

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

Offering/Offertory: "O Sacred Head"

Adult Choir

\*Doxology

(Blue #592/Screen)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn: "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

(STF #2237/Screen)

\*Charge/Benediction:

Grace Gau

Postlude

Maggie

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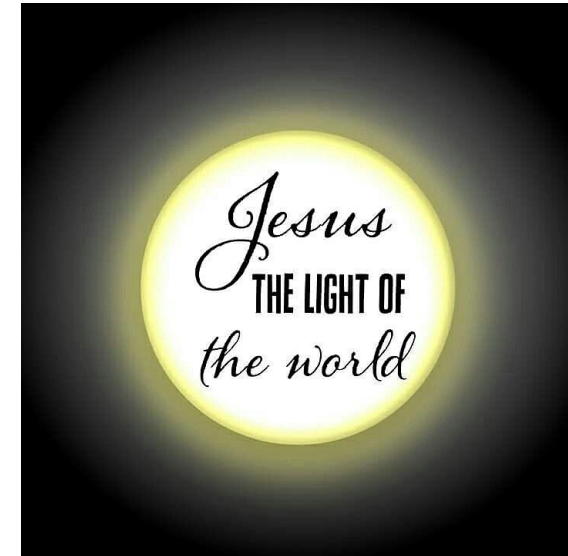
Website: [hopechurchspicer.org](http://hopechurchspicer.org)

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship

(On Facebook Live & 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 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

**Worship led by our Confirmation Students**

**Welcome** Blake Sampson

**\*Call to Worship**

One: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

**ALL: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

One: Once we lived in darkness, but now-as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

**ALL: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

One: Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are changed, a "before" and "after," a "now" and "then"; so that we may also say, "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ's light, we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (STF #2173/Screen)

**Prayer of Confession** Isaac Taatjes

**ALL: Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret but want to show our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see**

**ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light so that we may know ourselves to be loved. Bring us into your light so that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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**

**Special Music:** "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed" Adult Choir

**Children's Sermon**

**Response:** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (STF #2193/Screen)

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Blake Sampson**

One: Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:**

**Jeremiah 29:11-14**

**Blake Sampson**

**John 14:27**

**Grace Gau**

**Skit: "The Loneliest, Homeliest Little Waddif"** Blake, Isaac & Grace

**Scripture Readings:**

**1 Peter 2:9-10**

**Blake Sampson**

**Ephesians 1:3-5**

**Blake Sampson**

**Romans 8:28-30**

**Isaac Taatjes**

**Skit: "Chosen"** Isaac & Blake

**\*Hymn:** "Open My Eyes That I May See" (Blue #324/Screen)

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns** Isaac Taatjes

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### **Coffee Servers**

**March 19:** Wendy & Bob Barr

**March 26:** Sarah & Barry Sampson

### **Ushers**

**March 19:** Barry & Sarah Sampson, Alisa Taatjes & Jill Gau  
(Parents of Confirmands)

**March 26:** Sandy Meyer, Jody Leason, **\*\*Need 2 more ushers\*\***

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **Lay Readers**

**March 19:** Confirmation Class

**March 26:** Larry Bratsch

**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

### **Guitar Lessons!**

Get 5 free group lessons on basic folk guitar, then play guitar with Maggie on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> for Camp Sunday at Hope. We will meet on Saturdays, beginning March 25<sup>th</sup>. All you need is a guitar and the desire to play! Contact Maggie for more information.

### **Table Setting Luncheon Hostess**

We will be having a Table Setting Luncheon on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. We need more hostesses to provide a table with your dishes, centerpiece, etc. The lunch will be provided. Jonelle will be doing the program and Maggie the music. Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall to be a Table Setting Hostess! Ask Sandy Wersal for more information!

**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)

## HOPE HAPPENINGS!

### **CARE Pantry Challenge**

March is...MN Food Share Month for The Link. Please leave your food donations on the table by the church mailboxes. Cash donations are much appreciated also as each dollar donated can stretch ten times! Please place your cash donation in the offering plates, clearly marked for The Link. Any extra help is extremely appreciated.

### **Soup & Bread Supper – Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.**

Please sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall to donate soup for the Wednesday night Soup & Bread supper. We need a total of 8 crockpots. Thanks!!  
(Group 4 will oversee the kitchen duties this week)

**Today the Confirmation Class will be leading our worship service! Next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be having Rhythm & Movement Day by the WOW kids, so they should stay for practice after worship today.**

### **\*\*Volunteers needed to knit prayer shawls!**

The Deacons are looking for people who would like to knit prayer shawls! Our dedicated knitter, Darlene Thompson, is retiring from her services, so we need someone to continue this important job. Please connect with Deb Steele and you can also visit with Darlene to receive instructions on making them, etc.

### **Easter Flowers & Sun Catchers**

Members of the congregation are invited to contribute to the purchase of Easter flowers, that will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter, or purchase a Sun Catcher as a keepsake. Please complete the form on the insert and place it with your payment in the offering plate or bring/mail it to church no later than Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **CentraCare offering Grief Support Groups**

CentraCare Hospice will be offering Grief Support Groups in Benson, Willmar and Montevideo. In Willmar, the group will meet on Thursdays-March 30<sup>th</sup> thru May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Rice Memorial Hospital, Seminar Room 1. To register, go to [CentraCare.com/Events](http://CentraCare.com/Events), then click Grief & Bereavement Programs or get a form off the bulletin board by the mailboxes and mail the form to Kathy Tweten. There is no cost for participants.

**Due to Spring Break at school, there will be no WOW, Pre-Confirmation classes or TAG this Wednesday.**

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

March 19 (Sunday)	9:15 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Worship-Led by the Confirmation Class (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	11:00 a.m.	WOW Practice
March 20 (Monday)	<b>**Hope Scope Deadline for articles, announcements, etc.</b>	
	8:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	5:45 p.m.	Deacons
March 21 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m.	CARE Pantry devotion, lunch & distribution
	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday's Table at Faith Lutheran Church
March 22 (Wednesday)	5:45 p.m.	Soup & Bread Supper (Group 4 in kitchen)
	6:15 p.m.	<u>NO</u> WOW, Pre-Confirmation, TAG (Spring Break)
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
March 23 (Thursday)		
March 24 (Friday)	Office Closed	
March 25 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	AA
March 26 (Sunday)	9:00 a.m.	Property Committee
	9:15 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Worship-Movement & Rhythm Day by WOW kids (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Movie Night in River of Hope Youth Center

**\*\*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**

**Members with Health Concerns:**

Darlene Bratberg, Bob Sampson, Bob Hinderks, Ed Johnston, Dick Lindahl, Sandy Ardoff, Judy Heath

**Family and Friends with Health Concerns:**

Gladys Guitz (Guatemala)	Sue Anderson
Kim (Friend of Sherry Bratsch)	Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece)
Sandy Alderks	Ross Antonson (Deb Steele's brother)

**Grieving:**

Family of Sandra Amdahl, Family of Merle Elrod (Pastor Leah's Dad), Family of Gwen Fredeen, Family of Peter Hille, Family of Graden West, Family of Levi Bahr, Family of Cal Holm (Jo's brother-in-law), Family of Jonette Egan, Family of Ashley Beard (Celia Evenson's granddaughter), Family of Ralph Jansen

**Care Facilities:**

Gary Anfinson (Bethesda-Willmar), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Ed Johnston (GlenOaks Apts.), Arlos Jones (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, 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

**March Deacons of the Month: Joni Lamphere & Greg Swenson**