

### 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:** "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Lori

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn:** "How Great Our Joy" (Screen)

**\*Charge/Benediction:** "Aaron's Blessing" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. echo  
May the LORD bless you and keep you; May the LORD make His face to shine on you. And be gracious to you; May the LORD lift His countenance on you (x 2), May He keep you in perfect peace.

**Postlude** Maggie

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### Sunday, December 25, 2022

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**

Lorie Skaro-Johnson & Maggie Harp

**Welcome**

**Lay Reader:** Sue Block

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Christ is born!

**ALL: Alleluia!**

One: Jesus is among us!

**ALL: Alleluia!**

One: Shout with joy, give thanks, and sing!

**ALL: Christ is born!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

One: On this day, Gracious Lord, you come to us as Word, as light, as flesh. Teach us to know you so well that our lives may befriend this world you have made, in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

(Blue #31/Screen)

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Holy Incarnate God, by the light of your goodness and mercy, our failing to see your true light is clear: we have not loved you, we have not loved our neighbors, we have not loved ourselves. Our feet have not brought good news to the poor nor have our voices defended Earth and its creatures and plants. Forgive us, blind us with your holy honesty, so that we may more clearly see your will, and walk with sure steps into the way of wholeness and peace. 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:** "He is Born"

Lorie

**Children's Sermon**

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

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: By the light of the Holy Spirit shining in our midst, open our hearts and minds, O God, to your Word, present now and always for the sake of your holy name.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 97**

**Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14**

**Sermon: "One Of Us"**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones**

**\*Sermon Hymn:** "Child of the Poor/What Child is This"

(Screen)

Pastor Brian & Congregation

**\*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**

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### **Coffee Servers**

**December 25:** Bev & Howard Jones, Tyann Jones

**January 1:**

### **Ushers**

**December 25:** Jerry & Karen Bents

**January 1:** Open

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **Lay Readers**

**December 25:** Sue Block

**January 1:** Open

**Sound Operators:** Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Stephanie Bents

**Video Operators:** Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes

**Screen Operators:** Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Jerry Bents

**Radio Operators:** Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes

## **FINANCE REPORT**

	Year to Date 11/30/2022	Year to Date Monthly Average
Income	\$231,108.85	\$21,009.90
Expenses	\$255,577.80	\$23,234.35
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$24,468.95)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses		\$25,277.35
Per Capita Assessment for 2022		\$8,256.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 11/30/2022		\$3,870.00

## HOPE HAPPENINGS!

### **Joy Offering**

The Joy Offering envelopes are in the pew racks for your convenience in giving to this special offering. Fifty percent of your gifts assists current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs and the other fifty percent makes it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

### **2023 Offering Envelopes/Christmas Gift**

Please pick up your 2023 offering envelopes and your Christmas ornament from your church mailbox.

### **CARE Pantry Challenge**

December is...toilet paper! Please leave your donations on the table by the church mailboxes. January is...toothpaste, toothbrushes and mouthwash. A huge Thank You to everyone who has donated items to the CARE Pantry at any time!

### **“These Days” Devotionals**

“These Days’ Devotionals for January-February-March have arrived. Copies are available on the table in the Narthex, on the table in the library and in the office.

### **Back Pillows Available**

Pillows are available in the narthex for your back comfort during worship.

### **No Wednesday Activities this week**

Due to Christmas break, there will be no Wednesday activities this week, which also includes choir practice.

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 25 (Sunday)	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
December 26 (Monday)	**Office Closed**
December 27 (Tuesday)	No Christian Education Committee Meeting No Tuesday's Table
December 28 (Wednesday)	No Christian Education Classes or Choir Practice
December 29 (Thursday)	Office Closed (instead of Friday)
December 30 (Friday)	
December 31 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
January 1 (Sunday)	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY - Susan Johnson (No Communion)</b> 9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

**\*Pastor Brian and Tyann will be out of the office this week. Please call the office if you have any pastoral emergencies.**

**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](mailto: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:**

Judy Heath, Eldon Williams, Shar Williams

#### **Family and Friends with Health Concerns:**

Darlene Lind	Pat Buechette
Palmer Norling	Mike Thorson
Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece)	
Sandy Aalderks	Jerry Harder

#### **Grieving:**

Family of Shirley Bradford (Tim's Mom), Family of Carol Ann Olsen (Erica Hippen's Mom), Family of Betty Miller, Family of Fred Roguske, Family of Donna Ridl

#### **Care Facilities:**

Gary Anfinson (Bethesda-Willmar), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), 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

**December Deacons of the Month: Kim O'Malley & Greg Swenson**