

**Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18**

**Sermon: “But What About the Darkness?”**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones**

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

**Sermon Hymn: “Carol of the Epiphany”**

(Sing the Faith #2094/Screen)

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

(Screen)

**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.**

**Offering/Offertory: “Nothing But a Child”**

Adult Choir

**\*Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn: “We Three Kings of Orient Are”**

(Blue #66/Screen)

**\*Charge/Benediction: “Aaron’s Blessing”**

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

**Postlude**

**Maggie**

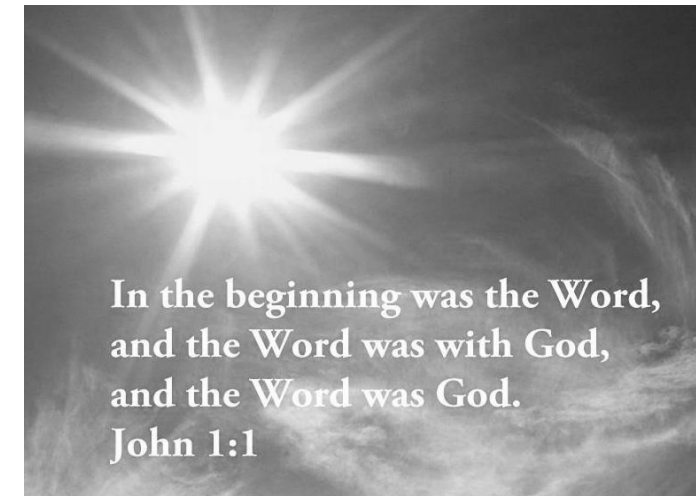
## **Hope Presbyterian Church**

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**Sunday, January 5, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas**

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, 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).*

**\*(Please stand as you are able)**

**Prelude**

**Maggie Harp**

**Welcome**

**Opening Song:** "I Love You, Lord"

(Sing the Faith #2068/Screen)

**\*Call to Worship**

**Lay Reader: Jonelle Foreman**

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us

**ALL: And we have seen his glory.**

One: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

**ALL: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.**

**\*Morning Prayer**

One: God of glory, your Word made a home with us so that we might be at home in you. Gather your children from the farthest places in the world and lead us to that home where the human race can become a human family; through Jesus Christ and in the Spirit, one God now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" (Blue #26/Screen)

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be-to the Father, Glory be-to the Son, Glo...ry be-to the Holy Ghost. (Repeat)  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, World without end, World without end. A...men. A...men.

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

**Announcements/Prayer Concerns/Joys**

**Special Music:** "Child of the Poor/What Child is This"

Adult Choir

**Children's Sermon**

**Response:** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (Sing the Faith #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: Heavenly Father, Holy Wisdom came to dwell with us in Jesus, filling our world with light and life. May such wisdom also dwell within your word this day, so that we may have intimate knowledge of your love for us, through the One who is close to your heart, Jesus Christ your Son.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 147:12-20**

<sup>12</sup> Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

<sup>13</sup> **For he strengthens the bars of your gates;**

**he blesses your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup> He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

<sup>15</sup> **He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup> He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup> **He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold?**

<sup>18</sup> He sends out his word, and melts them;

he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup> **He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup> He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

Praise the LORD!

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### **Coffee Servers**

**January 5: Myron & Deb Ficek (Ruth Birkeland's Birthday)**

**January 12: Alisa & Duane Taatjes**

### **Ushers**

**January 5: Duane & Alisa Taatjes, Carter & Isaac**

**January 12: \*\*Open\*\***

**\*\*\*Please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall (by the library) to usher or lay read. Thank You!**

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **Lay Readers**

**January 5: Jonelle Foreman**

**January 12: Sue Block**

**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, Jerry Bents

**Radio Operators:** Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes, Duane Taatjes

## HOPE HAPPENINGS!

### **CARE Pantry Challenge: January is...Toothpaste, Toothbrushes & Mouthwash**

Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks!

Any product at any time is greatly appreciated!

### **2025 Calendars, Giving Envelopes, Devotionals, HPW Booklets**

Please pick up your gift from the church, a 2025 calendar as well as your 2025 giving envelopes, and the January-February-March Devotionals from the table by the mailboxes. Women, the new HPW booklet is in your mailbox.

### **Wednesday Evening Activities**

Wednesday evening activities are back to the normal schedule again. The family meal will be at 5:45 pm, followed by WOW and TAG and choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 5  
(Sunday) 9:15 a.m. Coffee (**Cake for Ruth Birkeland's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday**)  
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)  
3:00-5:00 p.m. Visitation for Judy Heath

January 6  
(Monday) **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Funeral for Judy Heath  
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

January 7  
(Tuesday) 12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry Devotion, Lunch & Distribution  
6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Our Lady of Lakes Church

January 8  
(Wednesday) 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation  
5:45 p.m. Family Meal  
6:15 p.m. WOW  
6:30 p.m. TAG  
7:15 p.m. Choir

January 9  
(Thursday)

January 10  
(Friday) Office Closed

January 11  
(Saturday) 7:00 p.m. AA

January 12  
(Sunday) **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
9:15 a.m. Coffee  
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Denotes New

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

Shayla Sampson, Elroy Jones, Darlene Thompson, Bob Hinderks

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

Isabelle McBride (Skylar King's cousin)

Etta Holmgren (Charlotte DeLong's neighbor) Lisa Swanson

Kim (Friend of Jeff Lamphere)

Dale & Barb (Friends of Karen Hagemeyer)

Jackie (Friend of Eileen Helmstetter)

Blake Hinderks (Grandson of Bob & Pat)

Jerry Wall (Virginia McKean's son)

Pastor Randy Knuth

Paul Raynio (Jesse Appleby's Dad)

Dick Bratsch (Larry's brother)

### **Grieving:**

Family of Judy Heath, Family of Delroy Haverly, Family of Nancy Luker (Jennie (Jason) Bents' Grandmother), Family of Lee Rients (Neighbor of Steve Barney), Family of Kathy Jansen (Service in the spring), Family of Chuck Gratz (Julie Ehrlich's brother)

### **Care Facilities:**

Jerry Gault (Prairie Senior Cottages, 1705 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW-Willmar), Shar Williams (Carris Health Care Center, 1801 Willmar Ave. SW), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Barb Morris (Copperleaf in Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (Bethesda North Pointe)

### **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, COVID-19

**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.

**January Deacons of the Month: Julie & Bob Ehrlich**