

Epistle Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: "Welcome"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Sermon Hymn: "Lead Me, Guide Me"

(Screen)

***Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed**

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.

Commissioning of Christian Education Leaders

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Adult Choir

***Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn: "Make Me a Servant"**

(Sing the Faith #2176/Screen)

Introduction of Teachers and Students

***Charge/Benediction: "Aaron's Blessing"**

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

Postlude

Maggie

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RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday, September 8, 2024

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

(On Facebook Live & KGLH Radio 96.9)

"On a Roll With God!"



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

Lay Reader: Kathy Taatjes

***Call to Worship**

One: Our merciful God, maker of us all,

ALL: Pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.

One: Let us open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace,

ALL: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Morning Prayer**

One: Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "O Lord You're Beautiful"

(Screen)

***Prayer of Confession**

ALL: God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. 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

Special Music: "Jesus, Friend of Sinners"
"Fishers of Men"

Adult Choir
Hope's Children

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: Healing God, you do all things well. Illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that we may receive your words and demonstrate your grace.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever;**

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ **The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the LORD!

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

September 8: Karen & Jerry Bents

September 15: Wendy & Bob Barr

Ushers

September 8: Robin Mulder, Steve Barney, Joni Lamphere & Eli Twernbold

September 15: ****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

September 8: Kathy Taatjes

September 15: ****Open****

Sound Operators: Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Wally Titus

Video Operators: Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes,
Jerry Leason & Barry Sampson

Screen Operators: Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Jerry Bents

Radio Operators: Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes, Duane Taatjes

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge:

September is...Baby Wash, Baby Lotion, Baby Wipes, Diapers and Pull-ups
Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks!

HPW Meeting

Our next HPW meeting is Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 pm. We will have the election of Officers, Approval of Missions and work on our 2025 Calendar. Devotions will be led by Sue Block. Kathy Terpstra will be sharing her experience of the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women.

Fall Harvest Festival/Home Décor

Our Fall Harvest Festival/Home Decor Sale will be held on Saturday, October 12th 8 am-1 pm. We will have morning coffee & rolls and a noon soup & sandwich lunch. Areas to donate items to include: Accessory Sisters (jewelry), Garden Produce & Plants, Books/Puzzles/CD's, Crafts, Décor, and the bake sale.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study will begin in October. If interested in teaching, please contact Tyann.

****The Christian Education Youth and Families Committee is encouraging youth to take part in our worship services. Many youth are already involved and that is wonderful! If you would like to be an usher (can include lighting candles and greeting people) sign up on the volunteer board by the office. If you are a 7th grader or older and are interested in helping with the screen in the sound booth, contact Stephanie Bents.**

Wellness Expo 2024

A Wellness Expo will be held at the Atwater Community Center on Tuesday, September 17th, 9-11:30 am, with a light lunch 11-11:30. Many vendors and a wealth of information! Flu vaccinations 9-11 am. Pre-register by calling 974-8737.

Camp GK Bear (Grief Camp for children)

Camp GK Bear is a free one-day camp for children, grades K-6, who have experienced the death of a significant person in their life. Register by Friday, September 20th for the event on Saturday, September 28th 10 am-3 pm at the Rice Memorial Hospital in the Lakeland Auditorium.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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| September 8 (Sunday) | RALLY DAY 9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) Students & teachers will be introduced, and leaders commissioned, Kids will sing "Fishers of Men" 11:00 a.m. Spaghetti Dinner – Fundraiser for TAG Mission Trip (Free-will Donation-Everyone Welcome!) & Fun Activities (games, photo booth) 6:00 p.m. TAG-Concert in St. Cloud-Depart from church at 4:30 p.m. (Dress warm, bring money for food, as needed) |
| September 9 (Monday) | 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 5:15 p.m. Mission Engagement Committee |
| September 10 (Tuesday) | 3:30 p.m. Food Distribution at Assembly of God (Open to all-Kids picked up from school at 3:00) 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Evangelical Covenant Church |
| September 11 (Wednesday) | 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 6:15 p.m. WOW 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice |
| September 12 (Thursday) | |
| September 13 (Friday) | Office Closed |
| September 14 (Saturday) | 7:00 p.m. AA |
| September 15 (Sunday) | 8:50 a.m. Handbells Practice 9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) |

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes New**

Members with Health Concerns:

*Isaac Taatjes, *Charlotte DeLong, Kathryn Frazee, John Williamson, Sandy Wersal

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Harper(child of co-worker at Taatjes Landscaping)
Jack Tatge Mother of Lance Baumann (from Clearwater Forest Camp)
(Isaiah) Johanna Jergenson & baby Esther (Foreman's nephew)
Dick Bratsch (Larry's brother) Danny Poe (Sandy Wersal's brother)
Hudson (Brooke Appleby's relative) Paul Barney (Steve's brother)

Grieving:

Family of Gail Krossman, Family and friends of Susan Johnson, Family of Hope Sampsal (Conny Williamson's Mother)

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.

September Deacons of the Month: Jeff Wersal & Kathy Taatjes