

**Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18**

**Sermon: “What Then Should We Do?”**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones**

**Prayers for the People/The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sermon Hymn: “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”**

(Blue #145/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: “Savior of the Nations, Come”**

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: “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

(Blue #466/Screen)

**\*Charge/Benediction: “Aaron’s Blessing”**

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

**Postlude**

**Maggie**

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**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**Third 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**

**Jeff & Joni Lamphere & Eli Twernbold**

One: We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us, and our love for one another. For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us with his love. He shows great gladness over us with singing, and turns our shame into praise.

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

**Response:** "Advent Song" Verse 3 (Sing the Faith #2090/Screen)  
Light the Advent candle, three: Think of heavenly harmony; angels singing "Peace on earth" at the blessed Savior's birth. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle; candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

**ALL: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

One: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

**ALL: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

One: Trust and do not be afraid.

**ALL: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

One: With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

**ALL: The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah!**

**\*Morning Prayer**

One: Merciful God, you come into our midst longing for communion with us, becoming one of us. Break our resistance to life with you, show us the path toward just relations, and bring us into your unimaginable peace; in Jesus' name.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Shout to the Lord"

(Sing the Faith #2074/Screen)

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. 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:** "Sing Out, Earth and Skies"

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: Holy Word, you are our guide and ultimate assurance. By your Holy Spirit, open us to your promises and commands and shower us again with the fire of your love.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Isaiah 12:2-6**

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup> **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

<sup>4</sup> And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### **Coffee Servers**

**December 15:** Kathy & Dave Terpstra, Jody & Jerry Leason

**December 22:** Titus Family (Bill Schurman's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

**December 29:** Sherry & Larry Bratsch

### **Ushers**

**December 15:** Sampson Family

**December 22:** \*\*Open\*\*

**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 15:** Sue Block

**December 22:** Kathy Taatjes

**December 29:** \*\*Open\*\*

**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!

### **Congregational Meeting**

Please plan to attend a short congregational meeting after worship today, to elect officers.

### **Advent Fun Hour**

Please join us this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for Advent Fun Hour. Please bring a snack to share. We will have 20" of games, 20" of singing and 20" of eating!

### **Bill Schurman's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!**

Please join us next Sunday during coffee hour to celebrate Bill Schurman's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!!

### **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 on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, but special Joy offering envelopes are found in the pew racks.

### **2025 Calendars, Giving Envelopes and Devotionals**

Please pick up your gift from the church, a 2025 calendar as well as your 2025 giving envelopes, and the January-February-March Devotionals, on the table by the mailboxes.

### **Lillejulaften Service (Little Christmas Eve)**

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

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**\*Denotes New**

December 15  
(Sunday)                   **Third Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
9:15 a.m. Coffee  
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)  
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting - Elect 2025 Officers  
1:00 p.m. ROHYC Reserved  
3:00 p.m. Advent Fun Hour

December 16  
(Monday)                   **\*\*January Hope Scope Deadline\*\***  
8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation  
5:45 p.m. Deacons

December 17  
(Tuesday)                   12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry Devotion, Lunch & Distribution  
6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Faith Lutheran Church

December 18  
(Wednesday)                   10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation  
6:15 p.m. WOW  
6:15 p.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. TAG  
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

December 19  
(Thursday)

December 20  
(Friday)                   Office Closed

December 21  
(Saturday)                   7:00 p.m. AA

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

**Members with Health Issues:**  
Elroy Jones, Darlene Thompson, Bob Hinderks

**Family and Friends with Health Issues:**  
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 Kathy Jansen (Service in the spring), Family of Chuck Gratz (Julie Ehrlich's brother), Family of Kevin Anderson (Karen Hagemeyer's son-in-law's brother)

**Care Facilities:**  
Jerry Gault (Prairie Senior Cottages, 1705 19<sup>th</sup> 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**