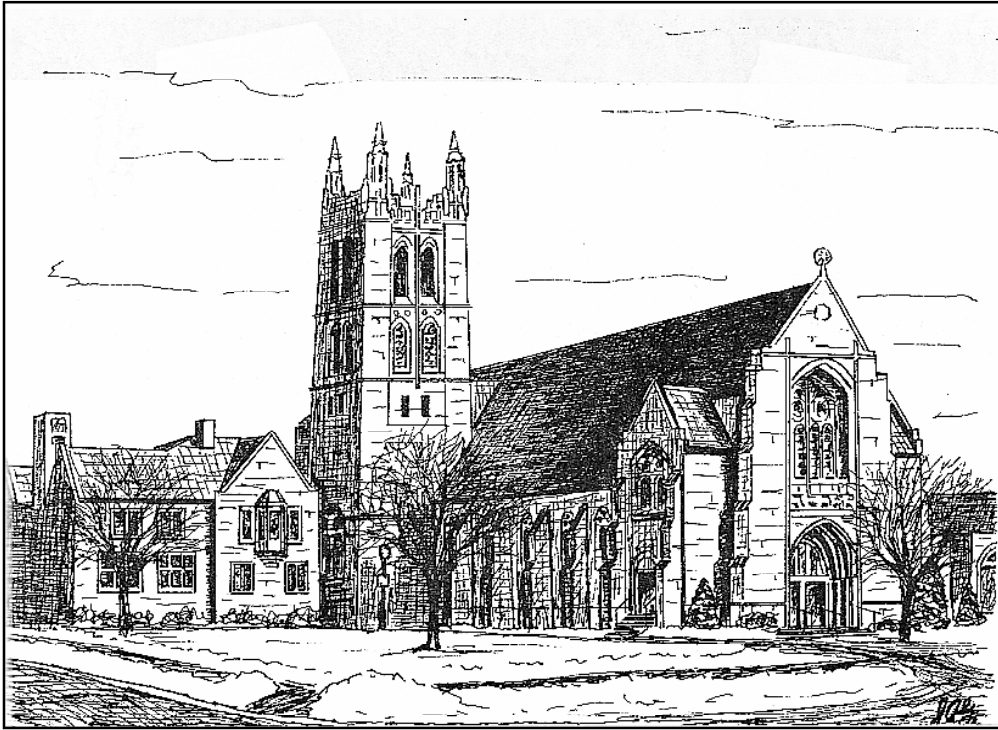


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The House of Hope
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The origin of the feast of the Epiphany lies in the Eastern celebration of the incarnation, and its fundamental concern is the epiphany, or theophany, the manifestation, the revelation of God to the world in Jesus Christ.

—From *The New Westminster Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009

Sunday, January 4, 2009
Second Sunday after Christmas/Epiphany

Morning Worship

Ten o' Clock

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

As With Gladness Men of Old
Aaron David Miller, organist

Anonymous
Early 20th Century

**The prelude is a time for silent, prayerful preparation for the worship of God.
Sung responses can be found at the inside front cover of the hymnal.**

INTROIT

The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away
The Motet Choir Andrew Altenbach, choirmaster

Steuerlein/Bach

The old year now hath passed away;
Thanks be to thee, our Lord, today,
That thou, from danger and from fear,
Hast kept us safely through the year.

*°HYMN 63

As With Gladness Men of Old
Please rise as the first notes of the hymn are played.

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°OPENING SENTENCES (The Congregation standing)

Thomas W. Forster-Smith

Minister: . . . let us bow down in prayer. (The Congregation now sits)
Draw nigh to us, O God, as we draw nigh to Thee.

People: (Sung) **Thou art our refuge and our strength forever.**

INVOCATION (Sung Amen)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: (Sung) **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us from our sin and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

KYRIE (Sung) **Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

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°GLORIA PATRI

(Sung) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joshua D. Heikkila

ORDINATION OF ELDERS and DEACONS. INSTALLATION OF TRUSTEES.

