

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "I Wonder as I Wander" (Screen)

Offering/Offertory: Instrumental, Maggie

***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:** "Angels We Have Heard On High" (Screen)

***Benediction**

Postlude Maggie

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Sunday, December 29, 2024
First 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 ~ Larry Bratsch

Opening Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

(Screen)

***Call to Worship**

One: Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

ALL: God has come to make a home among us!

One: Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

ALL: In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.

One: And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

ALL: In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.

One: Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

**ALL: We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us.
Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise:** "The First Noel"

(Screen)

***Prayer of Confession**

One: Most Loving God, because you knew how twisted and corrupted our humanity had become, You sent us your Holy Son-

ALL: We name him Jesus, our Savior, for he has saved us from our sins.

One: Because you have stood in our shoes and understand how difficult it is to live by the rule of law in an often cold, unfeeling, and ruthless world-

ALL: We name him Jesus, our Savior, for he is this very day saving us from all our sins.

One: Because you have given us a gracious spirit, forgiving those who sin against us, and you call us to a ministry of reconciliation in a fractured world-

ALL: We proclaim him Jesus, our Savior, for He will save our world from its many sins.

***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

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)

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!

ALL: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

ALL: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

ALL: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

***Hymn:** "How Great Our Joy"

(Screen)

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

***Hymn:** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

(Screen)

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

December 29: Sherry & Larry Bratsch

January 5: Myron & Deb Ficek

Ushers

December 29: Karen Hagemeyer, Jerry & Karen Bents

January 5: **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

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

January is...Toothpaste, Toothbrushes & Mouthwash

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

Any product at any time is greatly appreciated!

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. Special Christmas 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.

Ruth Birkeland's 95th Birthday!

Please join Ruth and her family next Sunday for cake and coffee, during coffee hour, to help Ruth celebrate her 95th birthday!!

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 29
(Sunday) **Larry Bratsch Leading**
 9:15 a.m. Coffee
 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
 (Pastor & Tyann out of office until January 5th)

December 30
(Monday) 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

December 31
(Tuesday)

January 1
(Wednesday) **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

January 2
(Thursday)

January 3
(Friday) Office Closed

January 4
(Saturday) 7:00 p.m. AA

January 5
(Sunday) 9:15 a.m. Coffee (**Cake for Ruth Birkeland's 95th Birthday**)
 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes New**

Members with Health Issues:

Maggie Harp, 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 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 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 Larry.

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

January Deacons of the Month: Julie & Bob Ehrlich