

³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

⁴ **O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶ **You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.**

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-55

Sermon: "Submissive or Subversive?"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

***Sermon Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light"** (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: "Ready the Way of the Lord" Adult Choir

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

ALL: 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: "Soon and Very Soon"** (Screen)

***Charge/Benediction: "Aaron's Blessing"** Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

Postlude Maggie

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Sunday, December 22, 2024

Fourth 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

Harold & Jonelle Foreman

One: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in God's kingdom on earth. The Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in God's justice, mercy, and faithfulness to all generations.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Response: "Advent Song" Verse 4 (Sing the Faith #2090/Screen)

Light the Advent candle, four: Think of joy forevermore; Christ Child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

***Call to Worship**

One: Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room out back:

ALL: The Messiah is coming.

One: Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, who pondered and planed wood:

ALL: The Messiah is coming.

One: Not announced by prophets, priests, and kings, but by two women, who were the first to know:

ALL: The Messiah is coming.

One: Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least expect it, look among the straw and the stars:

ALL: The Messiah is coming.

***Morning Prayer**

One: Stir up your power, O God, and come to set us free by the righteousness of your birth in our midst, by the light of your face shining upon us, and by becoming our

brother, our friend, our salvation. We pray this in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God of us all.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Blue #5/Screen)

***Prayer of Confession**

ALL: God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. 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: "Canticle of the Turning"

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: O Mighty One, who scatters the proud and fills the hungry, by your Holy Spirit let your word leap in us and bring to our yearning the joy that comes with new beginnings and renewed lives.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:1-7

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

² **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

December 22: Titus Family (Bill Schurman's 80th Birthday)

December 29: Sherry & Larry Bratsch

Ushers

December 22: Joni Lamphere, Lisa Thorson, Eli Twernbold & Steve Barney

December 24: Block Family

December 29: **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

December 22: Kathy Taatjes

December 29: 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: December is...Toilet Paper

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

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's 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 today ~ special Joy offering envelopes are found in the pew racks.

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.

Lillejulaften Service (Little Christmas Eve)

Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar invites us to their annual Norwegian language service on Monday, December 23rd at 7:00 p.m. After the service there will be coffee and treats in the Bethany Hall. Please wear your Norwegian sweater!

FINANCE REPORT

	November	Year to Date 11/30/2024	Year to Date Monthly Average
Income	\$19,747.80	\$243,097.14	\$22,099.74
Expenses	\$32,073.88	\$265,328.78	\$24,120.80
Net (Loss)	(\$12,326.08)	(\$22,231.64)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses			\$26,118.65
Per Capita Assessment for 2024			\$7,425.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 11/30/2024			\$3,558.48

Kristene Foreman, Treasurer

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 22 (Sunday) **Fourth Sunday of Advent – Christmas Joy Offering**
9:15 a.m. Coffee – Bill Schurman’s 80th Birthday!!
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
2:00 p.m. Worship at GlenOaks

December 23 (Monday) 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

December 24 (Tuesday) **5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Communion**

December 25 (Wednesday) **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
(Pastor & Tyann out of office until January 5th)

December 26 (Thursday)

December 27 (Friday) Office Closed

December 28 (Saturday) 7:00 p.m. AA

December 29 (Sunday) **Larry Bratsch Leading**
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
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 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 19th 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.

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