

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**"To begin again with God means seeing that we cannot go on as we are. To build again with God means we cannot go running or creeping on the old groove, in the old, bad, accustomed routine. It means looking to see if God's light and power are not visible, and they are often closer than we think. It means waiting...not in the void, but for God's redemption, for the bars of our prison to burst open suddenly. Jesus has summoned God's kingdom into real life as the surest and most real of all things." - Karl Barth**

**First Sunday in Advent | December 3, 2017 10 a.m.**

# Welcome

**House of Hope welcomes all who worship here today.** Our caring and active community welcomes you. We extend the hospitality of Christ to all who gather here.

## Today's Worship

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m., followed by refreshments, fellowship, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our greeters or ushers will be glad to help you. **We invite you to join us for refreshments**, including fair trade Peace Coffee, served in the Kirk Parlour following the service.

**Professional childcare is provided** for infants through age 3 from 8:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in the East wing of the building. We use a texting system to page parents. Please set your cell phones to vibrate and keep it on your person.

- Infants to 18 months | Room 8
- Toddlers 19 months to 3 years | Room 2
- PreK through 6th grade are invited to the Great Hall after Time for Children.

**Large print hymnals and bulletins** are available from ushers. Hearing devices can be signed out from the table in the Narthex. Ushers are available for assistance. Please return the hearing device to the table after the worship service.

**Live broadcasts and audio versions of worship services** are available at [hohchurch.org](http://hohchurch.org). Copies of past sermons are available at the church's Welcome Centers and in the rack across from the Assembly Room.

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

**The yellow Pastoral Concerns cards** provide a way to alert the staff to the pastoral care needs of the congregation. Please use them, and place them in the offering plate or give them to a minister. This is a way to keep us informed about the life of our members.

If you would like a pastor to call on you in the hospital, or if you are ill at home and would like a visit, please call the church office at (651) 227-6311, to let us know. If you know someone else in the congregation who could benefit from a visit, please contact the church.

## Are you visiting?

**Thank you for choosing to worship at House of Hope.** Visitors are invited to sign the Friendship registration pad. Please look for hospitality greeters who wear the "Welcome" tag for information.

# THE APPROACH TO GOD

## Prelude

Three Advent Carols ..... Paul Manz  
Aaron David Miller, organist

## Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

## Lighting of the first Advent Candle

John, Sarah, and Wilhelmina Zwier

## Introit

*Keep Awake* ..... Aaron David Miller  
The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

## \* + Processional Hymn 5

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* ..... Picardy

## Call to Confession (congregation seated) — Jeffrey T. Foels

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

*Cantor:*



Be with us now O Lord, qui-et us, cen-ter us, hear us.

*Congregation:*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O  
Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me.

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.

We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,  
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.

We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and mercy.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,  
and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

*(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)*

## Sung Response

Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo-ple free;  
From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.

The musical notation consists of two staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

## Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

## \* + Antiphon

Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
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## Anthem

*Thou Shalt Know Him*.....Mark Sirrett

Thou shalt know him when he comes,  
Not by any din of drums, Nor his manners,  
Nor his airs, Nor by anything he wears.  
Thou shalt know him when he comes,  
Not by his crown or by his gown,  
But his coming known shall be,  
by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.  
Thou Shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

## Welcome and Announcements

**Anthem**

St Nicolas Choir, Sofia Ardalan, Conductor; Sarah Garner, pianist

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* ..... arr. John Helgen

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
for this work is almost done.  
Children, don't get weary,  
for this work is almost done.

Darker midnight lies before us,  
for this work is almost done.  
Lo, the morning soon is breaking,  
for this work is almost done.  
(Traditional Spiritual)

———— **THE WORD OF GOD** ————

**Time for Children**

PreK–6th grade are invited to join us for Christmas Pageant practice in the Great Hall.

**Scripture Lesson**

Mark 13: 24-37 (NT, pp. 50-51 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** — David A. Van Dyke

*Were Those Days These Days?*

*"But in those days..the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light.."*

———— **THE RESPONSE TO GOD** ————

+ **Hymn 17**

*"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us* .....Wachet Auf

+ **Affirmation of Faith** — Apostles' Creed — Julia A. Carlson

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** (online giving is available. See back cover.)

