

***Closing Hymn:** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

(Blue #84/Screen)

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

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. echo

Postlude

Maggie

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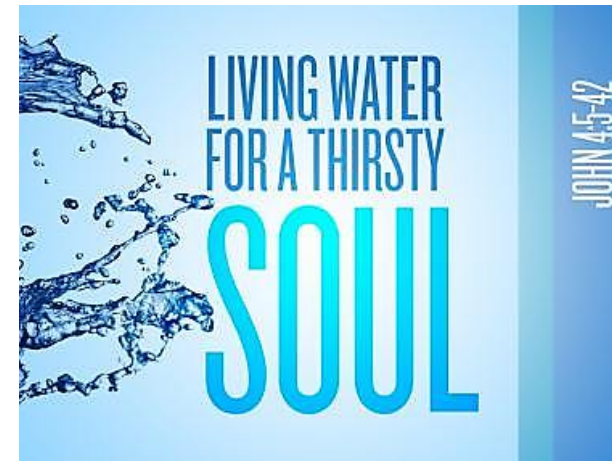
Website: hopechurchspicer.org

Sunday, March 12, 2023

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship

(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 Maggie Harp

Welcome Lay Reader: Sue Block

***Call to Worship**

One: O come, let us worship and bow down;

ALL: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

One: The hour is coming and is now here;

ALL: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

One: Lord God, Great I AM, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" (Screen)

Prayer of Confession

ALL: You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. 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: "Ah, Holy Jesus" Adult Choir

Children's Sermon

Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (STF #2193/Screen)

Prayer for Illumination:

One: Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 95

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

Sermon: "A Physics Lesson" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

New Officers Installation

Deacons: Bob Ehrlich (Ordained & Installed) & Julie Ehrlich (Ordained & Installed)

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

***Sermon Hymn:** "O How He Loves You and Me" (STF #2108/Screen)

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory: "Come To The Water" Adult Choir

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

March 12: Melissa & Lyle Mangen

March 19: Wendy & Bob Barr

Ushers

March 12: Karen Hagemeyer, Barry & Sarah Sampson & Family

March 19: Barry & Sarah Sampson, Alisa Taatjes & Jill Gau
(Parents of Confirmands)

*****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

March 12: Sue Block

March 19: Confirmation Class

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

****Notice****

Merle E. Elrod, age 94, of Hutchinson, Minnesota, passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Johanna Shores in Arden Hills, Minnesota. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 18th at the Faith Presbyterian Church, 108 Main St. W, Silver Lake, MN. There will be visitation at the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel from 6-8 pm on the 17th, as well as one hour before the service at the church. Internment will be at the Hillside Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.

Pastor Elrod spent his career in Midwest Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. He served our Presbytery in the Mankato and Rushmore churches. Merle is the father of Pastor Leah Elrod who served in St. James and Hope. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: P.O. Box 240 Sidney, IA 51652.

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge

March is...MN Food Share Month for The Link. Please leave your food donations on the table by the church mailboxes. Cash donations are much appreciated also as each dollar donated can stretch ten times! Please place your cash donation in the offering plates, clearly marked for The Link. Any extra help is extremely appreciated.

Soup & Bread Supper – Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

Please sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall to donate soup for the Wednesday night Soup & Bread supper. We need a total of 8 crockpots. Thanks!!
(Group 3 will oversee the kitchen duties this week)

Next Sunday, March 19th, the Confirmation Class will be leading our worship service! Sunday, March 26th we will be having Rhythm & Movement Day by the WOW kids so they should stay for practice after worship today and next Sunday.

Family Movie Night changed to Sunday, March 26th

The Family Movie Night with pizza and popcorn has been changed from Thursday, March 16th to Sunday, March 26th 5-8 pm, due to the change in the school schedule.

****Volunteers needed to knit prayer shawls!**

The Deacons are looking for people who would like to knit prayer shawls! Our dedicated knitter, Darlene Thompson, is retiring from her services, so we need someone to continue this important job. Please connect with Deb Steele and you can also visit with Darlene to receive instructions on making them, etc.

Easter Flowers & Sun Catchers

Members of the congregation are invited to contribute to the purchase of Easter flowers, that will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter, or purchase a Sun Catcher as a keepsake. Please complete the form on the insert and place it with your payment in the offering plate or bring/mail it to church no later than Monday, March 27th.

CentraCare offering Grief Support Groups

CentraCare Hospice will be offering Grief Support Groups in Benson, Willmar and Montevideo. In Willmar, the group will meet on Thursdays-March 30th thru May 4th from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Rice Memorial Hospital, Seminar Room 1. To register, go to CentraCare.com/Events, then click Grief & Bereavement Programs or get a form off the bulletin board by the mailboxes and mail the form to Kathy Tweten. There is no cost for participants.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 12 (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Fireside Room) 11:00 a.m. WOW Practice
March 13 (Monday)	5:45 p.m. Mission Engagement Committee
March 14 (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Evangelical Covenant Church
March 15 (Wednesday)	5:45 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper (Group 3 in kitchen) 6:15 p.m. WOW, Pre-Confirmation, TAG 6:15 p.m. Lenten Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Choir
March 16 (Thursday)	**Family Movie Night changed to Sunday, March 26th
March 17 (Friday)	Office Closed
March 18 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
March 19 (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship-Led by the Confirmation Class (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Fireside Room) 11:00 a.m. WOW Practice

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

****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

***Indicates new**

Members with Health Concerns:

Bob Sampson, Bob Hinderks, Ed Johnston, Dick Lindahl, Sandy Ardoff, Judy Heath

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Sue Anderson
Kim (Friend of Sherry Bratsch) Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece)
Sandy Alderks Ross Antonson (Deb Steele's brother)

Grieving:

Family of Merle Elrod (Pastor Leah's Dad), Family of Gwen Fredeen, Family of Peter Hille, Family of Graden West, Family of Levi Bahr, Family of Cal Holm (Jo's brother-in-law), Family of Jonette Engan, Family of Ashley Beard (Celia Evenson's granddaughter), Family of Ralph Jansen

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

March Deacons of the Month: Joni Lamphere & Greg Swenson