

**Sermon: “Persistence”**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones**

**\*Sermon Hymn: “I Love You, Lord”**

(Sing the Faith #2068/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: “For Those Tears I Died”**

Adult Choir

**\*Doxology**

(Blue Hymnal #592/Screen)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn: “Take My Life ”**

(Blue Hymnal # 391/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

## Hope Presbyterian Church

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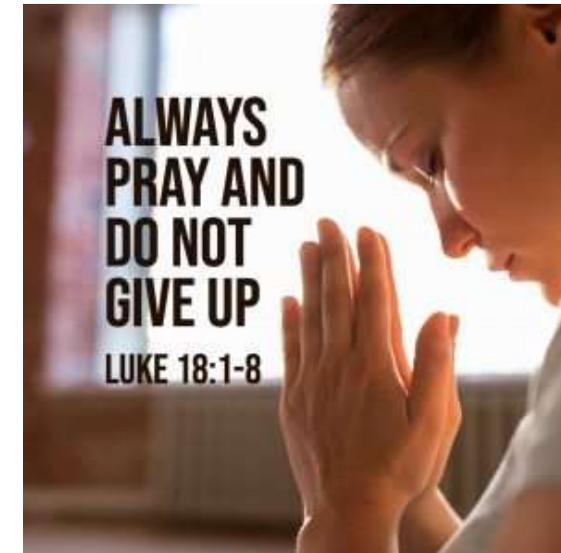
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**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

(Facebook Live & on 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 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 also 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: (10:00 am service) 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: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart

**ALL: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**

One: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

**ALL: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**

One: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

**ALL: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

One: God of justice and mercy, we thank you for the gift of the law and all the Scriptures. We thank you for establishing justice and for dealing with us not according to our faithfulness, but according to your mercy. Put your persistent Spirit within us so that we may work tirelessly, and cry out day and night, until your will is done in all the earth. We pray to you who helps us, in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (Blue Hymnal #298/Screen)

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Gloria Patri**

(Blue Hymnal #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. Amen.

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

**Announcements**

**Special Music:** "What a Wonderful World/This is My Father's World" Adult Choir

**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: Holy God, the words of Scripture are God-breathed words—inspired by you and given life through the power of your Holy Spirit. By your Spirit breathe your word into us, so that we become proficient in the language of faith and equipped to proclaim the message we receive, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Living Word.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 119: 97-106**

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31: 27-34**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 18: 1-8**

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### **Coffee Servers**

**October 16:** Liz & Jason Windingstad

**October 23:** Kelli & Matt Haglund

### **Ushers**

**October 16:** Duane & Alisa Taatjes Family

**October 23:** Sandy Meyer, Deb Steele, Jerry & Karen Bents

**\*\*\*Please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall (by the library) to usher in October-Thank You!**

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **Lay Readers**

**October 16:** Sue Block

**October 23:** Kristene Foreman

**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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Breast Cancer Support Group**

The Breast Cancer Support Group meets on the first Monday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 p.m. at the CentraCare Willmar Cancer Center. Enter thru the main cancer center door. This group is open to women of any age who have ever been diagnosed with breast cancer at any stage. For more information, call Lisa at 231-4483.

**Celebration of Life for Roger Ulferts** will be on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Unity Christian Reformed Church in Prinsburg. Visitation will be Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Unity Christian Reformed Church in Prinsburg. There will be a public committal service at Holland Township Cemetery at 9:00 am on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## HOPE HAPPENINGS!

### **CARE Pantry Challenge in October**

October is... Cleaners (All-Purpose, Glass, Toilet Bowl). Please leave your donations on the table by the church mailboxes. Thanks!

### **Bargains & Blessings**

Bargains & Blessings Thrift Store in Willmar has chosen us to be the “recipient of the month” for October. This means that the CARE Pantry will receive a donation of the profits Bargains & Blessings make in the month of October. They consider locally based Christian faith-based ministries serving people in need. During October they would like anyone in our congregation to volunteer at their store stocking shelves, sorting and pricing. Other jobs needing to be done include taking laundry home to wash, testing electronics and repairing broken items. Pamphlets and information about our CARE Pantry will be available for their customers to gain knowledge about our ministry. Please consider volunteering at Bargains & Blessings in October. Please contact Jody Leason, Mission Committee chair for more information.

**October-November-December “These Days” Devotion booklets** are available on the table in the Narthex, on the table in the library or in the office.

### **Adult Bible Study**

Adult Bible Study will start today, meeting after worship in the Jack Anderson Fireside Room. The class will be led by Greg Mulder and Deb Steele. The study will be “You Were Made for This Moment” by Max Lucado. Please attend if you are interested and did not sign up prior to today. A Participant’s Guide is available for \$12.50.

### **Trunk or Treat/Trick or Treat for the CARE Pantry**

Trunk or Treat will be held on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to bring your vehicle and decorate it and provide treats for the children, please sign up on the yellow sheet on the board by the library. Also, please fill out a form on the table by the mailboxes, if you would like the youth to come to your home and pick up items for the CARE Pantry on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please leave the form in the basket on the table by Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!!

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

October 16 (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary (Also FB Live & Radio) 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Fireside Room)
October 17 (Monday)	<b>**Hope Scope Deadline**</b> 5:45 p.m. Deacons 6:30 p.m. Technology Committee
October 18 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry Devotion, Lunch & Distribution 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Faith Lutheran Church
October 19 (Wednesday)	12:30 p.m. Lunch in Fellowship Hall following Maxine Quale's funeral at Funeral Home 6:15 p.m. W.O.W., Pre-Confirmation 6:15 p.m. Restroom Remodel/Property Committee Mtg. 6:30 p.m. T.A.G. 7:15 p.m. Choir
October 20 (Thursday)	
October 21 (Friday)	Office Closed
October 22 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
October 23 (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary (Also FB Live & Radio) 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Fireside Room)

**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 the Pastor Brian. Thank You!

**PRAYER REQUESTS \*Indicates new**



**Members with Health Concerns:**

Don Heath, John Williamson, Ruth Birkeland, Kathy Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes

**Family and Friends with Health Concerns:**

Sandy Alderks	Drew Sietsema
Jerry Harder	Nathan Saetveit
Jeff Heath (Don & Judy's son)	

**Grieving:**

\*Family of Roger Ulferts, Family of Ashley Wiekamp (Darrin's sister), Family of Jacob Thomas Dahlheimer (Friend of Kimmy Knopps-Melton), Family of Gwen Boonstra (Grandmother of Sherry Bratsch's children), Family of Maxine Quale, Family of Iris Chapin (Karen Hagemeyer's aunt), Family of Kent Boyd, Family of John Oman (Kris' uncle), Family of Blair Anderson (Owen's brother)

**Care Facilities:**

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

**October Deacons of the Month: Lisa Thorson & Bob Hinderks**