

**Gospel Reading:** John 1: 1-18

**Sermon** "Grace Upon Grace"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

**Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer**

**Reception of New Members**

Charlie & Heather Carver, Matt Haglund, Tyann Jones, Jeff & Ann Roguske,  
Jerry & Sue Schiro, Connie Swanson

**\*Sermon Hymn** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (Blue #28/Screen)

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

**Offering/Offertory** "Joseph's Song" Adult Choir Tenors & Basses

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn** "In the Bleak Midwinter" (Blue #36/Screen)

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

**Postlude**

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**Notes:**

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**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

**(On Facebook Live & KGLH Radio 96.9)**

Grace  
Upon  
Grace

| John 1:16 |



**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**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Lay Reader:** Sue Block

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**ALL: The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.**

**All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**

One: God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

**ALL: We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.**

**\*Morning Prayer**

One: O Lord our God, your glory shines as far as the east is from the west, from the north to the south, so that all people may see and be radiant, so that every heart might thrill and rejoice. Guide us on our baptismal journey in Christ. Overwhelm us with the joy of your presence. May we enter your house and pay homage to him whose infant arms were already reaching out to the ends of the earth so that all might be gathered in. In your triune name, we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

(Blue #29/Screen)

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more**

**than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. 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**

"Hasten Swiftly, Hasten Softly"

Adult Choir

Nancy Birkeland, soloist

**Children's Sermon**

**Response** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

(STF #2193/Screen)

**Prayer for Illumination**

One: O God of wonder, as that ancient star rose and guided the magi, illuminating the place where Jesus was, so now may the light of your Holy Spirit shine in our hearts and minds as the Word is read and proclaimed. Guide us again to Christ, and direct us in new paths of faithfulness. In Christ, we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 147: 12-20

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

13 **For he strengthens the bars of your gates;**  
**he blesses your children within you.**

14 He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

15 **He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.**

16 He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

17 **He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold?**

18 He sends out his word, and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

19 **He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.  
Praise the Lord!

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### **Coffee Servers**

**January 4th:** Bill & Dee Schurman

**January 11th:** Nancy Birkeland & Pam Sigafoos

### **Ushers**

**January 4th:** Joni Lamphere, Eli Twernbold

**January 11th:** (open)

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **Lay Readers**

**January 4th:** Sue Block

**January 11th:** (open)

### **Acolytes**

Eli Twernbold

(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 Nov 2025	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date Jan – Nov 2025	Prior Year to Date Jan – Nov 2024
Income	\$19,024.76	\$20,877.80	\$229,655.77
Expenses	\$20,189.58	\$22,676.02	\$249,436.21
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$1,164.82)	(\$19,780.44)	(\$10,272.67)

Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses

\$26,748.96

Per Capita Assessment for 2025

\$7,500.00

Per Capita Paid by Members Through 11/30/2025

\$4,672.00

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

**2026 Per Capita** is \$47 per member.

## HOPE'S HAPPENINGS!

### **Christmas Present from Hope**

Please check your mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall for a present from the church. If you do not have a mailbox, please talk to Steph to get your present - and a mailbox! We have a lot left. So if you want another one or know someone who may want one, please talk to Steph. Merry Christmas!

### **Adult Bible Study**

Today after worship, we will be starting a new Bible Study called *Making Sense of Scripture* by David J. Lose. If you would like to participate in this Bible 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!

### **“These Days” Devotionals**

Many of you have been asking for the new devotional for January, February, and March. They will be arriving soon. We do have 5 large print copies. If you want one of these, please see Steph. Please be patient. Thank you!

### **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 15<sup>th</sup>. Please check your boxes for last year's report if you are expected to write a report for this year. Thanks!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial for Chad Norsten**

Participate in a Scotch Doubles Tournament on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Willmar VFW. Sign up is between 10 and 11. Free-will donation Breakfast served from 7-9 am. Please see the poster by the offices for more info. Chad is the son of Sue Schiro.

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

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 4th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:00 a.m. Worship – Welcoming the new members! (Also on Facebook Live and Radio) 11:15 a.m. Bible Study
January 5th (Monday)	8:30 a.m. Staff meeting 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 6:30 p.m. Technology meeting
January 6th (Tuesday)	11:00-2:00 CARE Pantry product distribution 12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry lunch 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table – Our Lady of the Lakes
January 7th (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m. Family meal – sloppy joes! 6:00 p.m. Worship 6:20 p.m. WOW 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir practice
January 8th (Thursday)	
January 9th (Friday)	
January 10th (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Denotes New

### **Members with Health Issues:**

Brooke Appleby, Jerry Bents, Greg Mulder, John Williamson, Arlos Jones, Don Knopps

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

Kim (Joni's sister)	Karen (Joni's cousin)
Wayne (Bob & Carol's friend)	Annette (Sherry Bratsch's friend)
Karen Christenson	Renae Illies (Eldy Williams' daughter)
Stephanie (Ed & Cat Anderson's daughter)	

### **Grieving:**

Family of Jeanette Gault

### **Care Facilities:**

Donald Shaw (Bethesda – Willmar, Room #445)  
Barb Morris (Copperleaf - Willmar)  
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