

**Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**Sermon: “Connecting Some Dots”**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones**

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

**Sermon Hymn: “Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized”** (Blue #70/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: “Draw Me Close”** Jan & Lorie

**\*Doxology** (Blue #592/Screen)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”** (Blue #281/Screen)

**\*Charge/Benediction: “Aaron’s Blessing”** Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

**Postlude** Maggie

## **Hope Presbyterian Church**

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**Sunday, January 12, 2025**

**Baptism of the Lord**

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:** "Morning Has Broken" (Blue #469/Screen)

**\*Call to Worship**

**Lay Reader: Sue Block**

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

**ALL: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

One: The Son of God is named, "Beloved." And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

**ALL: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength. Let us worship God in holy splendor.**

**\*Morning Prayer**

One: Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. **ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (Blue #288/Screen)

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Great God, we are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace, we pray. 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:** "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Jan Saulsbury & Lorie Skaro-Johnson, Flutes

**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: Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission, the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. **ALL: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendour.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.**

<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**HOSPITALITY SERVANTS**

**Coffee Servers**

January 12: Alisa & Duane Taatjes

January 19: Sue & Tim Block

**Ushers**

January 12: Jerry & Karen Bents, Tyann Jones, Steve Barney

January 19: **\*\*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 12: Sue Block

January 19: Jeff Wersal

**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.

**Annual Meeting January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Please plan to attend our annual meeting after worship on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. A **potluck meal** will follow the meeting. Look for the annual report in your church mailboxes next Sunday, so you can read it and be prepared for the meeting. Thanks!

**FINANCE REPORT**

	<b>DECEMBER</b>	Year to Date <b>12/31/2024</b>	Year to Date <b>Monthly Average</b>
Income	\$54,864.71	\$297,961.85	\$24,830.15
Expenses	\$29,880.33	\$283,250.14	\$23,604.18
Net Profit (Loss)	\$24,984.38	\$14,711.71	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses			\$26,118.65
Per Capita Assessment for 2024			\$7,425.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 12/31/2024			\$3,909.48

Kristene Foreman, Treasurer

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**\*Denotes New**

January 12 (Sunday)	<b><i>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i></b> 9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 11:00 a.m. Belize Mission Trip Meeting
January 13 (Monday)	10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 5:15 p.m. Mission Committee
January 14 (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Evangelical Covenant Church
January 15 (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 6:15 p.m. WOW 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir
January 16 (Thursday)	
January 17 (Friday)	Office Closed
January 18 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
January 19 (Sunday)	8:50 a.m. Handbells Practice 9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

**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 David Redepenning (Son-in-law of Kathryn Frazee), Family of Judy Heath,  
Family of Delroy Haverly

**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**