

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 13-17

Sermon "What Difference Does It Make?"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

***Sermon Hymn** "Shall We Gather At the River"

(Screen)

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

Offering/Offertory "Shepherd of My Heart"

Jo Halvorsen

***Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** "Open My Eyes That I May See"

(Blue #324/Screen)

***Charge/Benediction** "Aaron's Blessing"

Postlude

Notes:

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Sunday, January 11, 2026

3rd Sunday of Christmas

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

(On Facebook Live & KGLH Radio 96.9)



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, which is aired on Channel 18 (Windstream Cable) and Channel 181 (Charter Cable) on Sundays (2:15 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 3:00 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Opening Song**

"Rain Down" (Screen)

***Call to Worship**

One: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

ALL: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

One: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

ALL: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

One: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

ALL: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

One: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ. God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be to God!

***Morning Prayer**

One: God of life and of new life, you are splendid and strong! Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard you speak to him in his Son, our brother.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" (Blue #483/Screen)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

ALL: God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, so that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri**

(Screen)

***Passing of the Peace**

(Let us share Christ's peace by greeting each other)

Announcements/Prayer Concerns/Joys

Special Music

"Lift Up the Lord"

Jo Halvorsen

Children's Sermon

Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

(STF #2193/Screen)

Prayer for Illumination

One: Still-speaking God, as these words from Scripture are read, may it be to us as if the heavens are opening, and we see your Spirit descending on us like a dove, revealing your love for us as your daughters and sons.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
 worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
 the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
 and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

**10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.**

11 May the Lord give strength to his people!
 May the Lord bless his people with peace!

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

January 11th: Nancy Birkeland & Pam Sigafos

January 18th: Harold & Jonelle Foreman

Ushers

January 11th: Jerry & Karen Bents

January 18th: Jerry & Jody Leason, Sue Block

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

January 11th: Jeff Wersal

January 18th: (open)

Acolytes

(open)

(open)

Sound Operators: Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Wally Titus

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

Screen Operators: Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Isaac Taatjes

Radio Operators: Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes

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

FINANCE REPORT

	Month of Dec 2025	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date Jan – Dec 2025	Prior Year to Date Jan – Dec 2024
Income	\$51,644.70	\$23,683.37	\$284,200.47	\$293,461.85
Expenses	\$23,632.90	\$22,756.68	\$273,080.12	\$283,267.81
Net Profit (Loss)	\$28,011.80		\$11,120.35	\$10,194.04
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses			\$26,748.96	
Per Capita Assessment for 2025			\$7,500.00	
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 12/31/2025			\$4,998.00	

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

HOPE'S HAPPENINGS!

Adult Bible Study

It's not too late to join us for our Bible book study! We are reading *Making Sense of Scripture* by David J. Lose. If you would like to participate in this study, please come even if you haven't signed up. We will get you a book!

CARE Pantry Challenge

January's products of the month are.... Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and mouthwash. Please leave your donations in the box by the mailboxes or on the table in front of the mailboxes. Thank you for your continued support of the CARE Pantry!

January-February-March "These Days" Devotionals

They have finally arrived! The devotionals are available on the information table by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

2025 Annual Report Deadline

It's that time of year! The committee and individual reports for the 2025 Annual Report will be due by the end of day Thursday, January 15th. Please check your boxes for last year's report if you are expected to write a report for this year. Thanks!

2026 Per Capita is \$47 per member.

Congregational Annual Meeting

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25th right after the worship service. Reports will be in your box next Sunday for you to pick up and review before the meeting. A potluck will be held after the meeting, so bring something yummy to share with the congregation!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sandy Toes & Salty Kisses

Presented at the Barn Theater in February. Get your tickets now! See the poster on the Community Events bulletin board for more information.

*Make sure to check out the bulletin board by the offices for more Community events!

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 11th (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. Property meeting 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio) 11:15 a.m. Bible Study
January 12th (Monday)	10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 5:45 p.m. Deacons meeting 6:30 p.m. Mission meeting
January 13th (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table – NL Evangelical Coven. 6:30 p.m. CEYF meeting
January 14th (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m. Family meal – tacos! 6:00 p.m. Worship 6:20 p.m. WOW 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir practice
January 15th (Thursday)	12:00 p.m. Monthly committee reports due Annual reports due
January 16th (Friday)	
January 17th (Saturday)	12:00 p.m. Barb Morris' visitation 1:00 p.m. Funeral 7:00 p.m. AA
January 18th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio) 11:15 a.m. Bible Study

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Denotes New

Members with Health Issues:

John Williamson, Arlos Jones

Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Paul (Joni's daughter's father-in-law)

Kim (Joni's sister)

Karen (Joni's cousin)

Wayne (Bob & Carol's friend)

Annette (Sherry Bratsch's friend)

Grieving:

*Family of Barb Morris, Family of Jeanette Gault

Care Facilities:

Donald Shaw (Bethesda – Willmar, Room #445)

Arlos Jones (Glen Oaks apartments – New London)

Hilda Grosklags (Glen Oaks apartments – New London)

Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)

David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)

Mary Lou Swart (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)

Other Concerns:

For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction

For those deeply wounded by domestic violence

For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war

For those affected by natural disasters, illnesses

****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.

January Deacons of the Month: Gaylord Lind & Jackie Wahl