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT, p. 690 in pew Bible)

Virginia Bailey

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

(Following the Time for Children, all children age 4 through those who have completed Grade 5 are excused to their Sunday School programs.)

ANTHEM

Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain
He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right
Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens.
Let none be made ashamed, that wait upon Thee!

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 (NT, p. 2 in pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Searching

David A. Van Dyke

"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy."

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

°HYMN 68

What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

°AFFIRMATION OF FAITH. From The Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

Spiritual

arr. Robert Shaw & Alice Parker

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? When I was sinking down, O my soul, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am, while millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and thro' eternity I'll sing on.

°DOXOLOGY (Sung)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

°PRAYER OF DEDICATION

°HYMN 67 *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning* Morning Star

°BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fantasy in A Minor Lynnwood Farnam

Carillon Postlude David Johnson, carillonneur **Eleven o' Clock**

*Late entrants may be seated. °Stand as you are able

Hearing aids, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals available. Inquire of Usher.

The House of Hope welcomes all who worship here today. Refreshments are served in the Kirk Parlour following the services.

SERMON COPIES are available in the church office and in the kiosks in the church hallways. The sermons can also be found on the House of Hope website: www.hohchurch.org.

ACOLYTES for the services this morning include Tierney Broberg, Celia Byrne, Brian Dailey Arndt, Nick Dailey Arndt, Malika Dale, Hannah Dankers, Elizabeth Diebel, Charlie Dornfeld. Today's prayer of dedication will be given by Charlie Dornfeld.

The **GREETERS** this morning are Gus and Marilyn Bjorklund; Deb Broberg; Bill and Lola Christianson; Charlie Macdonell; Natalia Schroeder; Dave and Nita Tommeraasen; Nancy Van Dyke.

PEACE CANDLE. The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle. It is lighted each day as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayers for peace in the world.

In Memoriam

Jack Spindler joined the House of Hope Presbyterian Church on March 25, 1948. He entered into the Church Triumphant on December 24, 2008. A memorial service was held at The House of Hope on December 29.

"The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms."
Deuteronomy 33:27

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EVENTS: SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009 - JANUARY 11, 2009

———— **VISITORS** ————

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP AT THE HOUSE OF HOPE.

Visitors are invited to sign the friendship registration pad during worship. Please look for hospitality greeters who wear the "Welcome" tag for information and assistance. Gold foil seals may be found in the pew racks; all visitors are encouraged to wear one so that you can be identified as a visitor and receive a personal welcome.

House of Hope offers **CHILDCARE** each Sunday. Parents are welcome to stay in the childcare rooms with their little ones to help with transition to a new setting. Questions may be directed to Mee Ae Kim, child care coordinator, in Room 2, or to Jan Snell, Director of Children's Christian Education.

- Infants through children age 18 months are cared for in the Noah's Ark nursery (Room 8).
- Toddlers age 18 months through age 3 are cared for in the Garden of Eden room (Room 2).

THINKING ABOUT MEMBERSHIP? We offer many opportunities for fellowship, worship, learning, and service—for adults, children, and youth. The next opportunity to learn about membership in The House of Hope will be Sunday, January 18, at 12 noon in the Church Library. A light lunch will be served and child care will be available upon request. The class will be led by Pastor Josh Heikkila. For lunch and child care reservations, call Michelle Freyholtz at 651-223-7556.

———— **TODAY** ————

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN

Nursery/Toddler Care is provided each Sunday morning from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

- Infants (birth – 18 months) go to the Noah's Ark nursery.
- Toddlers (19 months – 35 months) go to the Garden of Eden in Room 2.

