

\*Sermon Hymn "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (Screen)  
Offering/HPW Birthday Offering/Offerory "Consolation" Handbells  
\*Doxology (Blue #592/Screen)  
\*Prayer of Dedication  
\*Closing Hymn "Lead, Kindly Light" (Screen)  
\*Charge/Benediction "Aaron's Blessing"

Postlude

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Notes:

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**Sunday, March 8, 2026**  
**Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday**

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** Maggie Harp

**Welcome**

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

One: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

**ALL: The hour is coming and is now here. In spirit and truth, let us worship God.**

**\*Morning Prayer**

One: Lord God, Great I Am, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (Blue #84/Screen)

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Lord, notwithstanding your presence of hope in our lives, we acknowledge that we often ignore the cries of voices around us. We close our hearts and eyes to the pain of others. We feel exhausted, and we disregard those who don't feel welcomed in our midst. Forgive us. Help us to be open to bonds beyond blood; to be determined and wise; to be compassionate and just. May we lean into our call to embrace the most vulnerable among us. We pray this in the name of the one whose life embodied this commitment, Jesus of Nazareth. 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**

**Minute for Mission:** Birthday Offering Jonelle Foreman

**Special Music** "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" Handbells  
Melissa Mangen, Kristene King, Alisa Taatjes, Evelyn Titus, Tyann Jones

**Children's Sermon**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

One: Living God, through the reading of the scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the savior of the world.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 95: 1-7

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

3 For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

**4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**6 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

**Gospel Reading:** John 4: 5-42

**Sermon** "It Should Not Have Happened" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

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

**New Officer Installation**

**Deacons:** (Ordained & Installed) Don Heath

**\*Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed**

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### Coffee Servers

**March 8th:** Clara O'Connor, Joyce Schroeder

**March 15th:** Melissa & Lyle Mangen

### Ushers

**March 8th:** HPW ladies

**March 15th:** Tim Block, Mike Carlson, Lisa Bowland, Anakin Haglund

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Lay Readers

**March 8th:** Jonelle Foreman

**March 15th:** Sue Block

### Acolytes

(open)

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**Sound Operators:** Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Wally Titus, & Isaac Taatjes

**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 Jan 2026	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date Jan 2026	Prior Year to Date Jan 2025
Income	\$20,367.45	\$20,367.45	\$20,367.45	\$27,520.36
Expenses	\$21,673.20	\$21,673.20	\$21,673.20	\$28,600.76
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$1,305.75)		(\$1,305.75)	(\$1,080.40)
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses				\$27,674.40
Per Capita Assessment for 2026				\$7,144.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 1/31/2026				\$1,146.00

**2026 Per Capita** is \$47 per member.

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

**Special offering envelopes** are now located on the table in the Narthex rather than in the pews. See an usher if you need help finding them.

## HOPE'S HAPPENINGS!

### Soup 'n' Bread Suppers & Lenten Services

Soup 'n' Bread suppers & Lenten Services have started! Please see the Volunteer Board in the Fellowship Hall to sign up to bring something for our Soup 'n' Bread suppers. HPW work group #3 will be hosting and doing clean up this Wednesday.

### CARE Pantry Challenge

**March is MN Foodshare month!** We are collecting food and money donations for the Link. Please leave your donations in the box by the mailboxes or on the table in front of the mailboxes. We also have envelopes for monetary donations. Please give those to Steph or put in the offering plate. Thank you for your continued support!

### Officer Training

All Deacons and Elders are invited to the officer training held here on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Pastor Brian will be leading this training. All newly installed and ordained officers must attend. Others are encouraged to attend.

### Dinner Theater fundraiser – “The Committee Strikes Again!”

Tickets are now available for our dinner theater fundraiser. Come see “The Committee Strikes Again!” on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at either 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm. It is a free-will donation, but you have to have a ticket to get in. See Tyann or Steph to get your tickets today! All proceeds go towards the next mission trip to Belize in 2027. See the poster on the Community Events board for more info.

### Save the Date!

Mark your calendars! The meatball supper will take place on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. It is a little earlier than usual due to activities at the school our kids are involved in. Cost: \$15 per plate. Hope to see you there!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 55+ Driver Safety Classes

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm OR Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Atwater Community Center (107 2nd St. N—Atwater). This is a 4 hour in-person class about driver safety. It is good for 3 years, and you can save 10% off your car insurance. To register, please call 320-308-1400 or 888-234-1294, or register online at [www.DriverDiscountProgram.com](http://www.DriverDiscountProgram.com)

### Easter Egg Hunt

The New London-Spicer Ambassadors are hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at Peace Lutheran Church – New London. There will also be decorating cookies, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and a prize giveaway. Also meet the Ambassadors and get information about becoming a candidate. Questions – talk to Steph

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

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 8th (Sunday)	8:50 a.m.	Handbell Practice
	9:00 a.m.	Belize Mission Trip meeting
	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Handbells play! (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
March 9th (Monday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	5:45 p.m.	Deacons meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee meeting
March 10th (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday's Table – NL Evangelical Covenant
	6:30 p.m.	CEYF Committee meeting
March 11th (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m.	Soup 'n' Bread supper (Group 3 in kitchen)
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Service
	6:15 p.m.	WOW
	6:30 p.m.	TAG
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 12th (Thursday)	12:00 p.m.	Monthly Committee reports due to Steph
March 13th (Friday)		
March 14th (Saturday)	10 am – 1 pm	Officer Training at church
	7:00 p.m.	AA
March 15th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

### **January-February-March “These Days” Devotionals**

They have finally arrived! The devotionals are available on the information table by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**\*Denotes New**

### **Members with Health Issues:**

Darlene Thompson, Sharon Jones, John & Conny Williamson, Arlos Jones

### **Family and Friends with Health Issues:**

Sarah Sampson's grandma  
Randy Dahlberg (Lisa Thorson's cousin's son)

### **Grieving:**

Family of Paul (Joni's daughter's father-in-law), Family of Kim (Joni's sister),  
Family of Todd Harder (Betty Harder's son)

### **Care Facilities:**

Donald Shaw (Bethesda – Willmar, Room #445)  
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)  
Dan Quale (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.

**March Deacons of the Month:** Jeff Wersal & Greg Swenson