

## Cast:

Reader: Kristene Foreman  
Choir Member 1: Nancy Birkeland  
Choir Member 2: Brooke Appleby  
Narrator 1: Zach Fischer  
Narrator 2: Evelyn Titus  
Narrator 3: Shayla Sampson  
Mary: Grace Gau  
Joseph: Blake Sampson  
Angel: Isaac Taatjes  
Emperor Caesar Augustus & King Herod: Carter Taatjes  
Angels in Training & Wise persons: Savannah Appleby, Madelyn Titus,  
Brooklyn Johnson, Riley Johnson  
Shepherds & Soldiers: George Appleby, Jack Cronen, Eli Twernbold,  
Shane Bartlett  
Choir Members  
Soloists: Bob Sampson, Kristene Foreman, Nancy Birkeland  
Ushers: Larry & Sherry Bratsch, Grace Gau, Blake Sampson, Isaac Taatjes,  
Carter Taatjes

## Director:

Jonelle Foreman

## Teachers:

Wally Titus, Alisa Taatjes (Preschool-Second Grade)  
Joni Lamphere, Sarah Sampson (Third Grade-Sixth Grade)  
Jonelle Foreman (Seventh-Eighth Grade Pre-Confirmation)  
Rev. Dr. Brian Jones (Confirmation)  
Sherry & Larry Bratsch, Pastor Brian & Tyann Jones  
(Ninth Grade-Twelfth Grade)  
Opening Exercises: Tyann Jones  
Music: Maggie Harp

## Christmas Program Committee:

Maggie Harp, Tyann Jones, Jonelle Foreman, Melissa Mangen

## Preparation of Treat Bags:

Wally & Amanda Titus Family

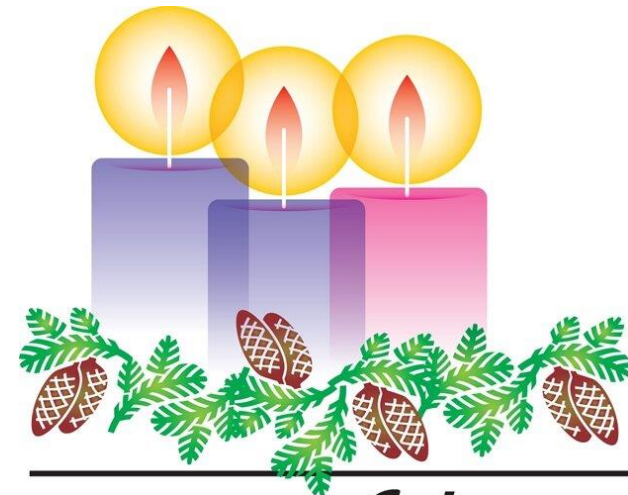
## Hope Presbyterian Church

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## Sunday, December 11, 2022

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. Christmas Program  
(Facebook Live & on KGLH 96.9 FM Radio)



THIRD SUNDAY OF

*Advent*

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**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: My soul magnifies the Lord;

**ALL: My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**

One: The Mighty One has done great things.

**ALL: Holy is God's name!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Lighting the Advent Candle**

**Confirmation Students**

**Grace Gau, Blake Sampson and Isaac Taatjes**

**Response:** "Advent Song" Verse 3

(Sing the Faith #2090/Screen)

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your Holy way. 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/Prayers of the People**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Responsive Reading: Luke 1:46-55**

**Church Christmas Program "Just a Little Christmas"**

"The Light Will Come" (Choir)

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Verses 1 & 2 (Congregation)

(Blue #38)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Verse 1 (Congregation)

(Blue #44)

(Narration)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Verse 2 (Congregation)

(Blue #44)

"A Donkey took Mary to Bethlehem" (Children)

"Mary Rocked the Little Baby" (Choir)

"Away in a Manger" Verse 1 (Children) Verses 2 & 3

(Blue #25)

(Congregation & Choir)

"The First Nowell" Verses 1 & 2 (Congregation)

(Blue #56)

(Narration)

"The First Nowell" Verses 3 & 5 (Congregation)

(Blue #56)

"Silent Night, Holy Night" Verse 1 (Children, Choir & Congregation)

"I Believe this is Jesus/Go Tell it on the Mountain" (Choir & Children)

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering/Offertory:** "O Who's That Yonder?"

