

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon: “No Ears to Hear?”

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

***Sermon Hymn: “Abide with Me”**

(Blue #543/Screen)

Baptism of Harrison Wade Swenson

Son of Wade & Hannah Swenson

Sponsors: Kyle & Andrea Swenson

“Jesus Loves Me!” Verse 1

(Blue #304/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: “God Claims You”

Kristene & Skylar

***Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn: “Give Thanks”**

(Sing the Faith #2036/Screen)

***Charge/Benediction: “Aaron’s Blessing”**

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

Postlude

Gail Hoekstra

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Sunday, October 15, 2023

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

(On Facebook Live & KGLH 96.9 FM Radio)



HARRISON WADE SWENSON

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

Gail Hoekstra

Welcome

Lay Reader: Sue Block

***Call to Worship**

One: The Lord is good!

ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

One: Ever-present God, you never leave us. Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee, and keep us seeking after that which is true, so that all may know that you are the Lord, our God, a tenacious presence in whatever our reality.

Through Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" (Blue #476/Screen)

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference—the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause—an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making—the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri**

(Blue #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.

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

Announcements

Special Music: "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Kristene Foreman & Skylar King, Soloists

Children's Sermon

Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (Sing the Faith #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 Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts so that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

¹ Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

² **Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise?**

³ Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

⁴ **Remember me, O LORD, when you show favour to your people; help me when you deliver them;**

⁵ that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

⁶ **Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.**

¹⁹ They made a calf at Horeb and worshipped a cast image.

²⁰ **They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.**

²¹ They forgot God, their Saviour, who had done great things in Egypt,

²² **wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.**

²³ Therefore he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

October 15: Jody & Jerry Leason

October 22: Kathy Terpstra & Jody Leason

Ushers

October 15: Karen Hagemeyer, Sandy Meyer, Deb Steele, Tim Block

October 22: **Open**

Acolytes

October 15: **Open**

October 22: **Open**

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

October 15: Sue Block

October 22: Jeff Wersal

Sound Operators: Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes

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

Screen Operators: Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Jerry Bents

Radio Operators: Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes, Duane Taatjes

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

Clearwater Forest Fall Youth Retreat

Middle and high school campers are all invited to come to the forest to be reminded by Jesus, "Do not be afraid!" Join us October 27-29th. Registration is open now-contact programs@clearwaterforest.org. Cost is \$150/person, with church paying \$50 per person, so your final cost would be \$100.

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge

We will be collecting bathroom, toilet, glass, and general cleaners for the CARE Pantry in the month of October. Place your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks!

No Christian Education Classes on October 18th due to MEA

On October 29th, after Trunk or Treat, we will have pizza, a scriptural message and a Fun Night till 7:00 p.m. This will replace all Christian Education events from October 18th.

Picking Apples today

Please join us today after worship, for pizza and then heading to "The Land" to pick apples for making pies, which will be taking place on Saturday, October 28th at 9:00 am. Please join us to pick apples and also to make pies!

Apple Pie Fundraiser

Please sign up on the sheet in the library area to purchase frozen Take'n Bake apple pies for \$18 each.

Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 29th

Please sign up on the sheet in the library to participate in Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29th by decorating the trunk of your vehicle. Setup will be from 3-4, with trick or treaters arriving 4-5:30 pm.

Country Gospel Concert with Tommy Griffith

Tommy Griffith has been performing at many of the most prestigious venues in the Eastern United States opening for some of Nashville's best Country Performers. His love for God and call to do His work has lead Tommy back to his roots in Gospel music. Please plan to attend his concert here at Hope this evening at 7:00 pm. A free-will offering will be taken with half of it going towards the CARE Pantry. Refreshments will be served after the concert in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Adult Education Class

Please sign up on the sheet in the library to attend a new Adult Education Class, about understanding the mindset of poverty. It will start on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 15 (Sunday) 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
Baptism for Harrison Wade Swenson
7:00 p.m. Country Gospel Concert by Tommy Griffith followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

October 16 (Monday) 8:30 a.m. Staff meeting
5:45 p.m. Deacons
6:30 p.m. Technology Committee

October 17 (Tuesday) 12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry
6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer
6:30 p.m. Christian Education & Families Committee

October 18 (Wednesday) **NO Christian Education Classes or Adult Bible Study**
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

October 19 (Thursday) 12:00 p.m. Ministerial Meeting

October 20 (Friday) Office Closed

October 21 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fall Clean-Up Day
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting in Willmar
7:00 p.m. AA

October 22 (Sunday) 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
Rev. Beth Buckwalter-Miller
****Pastor Brian & Tyann on vacation all week**

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes new**

Members with Health Concerns:

Dick Lindahl, Kathy Jansen, Joni Lamphere, Sharon Jones, Barb Morris, John Williamson, Bob Hinderks

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Anakin Jorschumb
Bobby (Joni Lamphere's aunt) Kevin Taatjes
Sheila Kelly (Jody Leason's cousin) Ross Antonson (Deb Steele's brother)
Vicky Mattson (Friend of Sharon Jones) Connie Benson (Helmstetter's friend)
Dale (Friend of the Hagemeyers) Greg Skinner (Virginia McKean's son-in-law)
Jordan Bast Shelly Erickson
Holly (Dee Schurman's sister) Bob Dieken (Karen Bents' brother)
Pastor Jeff DeYoe Johnny Lee Larson (Virginia McKean's great grandson)

Grieving:

Family of Denise Gjerde, Family of Sam & Louise Miller (Nancy Miller's parents)

Care Facilities:

*Shar Williams (Carris Health Care Center-Rice Care Center-1801 Willmar Ave. SW), Kathy Jansen (Bethesda Therapy Suites #514-Willmar), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), 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, 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
For those serving in the military

October Deacons of the Month: Joni Lamphere & Celia Evenson

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!