

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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: "My Song is Love Unknown"

Adult Choir

***Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn:** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

(Blue #85/Screen)

***Charge/Benediction:** "Aaron's Blessing"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. echo

Postlude

Maggie

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Sunday, April 2, 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

Welcome

Lay Reader: Jonelle Foreman

***Call to Worship**

One: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

ALL: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

ALL: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

***Opening Prayer**

One: Holy God, you reveal the truth about your people and the ways of our world in the suffering of the Son and his steadfast love. Show us again the image of humility you desire for us, and teach us obedience, so that self-emptying may be our pathway, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "The King of Glory Comes" (STF #2091/Screen)

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. 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: "Blessed is He" Adult Choir
(On cue, congregation sing verse 1 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Blue #89)

Children's Sermon

WOW children sing "Praise Him, Praise Him", "Jesus Loves the Little Children",
and "God is So Good"

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

Prayer for Illumination:

One: Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may enter into the coming Holy Week with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2,18-29

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: "Not Like That Crowd" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

***Sermon Hymn:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Blue #101/Screen)

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

ALL: 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

April 2: Liz & Jason Windingstad

April 9: Session

Ushers

April 2: Tim & Sue Block, Jeff & Sandy Wersal

April 9: Karen Hagemeyer, ****Need 3 more****

*****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

April 2: Jonelle Foreman

April 9: Jeff Wersal

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

Sign up to receive the Valley Bridge, our Presbytery newsletter, in your inbox! Just email our Presbytery Administrator, Karen Lange at karen@minnesotavalleys.org and she will add you to the mailing list!

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

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge

April is...Dish Detergent. Please leave your donations on the table by the church mailboxes. Food, for The Link, donations will still be collected until April 5th.

Monetary 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.

Table Setting Luncheon

We will be having a Table Setting Luncheon on Saturday, April 15th at 9:30 a.m. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to provide a 9 x 13 pan of a "Spring" dessert. Ask Sandy Wersal for more information! Monetary donations are also needed for meal supplies.

"These Days" Devotion Booklets

The devotion booklets for April-May-June are available in the Narthex, on the table in the library or in the office. Large print copies are also available.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and vulnerable through three life-saving programs~Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. Special offering envelopes are in the pews or make a notation on your check.

Let's Start A Craft Ministry!

Many of the members of our churches are involved in arts and crafts and use their talents to bless others. We can learn from each other! Let's Begin with a Greeting Card Ministry. Send paper hugs by tapping into your creative spirit and spend time in fellowship! Instructor: Mary Koch (Cambria Presbyterian Church, Cambria MN) will share about her card ministry. Make and take four greeting cards. All of the materials will be provided. No experience needed.

When: **Saturday, April 22, 2023 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 235 E 4th St., Redwood Falls, MN 56283**

Capacity: 20 people Cost: \$25.00, includes all materials needed, a morning treat and lunch. Pay at the door: Cash or checks payable to Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys. RSVP to Deb Hess by email gmc1953dlh@aol.com or phone 507-829-6411. Deadline to sign up is **April 16, 2023.**

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2 (Sunday)	Palm Sunday 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
April 3 (Monday)	8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Session
April 4 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry-Devotion, Lunch, Distribution 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Our Lady of the Lakes
April 5 (Wednesday)	**NO Family Meal 6:15 p.m. WOW, Pre-Confirmation 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir
April 6 (Thursday)	Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion (sanctuary)
April 7 (Friday)	Good Friday – Service Online by several area Presbyterian Pastors (https://youtu.be/b9JEUaZf5Zg) Office Closed
April 8 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
April 9 (Sunday)	Easter Sunday - Communion 9:15 a.m. Coffee (Muffins & Juice) & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

****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 Thompson, Pete Bratberg, Larry Bratsch, 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 Aalderks	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 Engan

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

April Deacons of the Month: Sue Block & Robin Mulder