

Cast:

Wise man ~ Lyle Mangen
Angel ~ Mary O'Malley
Mary ~ Sarah Sampson

Shepherd ~ Skylar King
Joseph ~ Greg Mulder

Neighborhood Kids ~ Eli Twernbold, Jack Cronen, George Appleby

Man ~ Larry Bratsch
Kids ~ Charlotte Salvatora, Audrey Salvatora, Davin Hunter, Gracelyn Fischer

Woman ~ Sherry Bratsch

Grandma Sue ~ Sue Block
Granddaughter Lily ~ Madelyn Titus

Daughter Janie ~ Kristene Foreman

Wise man ~ Isaac Taatjes
Angel ~ Evelyn Titus
Joseph ~ Zachary Fischer

Shepherd ~ Blake Sampson
Star ~ Grace Gau
Mary ~ Shayla Sampson

Young Suzie ~ Savannah Appleby

Davie ~ Eli Twernbold **Howie** ~ Jack Cronen **Jerry** ~ George Appleby

Director ~ Jonelle Foreman

Music ~ Maggie Harp

Sound Booth ~ Stephanie Bents

Costumes ~ Tyann Jones, Melissa Mangen, Deb Ficek

Rotating Window Prop ~ Made by Jonelle & Harold Foreman

Christmas Program Committee ~ Maggie Harp, Tyann Jones, Stephanie Bents, Jonelle Foreman

Preparation of Treat Bags ~ Amanda & Wally Titus

Thanks so much for coming! Hope you enjoyed our Christmas Program 2024!

Hope Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

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

Lighting of Advent Candle

Isaac Taatjes & Blake Sampson

One: We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring. For the shall purify his people like Gold and silver, until they shine forth in his righteousness.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Response: "Advent Song" Verse 2 (Screen)

Light the Advent candle, two: Think of humble shepherds, who filled with wonder at the sight of the child of Christmas night. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

***Call to Worship**

One: John the Baptist came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; he preaches to us still.

ALL: Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

***Morning Prayer**

One: Covenant God, you send us messengers to cleanse and refine us for your coming. Help us endure the mirror of the prophets' message—even when the prophets are children, so that we may see you when you suddenly appear among us; through Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

(Blue #376/Screen)

***Prayer of Confession**

ALL: Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not always listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus 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

Offering/Offertory

Maggie

***Doxology**

(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

Christmas Program: Beginning at the Manger

Songs:

(on Screen)

"I Am a Child of God" by Carol Meier

Youth and Adults in Manger Scene

"Baby Jesus Song"

Youth Verse 1, Congregation joins on Verse 2

"O Come Little Children"

Youth Verse 1, Congregation joins on Verse 2

"Away in a Manger"

Youth Verse 1, Congregation Joins Verse 2

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Youth Verse 1, Congregation joins Verse 2

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

December 8: Karen Hagemeyer & Lisa Thorson

December 15: Kathy Terpstra, Jody & Jerry Leason

Ushers

December 8: Appleby Family

December 15: Sampson Family

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

December 8: Christmas Program

December 15: 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: December is...Toilet Paper

Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks! Any product at any time is greatly appreciated!

Christmas Open House at Pastor & Tyann's Home

Today, from 3-5 p.m. you are all welcome to come to Pastor Brian & Tyann's home (306 Miller St. in Spicer) for a Christmas Open House.

For King and Country's A Drummer Boy Christmas Live – Tuesday, Dec. 10th

Please join us this Tuesday, December 10th at the Spicer Cinema at 6:30 p.m. to see the Cinematic Concert experience – For King and Country's A Drummer Boy Christmas Live! The church will pay for all youth attending-other tickets are just \$5.50.

Congregational Meeting

Please plan to attend a short congregational meeting after worship next Sunday, December 15th, to elect officers.

Advent Fun Hour

Please join us next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for Advent Fun Hour. Please bring a snack to share. We will have 20" of games, 20" of singing and 20" of eating!

Photo Op Corner

We have a photo op corner set up in the far end of the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for you to take your family Christmas picture!

Christmas Joy Offering

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we prepare the way for the leaders of our Church - past, present and future. Fifty percent of our gifts smooth the path for current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need. Fifty percent of your gifts prepare students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Christmas Joy offering will be taken on December 22nd, but special Joy offering envelopes are found in the pew racks.

2025 Calendars

Next Sunday please pick up your gift from the church, a 2025 calendar.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 8 (Sunday) **Second Sunday of Advent**
9:15 a.m. Coffee
10:00 a.m. **Christmas Program** (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
3:00-5:00 p.m. Open House at Pastor & Tyann's Home
(306 Miller St.-Spicer)

December 9 (Monday) 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

December 10 (Tuesday) 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Evangelical Covenant Church NL

December 11 (Wednesday) 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
6:15 p.m. WOW
6:30 p.m. TAG
7:15 p.m. **NO** Choir Practice

December 12 (Thursday) 6:30 p.m. Presbytery Meeting via Zoom

December 13 (Friday) Office Closed

December 14 (Saturday) 7:00 p.m. AA

December 15 (Sunday) **Third Sunday of Advent**
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
9:15 a.m. Coffee
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting-Elect 2025 Officers
3:00 p.m. Advent Fun Hour

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes New**

Members with Health Issues:

Darlene Thompson, Bob Hinderks

Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Etta Holmgren (Charlotte DeLong's neighbor)	Lisa Swanson
Brenda (Jonelle Foreman's sister-in-law)	Galen (Friend of Mike Carlson)
Kim (Friend of Jeff Lamphere)	Barb (Friend 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 Kathy Jansen, Family of Chuck Gratz (Julie Ehrlich's brother), Family of Kevin Anderson (Karen Hagemeyer's son-in-law's brother)

Care Facilities:

Jerry Gault (Prairie Senior Cottages, 1705 19th Ave. SW-Willmar), Shar Williams (Carris Health Care Center, 1801 Willmar Ave. SW), Kathy Jansen (Bethesda Grand, 901 Willmar Ave. SE, Room 103), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), 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.

December Deacons of the Month: Kathy Taatjes & Mary O'Malley