

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, ... Great is the mystery of faith:
ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
One: Gracious God...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Communion of the People (Bread is gluten-free)

Baptism of Emma Elaine Johnson
Daughter of Joseph and Allison Johnson
Sponsors: Justin and Abby Zylstra

Offering/Offertory: "God Claims You (Emma Elaine)" Adult Choir

***Doxology** (Blue #592/Screen)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn:** "He Came Down" (Sing the Faith #2085/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

Hope Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, December 4, 2022

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
(Facebook Live & on 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: Jonelle Foreman

***Call to Worship**

One: Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes you to this place.

ALL: As one body, with one voice, we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge, and joy. Amen.

***Opening Prayer**

One: O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us, so that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation, for you live and reign among us, Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise: "I Come with Joy"**

(Blue #507/Screen)

Lighting the Advent Candle

Confirmation Students

Grace Gau, Blake Sampson and Isaac Taatjes

Response: "Advent Song" Verse 2

(Sing the Faith #2090)

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. 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: "Call to Advent"

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: O God of our people and Lord of every nation, let your Word ring out from the mountains and your Spirit shine forth in the earth, so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will; through Jesus Christ our peace.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: "Can We?"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation: "Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine"**

(STF #2266/Screen)

Sacrament of Communion: The Great Thanksgiving:

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

December 4: Amanda Titus, Dawn Oie & Lisa Thorson

December 11: Pat & Bob Hinderks, Karen Hagemeyer & Jody Leason

Ushers

December 4: Jerry & Jody Leason, Jeff & Sandy Wersal

December 11: Larry & Sherry Bratsch, 2 Youth

*****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 4: Jonelle Foreman

December 11: Christmas Program

Communion Servers December 4: Steve Barney, Jody Leason, Greg Mulder, Bob Sampson and Sandy Wersal

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dinner Theater at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

The Dinner Theater is back for the 8th year! There is no better way to start the Christmas season and abide in the love of God. Enjoy the show alongside a four-course meal complete with hors d'oeuvres, salad course, main course and dessert course. You are sure to leave full and entertained! Tickets are \$80 per person. Limited quantities of tickets are available and selling quickly. To make your reservation, call the office at 796-2181. Showtimes are Thursday, December 8th at 5:30 pm, Friday, December 9th at 5:30 pm, Saturday, December 10th at 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm and Sunday, December 11th at 12:30 pm.

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

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!

Christmas Program

Our Christmas program will be held next Sunday, December 11th during our 10:00 am worship service. We will rehearse today after worship with pizza for lunch. We will also practice on Wednesday evening, December 7th, beginning with the family meal at 5:45 pm.

Advent Fun Hour

Immediately following the Christmas program next Sunday, we will enjoy a potluck dinner. This will be the start of our Advent Fun Hour, followed by 20 minutes of a game and 20 minutes of singing. Please plan to stay and **bring a dish for the potluck!**

Photo Op Corners

We again have two photo op corners set up in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for you to take your family Christmas pictures or just sit, relax or visit in the cozy surroundings. One is in the library area and the other at the far end by the windows.

“That’s MY Pan!”

Have you ever brought your pan to a gathering, forgot to put your name on it and someone else left with it? Do you need a great Christmas gift, wedding gift, birthday gift, etc.? Please check out the display table in the Fellowship Hall and place your order for personalized cake pans, pie tins, mugs, etc. You can also go to thatsmypan.biz/HopeChurchSpicer to place your order. Order deadline is this Wednesday, December 7th. All proceeds go toward the restrooms remodel project.

Order your Christmas Pies!

A no-bake peppermint Oreo pie or a mixed berry pie would be a delicious dessert for your Christmas gatherings! Please visit the display table for order forms or go to www.hopechurchspicer.org/fundraisers to place your order. Order deadline is Wednesday, December 14th. All proceeds go toward the restrooms remodel project.

Back Pillows Available

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

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4 (Sunday)	2nd Sunday of Advent - Communion
	9:15 a.m. Coffee
	10:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism for Emma Elaine Johnson (Also FB Live & Radio)
	11:00 a.m. Christmas Program Practice and pizza
December 5 (Monday)	8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Session
December 6 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry-Devotion, Lunch & Distribution 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Spicer 6:30 p.m. Presbytery Meeting via Zoom
December 7 (Wednesday)	5:45 p.m. Family Meal followed by Christmas Program Practice 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
December 8 (Thursday)	
December 9 (Friday)	Office Closed
December 10 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA Christmas Party
December 11 (Sunday)	3rd Sunday of Advent
	9:15 a.m. Coffee
	10:00 a.m. Christmas Program (Also FB Live & Radio)
	11:00 a.m. Advent Fun Hour – Potluck, Game & Song

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.

****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

***Indicates new**

Members with Health Concerns:

Velda Jones, Arlos Jones, Bill Schurman, Audrey Dean, Shar Williams

Family and Friends with Health Concerns

Kurt Angstman (Maggie Harp's brother-in-law)
Ben Gibson (Hilda Grosklags' nephew) Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece)
Sandy Aalderks Jerry Harder

Grieving:

Family of Fred Roguske, Family of Donna Ridl, Family of Lauran Schroeder's Mom (Daughter-in-law of Joyce & Darwin), Family of Lisa Walhof

Care Facilities:

Gary Anfinson (Bethesda-Willmar), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), 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

December Deacons of the Month: Kim O'Malley & Greg Swenson