

10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Sermon “Mary’s Treasure Chest” Rev. Dr. Candace Adams

Prayers for the People/The Lord’s Prayer

*Sermon Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (Blue #28/Screen)

*Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles’ Creed

Offering/Offertory “Holy Child of Bethlehem” Maggie Harp

*Doxology (Blue #592/Screen)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn “In the Bleak Midwinter” (Blue #36/Screen)

*Charge/Benediction

Postlude

Notes:

Hope Presbyterian Church

7730 North Shore Drive
Spicer, MN 56288
320-796-2650
E-mail: hopepres@gmail.com
Website: hopechurchspicer.org

Sunday, December 28, 2025
1st 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

***Call to Worship**

One: In this Christmas season of great joy, we praise the Lord; for in mercy and abundant steadfast love, God has become our savior.

ALL: Even in times of danger and threat, we praise God, who has set us free from fear and death through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation.

One: With all creation, in the midst of the congregation, we praise and put our trust in God alone.

ALL: Let us worship God.

***Morning Prayer**

One: Great God, even as the heavenly host sang of your glory in the night skies over Bethlehem; even as the star shone in the heavens, and sheep and cattle gathered in that light, so we gather, young and old together, to recount all that you have done for us in mercy and steadfast love. No tyrant's threat or deadly act can destroy the dreams and visions you have placed within us, for you have drawn us close. With all creation, we praise you and exalt your name forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (Blue #29/Screen)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children. We confess that we have not loved you as we should. We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans; we grow weary and give up when the way is hard. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend. Complacent in the presence of injustice and violence, we fail to recognize our own complicity.

Forgive us, especially when we fail to protect children so vulnerable and precious in your sight. Forgive our misuse of power against people, and against your creation. Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace. Do not be ashamed of us, we pray, but strengthen us in our time of testing. Set us free from fear, so that we may wholly trust in you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shared our flesh and blood. 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 "I Wonder as I Wander" Maggie Harp

Children's Sermon
Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (STF #2193/Screen)

Prayer for Illumination
One: Holy One, your Word comes to us: Jesus Christ, Immanuel. Holy Word, you cross every border meant to shut you out. Holy Wisdom, speak to us in the word read and proclaimed. Hearing, may we dream your dreams and faithfully follow wherever you lead. In your triune name we pray,
ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148

1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

6 He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

December 28th: Karen & Stephanie Bents

January 4th: Bill & Dee Schurman

Ushers

December 28th: Joni Lamphere, Eli Twernbold, Karen Bents, Stephanie Bents

January 4th: (open)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

December 28th: Larry Bratsch

January 4th: (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	\$243,097.14
Expenses	\$20,189.58	\$22,676.02	\$249,436.21	\$253,369.81
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	

2025 Per Capita If you have not paid your Per Capita for this year yet, now is the time! It is \$46 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

January 4th, 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 sign up in the Fireside Room, so we can purchase enough materials for everyone. We do have a few books at the moment, so please get yours if you already signed up, and mark yourself down as having a book. Any questions, please talk to Steph.

CARE Pantry Challenge

December’s product of the month is.... Toilet paper. 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. For some reason, we have not received them yet. We do have 5 large print copies. If you want one of these, please see Steph. We are working on finding out where the others are. 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 15th. Please check your boxes for last year’s report if you are expected to write a report for this year. Thanks!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

6th Annual Memorial for Chad Norsten

Participate in a Scotch Doubles Tournament on January 10th 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

Pastor Brian & Tyann gone through Saturday, January 3rd.

December 28th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
December 29th (Monday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
December 30th (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday's Table – Crossroads Church
December 31st (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation No regular Wednesday night activities
January 1st (Thursday)		Office Closed – Happy New Year!
January 2nd (Friday)		
January 3rd (Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	AA
January 4th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time Worship – Welcoming the new members! (Also on Facebook Live and Radio) 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