

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sermon: “The Kingdom Comes. But When?”

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation:** “In Remembrance of Me” (Sing the Faith #2254/Screen)

Sacrament of Communion: The Great Thanksgiving:

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: You are holy, O God of majesty...Great is the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

The Lord’s Prayer (Sung)

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and
the Glory, forever. Amen.**

Communion of the People (Wrapped Gluten-Free Wafers available on tray)

Offering/Deacon’s Offering/Offertory: “Lo How A Rose E’er Blooming” Adult Choir

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn:** “People, Look East” (Blue #12/Screen)

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

Postlude Maggie Harp

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Sunday, December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

Lisa Bowland & Mike Carlson

One: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming. For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Response: "Advent Song" Verse 1 (Sing the Faith #2090/Screen)

Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun; we have started on our Way, time to think of Christmas Day. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the Cold winter night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

***Call to Worship**

Lay Reader: Jonelle Foreman

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

ALL: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety!

***Morning Prayer**

One: Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (Blue #2/Screen)

***Prayer of Confession**

ALL: Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no

grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. 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: "Call to Advent"

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: God our salvation, there is wisdom, peace, and joy for those who keep your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead us in your truth and teach us to do your will; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² **O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ **Make me to know your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

⁶ **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸ **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

December 1: Joni Lamphere & Tyann Jones

December 8: Karen Hagemeier & Lisa Thorson

Ushers

December 1: Taatjes Family

December 8: Appleby 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 1: Jonelle Foreman

December 8: Christmas Program

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

Communion Servers: Steve Barney, Deb Ficek, Dee Schurman, Alisa Taatjes & Liz Windingstad

FINANCE REPORT

	OCT	Year to Date 10/31/2024	Year to Date Monthly Average
Income	\$19,853.63	\$223,349.34	\$22,334.93
Expenses	\$24,666.70	\$233,254.90	\$23,325.49
Net Profit (Loss) (\$4813.07)		(\$9,905.56)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses			\$26,118.65
Per Capita Assessment for 2024			\$7,425.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 09/30/2024			\$3,468.48

Kristene Foreman, Treasurer

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge: December is...Toilet Paper

Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks! We had 85 customers at the CARE Pantry in November! Any product at any time is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We would like to thank you all for supporting us as we raise funds to go to Belize in March. We took in just shy of \$3500 during the pie auction and chili feed! Without your generosity, we could not have taken in that much! If you would like to continue supporting our efforts, we still have the Beanie Baby fundraiser going on. Please see Steph or Tyann if you are interested in adopting/sponsoring Beanie Babies. You are also welcome to drop a check into the offering at any time. We truly can't thank you enough for supporting our efforts in bringing the love of God to Belize!

The Belize Mission Trip Team

Church Christmas Program

The Church Christmas Program will be held during worship next Sunday, December 8th. Practices will be today after worship (with pizza prior to practice) and Wednesday, December 4th after the Family Meal at 5:45 p.m.

Christmas Open House at Pastor & Tyann's Home

Please note that Pastor Brian & Tyann are hosting an open house at their home next Sunday, December 8th 3-5 pm.

Congregational Meeting

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

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!

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 1 (Sunday)	First Sunday of Advent-Communion 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 11:00 a.m. Pizza & Christmas Program Rehearsal
December 2 (Monday)	8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 6:30 p.m. Session
December 3 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry Devotion, Lunch & Distribution 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Our Lady of the Lakes Church
December 4 (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 5:45 p.m. Family Meal 6:15 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:15 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Choir
December 5 (Thursday)	7:00 p.m. Circle II Leader: Jonelle Foreman
December 6 (Friday)	Office Closed
December 7 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
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)

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Denotes New

Members with Health Issues:

Daryl Taatjes, Kathy Jansen, Darlene Thompson, Bob Hinderks, Judy Heath, Sandy Wersal

Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Lisa Swanson	Brenda (Jonelle Foreman's sister-in-law)
Galen (Friend of Mike Carlson)	Kim (Friend of Jeff Lamphere)
Barb (Friend of Karen Hagemeyer)	Kaisa Robinson (Jonelle Foreman's niece)
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 Kevin Anderson (Karen Hagemeyer's son-in-law), Family of George (Pastor Candace & Doug's son-in-law), The Poe Family of Jerome Skluzacek

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