

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: "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

Adult Choir

***Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn:** "Soon And Very Soon"

(Screen)

***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

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Sunday, December 18, 2022

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

Welcome

Lay Reader: Sue Block

***Call to Worship**

One: God-with-us, Immanuel, comes to give us our own Holy Family, here with the body of Christ this day.

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad! Amen!

***Opening Prayer**

One: Eternal God of power and grace, who comes to us in surprising ways—in angel appearances, in defeat of enemies, and in resurrection from the dead—show us the face of Immanuel in our time. Bring us from fear to awe, we pray; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** “Prepare the Way”

(Blue #13/Screen)

Lighting the Advent Candle

Confirmation Students

Grace Gau, Blake Sampson and Isaac Taatjes

Response: “Advent Song” Verse 4

(Sing the Faith #2090/Screen)

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Shepherd of Israel, God of hosts, we have turned away from you, neglecting the welfare of your creation, ignoring the plight of your people, trampling on the creatures and the plants you have made, taking from Earth what we cannot give back. We have not helped our neighbors in need, kept peace within our families, or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives. Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life. In your compassion, turn us to

your way. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. 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: “Canticle of the Turning”

Adult Choir

Children's Sermon

Response: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

(STF #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: As your Holy Spirit spoke to Mary, the mother of our Lord, speak to us now through your Word, so that by hearing we too may receive faith and be strengthened to do your will.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146:5-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon: “Glimpses”

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

***Sermon Hymn:** “Of the Father's Love Begotten”

(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.

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

December 18: Joni Lamphere & Sherry Bratsch

December 25: Bev & Howard Jones, Tyann Jones

Ushers

December 18: Barry & Sarah Sampson Family

December 24: Tim & Sue Block Family

December 25: Jerry & Karen Bents

*****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 18: Sue Block

December 24: Jeff Wersal

December 25: 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

FINANCE REPORT

	Year to Date 11/30/2022	Year to Date Monthly Average
Income	\$231,108.85	\$21,009.90
Expenses	\$255,577.80	\$23,234.35
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$24,468.95)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses		\$25,277.35
Per Capita Assessment for 2022		\$8,256.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 11/30/2022		\$3,870.00

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

Congregational Meeting today

Immediately after church today we will be having a congregational meeting for the election of officers. Please plan to stay!

Open House at Pastor Brian & Tyann's home this afternoon

An Open House at Pastor Brian & Tyann's home (306 Miller St. in Spicer) will be held this afternoon, 2:30-5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!!

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.

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!!

Christmas Caroling Wednesday Evening

Everyone is invited to join us this Wednesday evening, singing Christmas carols at Glenoaks and at Bethesda North Pointe, starting at GlenOaks at 6:15 p.m. at the front entrance. This is for all Wednesday night classes, parents, choir members and everyone else who would like to join in!!!

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!

"These Days" Devotionals

"These Days" Devotionals for January-February-March have arrived. Copies are available on the table in the Narthex, on the table in the library and in the office.

Back Pillows Available

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

