

**10 Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Sermon: “What Edith Taught Me” Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

***Sermon Hymn:** “The Summons” (Sing The Faith #2130/Screen)

Offering/Offertory: “You Are My Hiding Place” Adult Choir

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

***Closing Hymn:** “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” (Blue #308/Screen)

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

Postlude **Maggie**

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
(On Facebook Live & KGLH Radio 96.9)



- *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 (2:15 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 3:00 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).

***(Please stand as you are able)**

Prelude **Maggie Harp**

Welcome

***Call to Worship** **Lay Reader: Sue Block**

One: Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALL: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” (Blue #420/Screen)

***Morning Prayer:**

One: Gracious God, seeker of the lost, draw your children back to your loving embrace; restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons, and reconcile our hearts to you, so that we may become ambassadors of your reconciling love to all the world. Through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray.

ALL: Amen.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth’s resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you, so that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri** (Screen)

***Passing of the Peace** (Let us share Christ’s peace by greeting each other)

Announcements/Prayer Concerns/Joys

Special Music: “When A Poor One” Adult Choir

Children’s Sermon

Response: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (Sing the Faith #2193/Screen)

Prayer for Illumination

One: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds and bodies to the re-creating power of your Word, so that we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation. In Jesus’ name, we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**2 Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’,
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**6 Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.**

7 You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers
March 30: Kathy Terpstra & Sherry Bratsch
April 6: Wendy & Bob Barr

Ushers
March 30: Titus Family
April 6: **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
March 30: Sue Block
April 6: 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

FINANCE REPORT

		Year to Date	Year to Date
	February	02/28/2025	Monthly Average
Income	\$16,040.78	\$43,561.14	\$21,780.57
Expenses	\$22,021.98	\$50,622.74	\$25,311.37
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$5,981.20)	(\$7,061.60)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses			\$26,748.96
Per Capita Assessment for 2025			\$7,500.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 02/28/2025			\$1,664.00

Kristene Foreman, Treasurer

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

Easter flowers
Easter flower slips are due TODAY! Please either put your slips and check in the offering plate or place it on Steph’s desk in the office. They are \$17 each. Extra slips are on the table in the Narthex. Questions – please see Steph or Sue. Thanks!

Glen Oaks service
Join us next Sunday at 2:00 pm at Glen Oaks for a worship service. All are welcome to attend with the residents of Glen Oaks.

CARE Pantry Challenge: April’s product of the month is.... dish soap! Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thank you for your support!

Meatball Supper – save the date!
Please mark your calendars for our annual meatball supper on Friday, May 9th! Tickets will go on sale Sunday, April 6th.

Soup ‘n’ Bread Suppers
The Soup ‘n’ Bread suppers have started! Please see the Sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. Group 4 will be in charge of the kitchen this week.

Online Lenten Bible Study
A Lenten Bible Study called The Final Days, presented by Methodist Pastor Matt Rawle, is being offered for members and churches of Minnesota Valleys Presbytery. It will be held on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86926049131>

OWL (Older Wiser Learning) Camp 2025
May 5th, 6th, and 7th from 8:30 am to 11:30 am at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer. If interested, please call 320-796-2522. Please see the bulletin board by the offices for more information on this camp.

April-May-June Devotionals
These devotionals are available on the table in the Narthex, on the table by the kitchen door, or in the office.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 30 (Sunday)	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:15 a.m.	Bible Study in Fireside Room
	Easter Flower Slips due	
March 31 (Monday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
April 1 (Tuesday)	11-2	CARE Pantry Distribution with Devotion and Lunch at noon
	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday's Table at Our Lady of the Lakes Church
	6:30 p.m.	HPW – Devotions: Sandy Wersal
April 2 (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	5:45 p.m.	Soup 'n' Bread Supper (Group 4 in kitchen)
	6:15 p.m.	WOW
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Service
	6:30 p.m.	TAG
April 3 (Thursday)	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Circle II
April 4 (Friday)		
April 5 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	AA
April 6 (Sunday)	Camp Sunday – wear your Clearwater Forest gear!	
	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:15 a.m.	Bible Study in Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Glen Oaks service

PRAYER REQUESTS ***Denotes New**

Members with Health Issues:
*Arlos Jones, *Jackie Wahl, Larry Bratsch, Palmer Norling, Shar Williams, Wayne Thompson, Frank & Shelly Peralta, Darlene Thompson, Bob Hinderks

Family and Friends with Health Issues:
*Nathan Verch (friend of Hope) Dale & Barb (Friends of Karen Hagemeyer)
Dick Bratsch (Larry's brother) Krista (Brooke Appleby's friend)
Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece) Kim (Friend of Jeff Lamphere)
Pam & Scott Prouty (Pastors at Redwood Falls)

Grieving:
Family of Bill Garling (Joe Johnson's grandfather), Family of Amy Burns, Family of Larry Terpstra (Dave's brother), Family of Jeri Jergenson (Rev. Al Jergenson's wife), Family of Jerry Gault

Care Facilities:
Shar Williams (Carris Health Care Center-Willmar), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe-New London), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks-New London), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe-New London), Barb Morris (Copperleaf-Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (Bethesda North Pointe-New London)

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, illnesses

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.

April Deacons of the Month: Kathy Terpstra & Greg Swenson