Adult Choir

**\*Doxology**

(Blue #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**

**\*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

**HOSPITALITY SERVANTS**

**Coffee Servers**

**December 11:** Pat & Bob Hinderks, Karen Hagemeyer & Jody Leason

**December 18:** Joni Lamphere & Sherry Bratsch

**Ushers**

**December 11:** Larry & Sherry Bratsch, Grace Gau, Blake Sampson,  
Isaac Taatjes & Carter Taatjes

**December 18:** **\*\*Need 4\*\***

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

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Lay Readers**

**December 11:** Christmas Program

**December 18:** Sue Block

**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**

**Fiddle 'n Christmas**, featuring 30 Sunburg area Fiddlers on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church in Sunburg. Special guest artists will be Dempsey Schroeder and Maggie Harp. All are welcome! Free will donations accepted.

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**CARE Pantry Challenge**

December is....Toilet paper! Please leave your donations on the table by the church mailboxes. A huge Thank You to everyone who has donated items to the CARE Pantry at any time!

**HOPE HAPPENINGS!**

**Christmas Program/Advent Fun Hour**

Our Christmas program will be held today, during our 10:00 am worship service. Immediately following the Christmas program, we will enjoy a potluck dinner. This will be the start of our Advent Fun Hour, followed by 20 minutes of a game and 20 minutes of singing. Please plan to stay!

**Photo Op Corners**

We again have two photo op corners set up in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for you to take your family Christmas pictures or just sit, relax or visit in the cozy surroundings. One is in the library area and the other at the far end by the windows.

**Order your Christmas Pies!**

A no-bake peppermint Oreo pie or a mixed berry pie would be a delicious dessert for your Christmas gatherings! Please visit the display table for order forms or go to [www.hopechurchspicer.org/fundraisers](http://www.hopechurchspicer.org/fundraisers) to place your order. Order deadline is Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds go toward the restrooms remodel project.

**Back Pillows Available**

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

**Open House at Pastor Brian & Tyann's home**

An Open House at Pastor Brian & Tyann's home (306 Miller St. in Spicer) will be held on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!!

**2023 Offering Envelopes/Christmas Gift**

Please pick up your 2023 offering envelopes from your church mailbox. Also, all members, please pick up your Christmas gift on the table in the narthex!!

**Congregational Meeting next Sunday**

Next Sunday, immediately after church, we will be having a congregational meeting for the election of officers. Please plan to stay!

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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| December 11<br>(Sunday)    | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>9:15 a.m. Coffee<br>10:00 a.m. Christmas Program (Also FB Live & Radio)<br>11:00 a.m. Advent Fun Hour – Potluck, Game & Song                                                                            |
| December 12<br>(Monday)    | 5:45 p.m. Mission Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| December 13<br>(Tuesday)   | 6:00 p.m. Tuesday’s Table at Evang. Covenant Church, NL                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| December 14<br>(Wednesday) | 6:15 p.m. WOW, Pre-Confirmation<br>6:30 p.m. TAG<br>7:15 p.m. Choir Practice                                                                                                                                                                      |
| December 15<br>(Thursday)  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| December 16<br>(Friday)    | Office Closed (Hint! Hint! It’s Pastor Brian’s birthday!!)                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| December 17<br>(Saturday)  | 9:00 a.m. Make pies for Fundraiser-everyone welcome!<br>7:00 p.m. AA                                                                                                                                                                              |
| December 18<br>(Sunday)    | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>9:15 a.m. Coffee<br>10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)<br>11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting<br>1:30 p.m. Worship at GlenOaks<br>2:30-5:00 p.m. Open House at Pastor Brian & Tyann’s home |

**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:**

Eldon Williams, Velda Jones, Shar Williams

**Family and Friends with Health Concerns:**

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Palmer Norling                      | Mike Thorson |
| Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter’s niece) |              |
| Sandy Aalderks                      | Jerry Harder |

**Grieving:**

Family of Carol Ann Olsen (Erica Hippen’s Mom), Family of Betty Miller, Family of Fred Roguske, Family of Donna Ridl, Family of Lauran Schroeder’s Mom (Daughter-in-law of Joyce & Darwin), Family of Lisa Walhof

**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**