If you are coming to worship at 8:15:

- Childcare will be provided for age 4 and younger. (See above. NOTE: toddlers, 3- and 4-year-olds go to Room 2 during 8:15 worship)
- Children age 5 and up participate in worship with their families

If you are coming to the 10 a.m. worship service:

- Infants and toddlers go to room 8 or 2 (see above)
- Three-year-olds go to Room 6 beginning at 9:45 for supervised play. Children must be 3 by August 31.
- Children age 4 through Grade 5 attend the beginning of the worship service, then leave the sanctuary to gather in the chapel for **WORSHIP ENRICHMENT**.
- Following Worship Enrichment, children and their teachers/shepherds will go to Sunday School (age 3-K). Children in grades 1-5 will gather in Room 1 following Worship Enrichment. The new Bible Adventure unit begins next Sunday, January 11.

The artists in the **CLOISTER GALLERY** during the month of January are potter Leif Bjornson and Meg Luhrs, a painter who also specializes in "relief printing" (wood blocks or linoleum cut to make ink imprints). Luhrs and Bjornson are husband and wife. View these works, meet the artists' representative, and enjoy coffee in the gallery today, January 4, at 11 a.m.

Information on **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** can be found in the kiosks by the entrances to the Sanctuary and on the Information Table in the Cloister Gallery. Please pick up this information today to see how you can put your faith into action!

MIDDLE SCHOOL. At 11 a.m. (after worship), students in Grades 6 and 7 will meet in the Middle School Room (upstairs in the education wing of the church), and Grade 8 in the Skylight Room.

HIGH SCHOOL. High School Youth in Grades 9-12, come to the Youth Room at 11 a.m. (after worship) for some food, drink, and conversation.

The **ENRICHMENT PROGRAM** today will be a report from South Africa. Rev. Tom Forster-Smith and Rev. David Van Dyke and the 2008 Mission Trip Travelers will talk about their work on the construction of a new Presbyterian Church in the village of Malungeni, and will show their photographs of the trip.

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS is offered after the worship service today for all desiring a time of personal prayer for themselves or others. Come to the Elizabeth Chapel directly following worship and one of the ministers will be there to pray with you.

In January, the **CHANGE OF HEART OFFERING** goes to the Lydia Project for the Empowerment of Women, through Kwanzaa Community Church in North Minneapolis.

FIRST SUNDAY IS FOOD SUNDAY. In these difficult economic times, the food shelves are critically important to many families. Gifts of money can be made using the offering envelopes in the pew racks. Your generosity is needed and greatly appreciated. Nonperishable food items left at the table by the Elizabeth Chapel and gifts of money are given to the food shelf at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center.

The Deacons provide **VALET PARKING SERVICE** for those who need assistance on Sunday mornings. Drive up to the *porte cochère* on the Portland Avenue side of the church, and a deacon will park your car. After the service, return to the same door and a deacon will retrieve your car.

———— **THE WEEK Ahead** ————

Monday, January 5

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (Assembly Room) and **ALANON** (Youth Room) meet at House of Hope at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 6

There will be **NO MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP** on December 30. The group resumes meeting on January 6 at 7 a.m. at the Copper Dome at 1333 Randolph.

Wednesday, January 7

TUESDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP meets weekly at 7 a.m. at the Copper Dome at 1333 Randolph. Contact for Men's Breakfast Groups: Bob Hennesy, 651-739-7262. Newcomers are always welcome.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Rev. Molly McMillan meets in the Library at 10 a.m. Contact Rev. Tom Forster-Smith for more information, 651-223-7553.

Thursday, January 8

THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP meets weekly at 7 a.m. at the St. Clair Broiler on Snelling and St. Clair. All House of Hope men are welcome to attend. For further information, contact Reverend Tom Forster-Smith at 651-223-7553 or e-mail: tomf@hohchurch.org. Contact for Men's Breakfast Groups: Bob Hennesy, 651-739-7262.

The Adult Education seminar, **"THE DARK HORSE OF POETRY"** (Bill Collins), taught by Joy Davis, will meet at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House on January 8. Handouts will be provided. No preparation necessary.