## **Anthem**

*Remember, O thou man* ..... Thomas Ravenscroft

Remember, O thou man, thy time is spent.  
Remember, O thou man, how thou art dead and gone,  
And I did what I can:  
Therefore repent!

Remember Adam's fall from heaven to hell,  
How we were condemned all  
In hell perpetual,  
Therefore to dwell.

Remember God's goodness, and his promise made!  
How he sent his Son doubtless,  
Our sins for to redress:  
Be not afraid!

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**


### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People:   
And with thy spir - it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

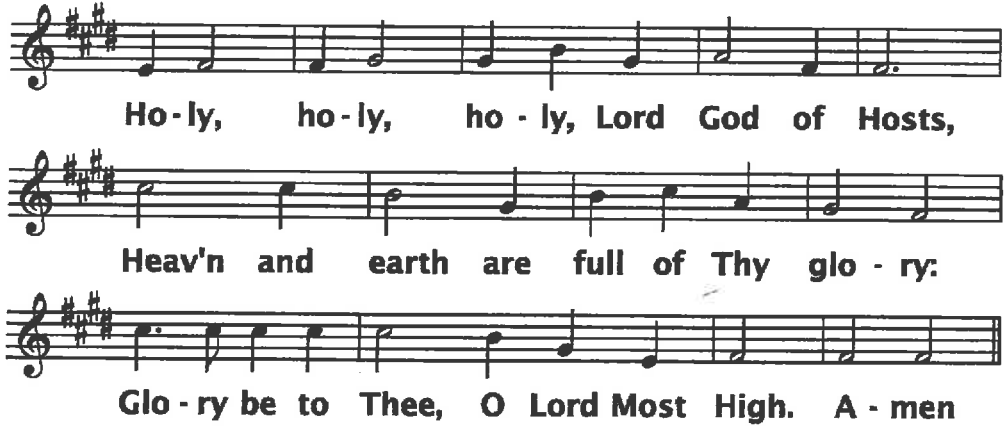
People:   
We lift them up un-to the Lord.

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

People:   
It is meet and right so to do.

Minister: It is meet and right and our greatest joy. . .who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry:  
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. . . Continue to hear us as we pray together the prayer Christ taught us, saying together:

Our Father who 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.

## Words of Institution

## Distribution of the Bread and Cup

## Prayer after Communion

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!  
Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
People: and forget not all God's benefits.

### Minister and People:

Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given your self to us.  
Grant that we may go into this world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## +Recessional Hymn 8

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*.....Truro

## +Benediction

## Postlude

Chorale Prelude on VENI EMANNUEL.....3rd Century

## Carillon Postlude — David W. Johnson, carillonneur

\* Late entrance may be seated

+ Stand as you are able

## Today's Greeters

Liz Sanson, Bill and Joan Frank, Larry Nelson, Patrick Boylan

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated today. All who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Elements served are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Request one from your server.

**Today is the first Sunday in Advent.** The word "Advent" comes from the Latin *advenio*, meaning "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. The four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for personal examination, to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ into our lives.

**The first Advent Banner** illustrates the scripture passage: "The lion shall dwell with the lamb"—a vision which has captured the imagination of artists throughout the ages. In Isaiah 11:6: "The leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." The hope of what is to come for the entire world is expressed in the first banner of the Advent Season. The "peaceable kingdom" is surrounded by the olive branch, the dove and the raised hand, all symbols of peace, harmony and healing. Isaiah foresaw that a child called the Prince of Peace would establish peace forever (Isaiah 9:6-7). And so the angel sang over Bethlehem, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace" (Luke 2:15).



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# News & Opportunities

December 3 - 10, 2017

## Today's Schedule for Children

Pre-K through sixth graders are invited to the Great Hall after the Time for Children for Christmas Pageant practice. Adults and children of all ages are invited to join us for the Advent Celebration after worship. Nursery children will meet in their usual Sunday spaces during worship.

## Middle School Youth

are invited to the Advent Celebration in the Great Hall following worship.

## High School Youth

are invited to the Advent Celebration in the Great Hall following worship.

