite you to join us.

Please be advised that our sanctuary worship service is on Facebook Live and taped for television broadcast, aired on Channel 18 (Windstream Cable) and Channel 181 (Charter Cable) on Sundays (2:30 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 8:30 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).

ATTENDANCE FOLDERS: Please fill out the attendance pad located at the inside end of your pew and pass it down your row. If you are visiting, please mark the visitor column and include your mailing address. Thank You!

***(Please stand as you are able)**

Prelude: "Father, I Adore Thee"

Elizabeth, Alan & Lyle Mangen
Maggie Harp

Welcome Lay Reader: 8:30 a.m. Susan Johnson 10:00 a.m. Kathy Taatjes

***Call to Worship**

One: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

ALL: We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One. Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

One: Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Green # 318/Screen)

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri**

(Blue #577/Screen)

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace** (Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another)

Announcements

Special Music:

8:30 a.m. Sing-a-Long
10:00 a.m. "Refiner's Fire"

Elizabeth, Alan & Lyle

Children's Sermon

Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. (Repeat)

Prayer for Illumination:

One: God of revelation, mere flesh and blood cannot reveal divine truth; only your Spirit can give that gift. Be in our ears and understanding, so that through these words your Word may be known.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 124

¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side —let Israel now say—

² **if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,**

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;

⁴ **then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;**

⁵ then over us would have gone the raging waters.

⁶ **Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**

⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸ **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

August 27: Bratberg Family

September 3: Nancy Birkeland & Mary O'Malley

Ushers

August 27: 8:30 am Bob & Wendy Barr

10:00 am Elroy Jones, Steve Barney, Jerry & Karen Bents

September 3: 8:30 am **Open**

10:00 am **Open**

*****Please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall (by the library) to usher or lay read. Thank You!**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

August 27: 8:30 am Susan Johnson

10:00 am Kathy Taatjes

September 3: 8:30 am **Open**

10:00 am **Open**

September 3: Communion Servers: 8:30 am Dee Schurman, Ali Johnson

10:00 am Steve Barney, Deb Ficek, Nancy Birkeland, Bob Sampson

Sound Operators: Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes

Video Operators: Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes,
Jerry Leason & Barry Sampson

Screen Operators: Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Jerry Bents

Radio Operators: Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes, Duane Taatjes

Contact Information for Rev. Dr. Brian Jones: For any pastoral emergencies in the evenings or weekends when the office is not open, please contact Pastor Brian on his cell phone (605-204-0625) or email him at brianwjones1980@hotmail.com

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge

We will be collecting paper towels and facial tissue for the CARE Pantry in the month of August. Place your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks!

September Hope Scope

The September Hope Scope is in your church mailbox, for those who requested this method of receiving it. Thanks!

Darlene Bratberg's 82nd Birthday

Please join Darlene and her family today during coffee to help her celebrate her 82nd birthday!!

Teacher Training

All Christian Education teachers, please attend training on Wednesday, September 6th at 5:30 p.m. Tyann will provide a meal!

Clearwater Forest Work Weekend

Join us for a great time! Everyone is welcome!! Clearwater Forest Work Weekend is September 15th, 16th and 17th. Please sign up on the sheet in the library if you are able to come! Jobs to be done are taking the docks out and removing the beach equipment and any other odd jobs that are needed.

Atwater Area Help for Seniors Health and Wellness Expo

Expo will be held on Tuesday, September 19th, 9am—11:30am, at the Atwater Community Center. Flu shot clinic by Homeland Health—call 974-8737 to set up appointment time, bring insurance information. Medication disposal for unwanted prescription drugs by Atwater Police & Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Dept.; free chair massages and blood pressure checks; 26 booths with specialty health care and senior care service providers; Aging Eyes low vision equipment. Snacks, door prizes, and a light lunch will be provided.

APPLICATIONS FOR A HABITAT HOME BEING ACCEPTED

Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota is seeking applicants for a 3-bedroom home in Spicer. Persons interested in Habitat's Homeownership Program may apply now through August 29, 2023. Program details are on [www. habitatwcm.org](http://www.habitatwcm.org) or on the bulletin board by the offices. Applications may be picked up at the Habitat office located at 4722 Highway 71 NE in Willmar.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 27 (Sunday)	8:30 a.m. Hopewood Chapel Worship 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship-Darlene Bratberg's 82 nd Birthday 9:15 a.m. Property Committee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
August 28 (Monday)	
August 29 (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Cross Roads Community Church
August 30 (Wednesday)	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
August 31 (Thursday)	Karen Out of Office
September 1 (Friday)	Office Closed
September 2 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
September 3 (Sunday)	Communion 8:30 a.m. Hopewood Chapel Worship (Last one for this year) 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

Please Note* If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card from the ushers and return it to them, which will be given to Pastor Brian.
Thank You!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Members with Health Concerns:

Barb Morris, John Williamson, Mark Radabaugh, Bob Hinderks, Dick Lindahl

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Dale (Friend of the Hagemeyers) Greg Skinner (Virginia McKean's son-in-law)
Jordan Bast Shelly Erickson
Holly (Dee Schurman's sister) Bob Dieken (Karen Bents' brother)
Pastor Jeff DeYoe Johnny Lee Larson (Virginia McKean's great grandson)

Grieving:

Family of Mike (Friend of the Hagemeyers), Family of Craig Sietsema, Family of Bob Sietsema

Care Facilities:

Kathy Jansen (Bethesda North Pointe), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), Barb Morris (Copperleaf-Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (PCU's at GlenOaks)

Other Concerns:

For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction
For those deeply wounded by domestic violence, mass shootings
For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war
For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19 pandemic
For those serving in the military in Ukraine and those living in Ukraine & Russia

August Deacons of the Month: Dave & Eileen Helmstetter

September Deacons of the Month: Kathy Terpstra & Deb Steele