

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25

Sermon “More Josephs” Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord’s Prayer

\*Sermon Hymn “People, Look East” (Blue #12/Screen)

\*Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles’ Creed

Offering/Offertory “Emmanuel” Adult Choir

\*Doxology (Blue #592/Screen)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (Blue #38/Screen)

\*Charge/Benediction “Aaron’s Blessing”

Postlude

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Notes:

Hope Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, December 21, 2025

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**

**Lighting of Advent Candle** **Kristene & Skylar King**

One: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in God's kingdom on earth. The Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in God's justice, mercy, and faithfulness to all generations.

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

**Response** "Advent Song" Verse 4 (Sing the Faith #2090/Screen)

**\*Call to Worship** **Lay Reader: Jonelle Foreman**

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!**

**\*Morning 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** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Blue #9/Screen)

**Call to Confession**

**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** (Screen)

**\*Passing of the Peace** (Let us share Christ's peace by greeting each other)

**Announcements/Prayer Concerns/Joys**

**Special Music** "Canticle of the Turning" Adult Choir

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

**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 80: 2-7, 17-19

- <sup>2</sup> before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
- <sup>3</sup> **Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**
- <sup>4</sup> O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- <sup>5</sup> **You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.**
- <sup>6</sup> You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.
- <sup>7</sup> **Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**
- <sup>17</sup> But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.
- <sup>18</sup> **Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.**
- <sup>19</sup> Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**HOSPITALITY SERVANTS**

**Coffee Servers**

**December 21st:** Joyce Schroeder & Clara O’Connor

**December 28th:** Karen & Stephanie Bents

**Ushers**

**December 21st:** Jeff & Joni Lamphere, Eli Twernbold

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Tim & Sue Block family

**December 21st:** (open)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Lay Readers**

**December 21st:** Jonelle Foreman

**December 28th:** (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!**

**Congregational Meeting**

Please plan on attending a short congregational meeting TODAY following the worship service. This meeting is to elect officers.

**Christmas Eve Service**

Join us this Wednesday night at 5:00 pm for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Be sure to come early as the pews fill fast.

**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!

**Advent Fun Hour**

Please join us this afternoon at 3:00 pm for Advent Fun Hour! There will be 20 minutes of games, 20 minutes of singing, and 20 minutes of eating! Please bring an appetizer or snack to share with everyone. Hope you can join in on the fun!

**Adult Bible Study**

We will be taking the month of December off. Starting January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 Fellowship Hall, so we can purchase enough materials for everyone.

**Christmas Photo Corners Now Available**

Haven’t taken your Christmas card photo yet? You are in luck! We have 2 areas set up for you to choose from to take a family Christmas photo.

**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!

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Blue Christmas Prayer Service**

If this season feels heavy, if you’re grieving, overwhelmed, missing someone, or just not feeling very joyful right now, you’re not alone. This service is a quiet space with prayer, music, and scripture. A place to breathe, to be honest, and to hear the words of comfort and hope. Come as you are tonight at 6:30 pm at First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake. Everyone is welcome!

\*Make sure to check out the bulletin board by the offices for more Community events!

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

December 21st (Sunday)	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Meeting No Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Advent Fun Hour
December 22nd (Monday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	6:30 p.m.	Session meeting
December 23rd (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday's Table – Peace Lutheran Church
December 24th (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service No regular Wednesday night activities
		Office Closed - Merry Christmas! Hope Scope deadline
10:30am-7pm Fellowship Hall/Kitchen in use Pastor Brian & Tyann gone through Saturday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> .		
December 26th (Friday)		
December 27th (Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	AA
December 28th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)

**October – November – December Devotionals** – “These Days” devotionals are available on the information table by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**\*Denotes New**

**Members with Health Issues:**  
\*Jerry Bents, Greg Mulder, John Williamson, Arlos Jones, Don Knopps

**Family and Friends with Health Issues:**  
Karen (Joni’s cousin)                      Annette (Sherry Bratsch’s friend)  
Karen Christenson  
Renaë Illies (Eldy Williams’ daughter)  
Stephanie (Ed & Cat Anderson’s daughter)

**Grieving:**  
\*Family of Jeanette Gault, Family of Sue Anderson (NLS teacher), Family of Gertrude (Rev. Mark Kopaka’s mom), Family of baby Eshenbom (Friends of Brian & Tyann), Family of Rev. Bill Yueill, Family of Marian Cramer (Rev. Leanne Thompson’s mom), Family of Dorothy Jones, Family of Carrie Lowden (Brooke’s friend)

**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.

**December Deacons of the Month:** Gaylord Lind & Jackie Wahl