

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty,...Great is the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Our Father, which 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.

Communion of the People (Bread is Gluten-Free)

Offering/Offertory: "The Stone is Rolled Away" Adult Choir

****The Deacon Offering** is taken on Communion Sundays, to assist the Deacons in their work in serving others and bringing the love of Jesus to the church and the community. Please use the Deacon envelopes provided in the pew rack.

****One Great Hour of Sharing** is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and vulnerable through three life-saving programs~Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. Please us the One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes in the pew rack.

***Doxology** (Blue # 592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn:** "Christ Arose" (Screen)

***Charge/Benediction:** "Aaron's Blessing" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/
Congregation echo

Postlude Maggie

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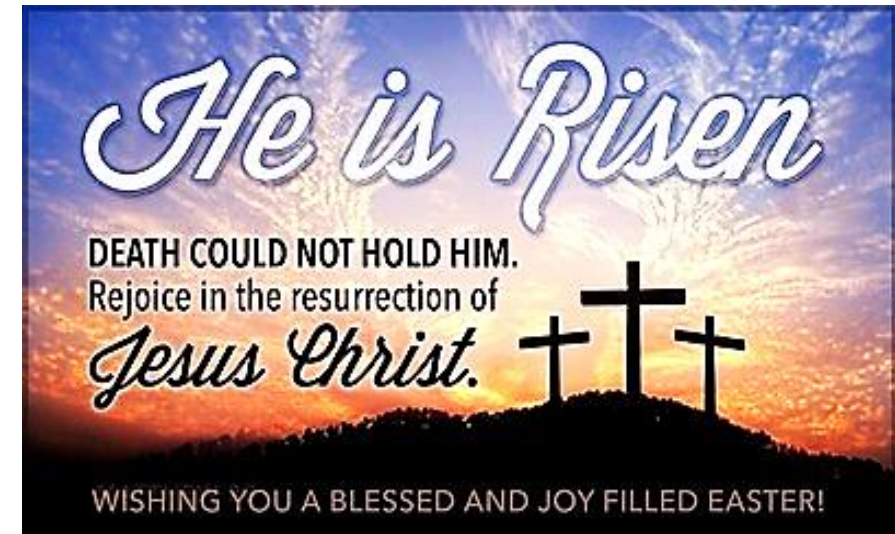
Website: hopechurchspicer.org

Sunday, April 9, 2023

9:15 a.m. Muffins, Juice & Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship - Communion

(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)**

Introit "Rise Up Easter Morning"

Adult Choir/Maggie Harp

Welcome

Lay Reader: Jeff Wersal

***Call to Worship**

One: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Let this place resound with joy.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***Opening Prayer**

One: Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, so that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

(Blue #123/Screen)

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, so that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us

courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation, through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri**

(Blue #577/Screen)

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

Announcements

Special Music: "Easter Angel Song" Nancy Birkeland, Solo

Adult Choir

Children's Sermon

Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

(STF #2193/Screen)

Prayer for Illumination:

One: Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit, roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Playing the Odds"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation:** "Come, Share the Lord"

(Sing the Faith #2269/Screen)

Sacrament of Communion: The Great Thanksgiving:

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right....who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

April 9: Session (Muffins, Juice & Coffee)

April 16: Brenda & Pete Bratberg (Confirmation Cookies)

Ushers

April 9: Duane, Alisa, Carter & Isaac Taatjes

April 16: Open

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

April 9: Jeff Wersal

April 16: Sue Block

Communion Servers:

Steve Barney, Deb Ficek, Dee Schurman, Wally Titus & Liz Windingstad

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

Presbytery Newsletter

Sign up to receive the Valley Bridge, our Presbytery newsletter, in your inbox! Just email our Presbytery Administrator, Karen Lange karen@minnesotavalleys.org and she will add you to the mailing list!

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

April is...Dish Detergent. Please leave your donations on the table by the church mailboxes.

Movie Night!

Everyone is invited to Movie Night at the Youth Center this Friday, April 14th 5-8 pm, with popcorn, pizza and pop!

Jo Holm's 90th Birthday Party

Please join Jo next Sunday, April 16th at the Atwater Community Center 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. to celebrate her 90th birthday. A light lunch will be served.

"These Days" Devotion Booklets

The devotion booklets for April-May-June are available in the Narthex, on the table in the library or in the office. Large print copies are also available.

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Let's Start a Craft Ministry!

Many of the members of our churches are involved in arts and crafts and use their talents to bless others. We can learn from each other! Let's Begin with a Greeting Card Ministry. Send paper hugs by tapping into your creative spirit and spend time in fellowship! Instructor: Mary Koch (Cambria Presbyterian Church, Cambria MN) will share about her card ministry. Make and take four greeting cards. All of the materials will be provided. No experience needed.

When: **Saturday, April 22, 2023 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 235 E 4th St., Redwood Falls, MN 56283**

Capacity: 20 people Cost: \$25.00, includes all materials needed, a morning treat and lunch. Pay at the door: Cash or checks payable to Presbytery of Minnesota

Valleys. RSVP to Deb Hess by email gmc1953dlh@aol.com or phone 507-829-6411. Deadline to sign up is **April 16, 2023.**

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 9 (Sunday)	Easter Sunday - Communion 9:15 a.m. Coffee (Muffins & Juice) & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
April 10 (Monday)	Office Closed – Easter Holiday
April 11 (Tuesday)	5:30 p.m. Meatball Supper Committee 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Evangelical Covenant 6:30 p.m. HPW Meeting Devotions: Darlene Bratberg
April 12 (Wednesday)	6:15 p.m. WOW, Pre-Confirmation 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir
April 13 (Thursday)	7:00 p.m. Circle II
April 14 (Friday)	Office Closed 5:00-8:00 p.m. Movie Night in the ROHYC
April 15 (Saturday)	9:30 a.m. Table Setting Luncheon 7:00 p.m. AA
April 16 (Sunday)	Confirmation Sunday 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Confirmation cookies & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Jo Holm's 90 th Birthday Party Atwater Community Center

****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:

Darlene Thompson, Pete Bratberg, Larry Bratsch, Darlene Bratberg, Bob Sampson, Bob Hinderks, Ed Johnston, Dick Lindahl, Sandy Ardoff, Judy Heath

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Kursten (Karen Hagemeyer's niece)
Kristi Barber
Gladys Guitz (Guatemala)
Kim (Friend of Sherry Bratsch)
Sandy Aalderks

Brian Johnson (Jo Holm's son)
Sue Anderson
Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece)
Ross Antonson (Deb Steele's brother)

Grieving:

Family of Sandra Amdahl, Family of Merle Elrod (Pastor Leah's Dad), Family of Gwen Fredeen

Care Facilities:

Gary Anfinson (Bethesda-Willmar), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Ed Johnston (GlenOaks Apts.), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), Bob Sietsema (Bethesda North Pointe), 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, violence in schools, 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 elsewhere

April Deacons of the Month: Sue Block & Robin Mulder