The **GRIEF GROUPS** of the Capital City Grief Coalition currently meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Macalester - Plymouth United Church for those who have lost a loved one through death. Macalester-Plymouth Church is located at 1658 Lincoln. There is parking adjacent to church building. Newcomers are always welcome. The groups gather at 5 p.m. and then break into small groups after the presentation. For information, contact Coalition Coordinator Lois Knutson, 651-227-4430 or Darlene Auger Stensby at the church, 651-223-7544.

Friday, January 9

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP meets every Friday at 7 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour for breakfast and discussion of readings. Guests are always welcome. If you are planning to attend for the first time, please call Jan Dickinson, 651-647-1786, or Esther Kellogg, 651-699-6006, for important information. January 9: *The Snows of Kilimanjaro and Other Stories* by Ernest Hemingway.

KITH AND KIN, a group for parents of young children, will meet on Friday, January 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour, Newcomers are welcome, and childcare is available. Contact Jan Snell for more information at jans@hohchurch.org or 651-223-7547.

Saturday, January 10

The **WOMEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** group meets Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Sunday, January 11

The **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated at the 8:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. services on Sunday, January 11.

The **ENRICHMENT PROGRAM** on January 11 is presented by Faith Partners and is entitled "*Emotions Run Amok: Anxiety, Anger, and Panic.*" This presentation will focus on how feelings of rage, fear, hurt, sorrow and anxiety can overwhelm us and derail our lives. How otherwise healthy, balanced people can get stuck in self-destructive feelings and how they can cope more effectively will be examined and discussed. The presenter is Karen Mead, executive director of Emotions Anonymous International. Faith Partners is House of Hope's ministry focused on addiction and recovery support and education.

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WEEK BEGINNING JANUARY 4, 2009

Sunday, January 4, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. Child Care
 - 8:15 a.m. Worship and Communion Service, Elizabeth Chapel
 - 9:00 a.m. Fellowship, Kirk Parlour
 - 9:00 a.m. Motet Choir
 - 9:30 a.m. Meeting of New Officers, Elizabeth Chapel
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
 - 10:00 a.m. Ordination of Officers
 - 10:30 a.m. Assembly Time for 3 year olds through Kindergarten, Room 5
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Enrichment 1st-5th grade, Elizabeth Chapel
 - 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Activities, age 3 through grade 5
 - 11:00 a.m. Grades 6 & 7, Middle School Room
 - 11:00 a.m. Grade 8, Skylight Room
 - 11:00 a.m. High School, Youth Room
 - 11:00 a.m. Fellowship, Kirk Parlour
 - 11:00 a.m. Enrichment Program, Kirk Parlour
 - 11:00 a.m. Coffee in the Cloister Gallery
- Monday, January 5 2009**
- 4:30 p.m. Girls' Vocal Ensemble, East Wing
 - 5:00 p.m. Community Service Committee of Deacons, Library
 - 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Kirk Parlour
 - 6:00 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
 - 6:00 p.m. AlAnon, Youth Room

Tuesday, January 6, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Copper Dome
- 1:00 p.m. Library Committee, Library
- 5:00 p.m. Worship, Sacraments & Music Committee, Library
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Kirk Parlour

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 4:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 1
- 4:15 p.m. Choir School, east wing
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House
- 6:00 p.m. Choir School Dinner, A&B
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Dinner, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room

Thursday, January 8, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, St. Clair Broiler
- 4:00 p.m. Havel Committee, Meeting House
- 5:00 p.m. Grief Coalition, Macalester-Plymouth United Church

Friday, January 9, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast, Kirk Parlour
- 9:30 a.m. Kith and Kin, Kirk Parlour
- 12 noon Trustees
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House

Saturday, January 10, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. Women's AA, Youth Room
- 9:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting, Stillwater

Sunday, January 11, 2009

- Services at 8:15 and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. David Van Dyke, preaching

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

- 8:15 & 12:45: Preschool



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