## Christmas Carol Sing-along

Please join us today at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room as we start the holiday season by singing our favorite hymns and carols. Phil and Lynda Jorgenson, accompanied on the piano by Linda Smith, will lead us in this wonderful House of Hope tradition.

**Advent Celebration.** All are invited to the annual Advent Celebration. We will be in Dining Rooms A & B and Great Hall following worship, until noon. Come enjoy crafts, snacks, and fellowship.

## Christmas Traditions Around the World Exhibit.

December 5, 2017-January 7, 2018. Members are invited to submit art, a family recipe, or an item that is special to their heritage or another heritage as a Christmas tradition. Items are to be collected on Sunday, Dec. 3rd and Monday, Dec. 4th. The Art Committee will set up the exhibit on Tuesday, Dec. 5th.

## Members Art Show

November 7-December 3, 2017. Join us in the Cloister Art Gallery to view church members' art works that include original paintings, ceramics, photography and textiles/fiber art.

## Upcoming

**Centering Prayer** at the House of Hope takes place on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour. Centering is a form of contemplative prayer. Some might call it meditation. It is a practice of focusing on God, or resting in God, and when thoughts distract us from that intent, it becomes the practice of noticing and returning our focus to God through the use of a sacred word. Those in attendance vary each week; all are invited to attend as your schedule allows. Beginners as well as long time practitioners are welcome; there is an introduction to the practice at the beginning of each gathering.

## First Thursday Literature Seminar.

December 7, 10 a.m. in the Church Library. Discussion: Guy Maupassant's two stories: "Moonlight" and "The Necklace." Joy Davis, instructor.

## The Choir School Christmas Concert.

Next Sunday, December 10, at 11:15 a.m., please join us in the sanctuary immediately following worship for the annual Choir School Christmas Concert. All of our choristers, age 4-18 will present a festive program of anthems and carols as we celebrate the Christmas season.

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift. It's that easy.

## Christmas Memorials

You may purchase a poinsettia (\$15) or make a donation in any amount to the Mission Outreach Fund in memory or in honor of loved ones for publication in the December 17th bulletin. Visit or call the church office or pay online. To pay online click the blue 'give' button, select 'donate now', enter an amount and select the 'Christmas Memorials' fund. Please use the optional memo box to indicate the names and if you would like to pick up a poinsettia. You may select 'add more' if you have more than one. The deadline for reserving Christmas Memorials is December 10, 2017.

## Week Beginning December 3, 2017

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### Sunday, December 3, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 and 8
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Children's Pageant Practice, Great Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship in the Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Advent Celebration, Dining Rms. A&B
- 11:15 a.m. Carol Sing-along, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Middle School, Advent Celebration
- 11:15 a.m. High School, Advent Celebration

### Monday, December 4, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin deadline
- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 5:30 p.m. Peace and Justice Committee, Library
- 6:00 p.m. AA, Great Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Youth Room

### Tuesday, December 5, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, The Louisiana Cafe
- 6:00 p.m. Membership Development, Room 1

### Wednesday, December 6, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 12:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting, Room 1
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training, Room 1
- 4:30 p.m. Choir School, East Wing

- 5:45 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed and Supervision, Rooms 1 and 6
- 7:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation, Kirby Lounge
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Hand Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room

### Thursday, December 7, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 9:00 a.m. Hard Hats, Maintenance Shop
- 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining Rooms A&B
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1
- 10:00 a.m. First Thursday Literature Series, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Groups, House of Hope

### Friday, December 8, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Kirk Parlour
- 8:15 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge
- 9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
- 12:30 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House

### Sunday, December 10, 2017

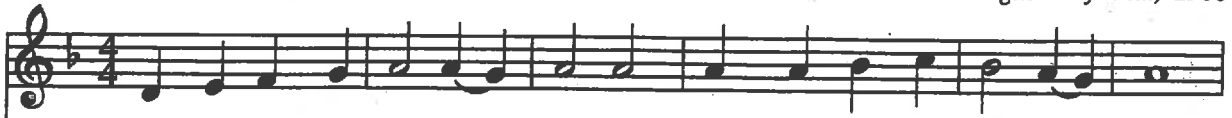
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Second Sunday in Advent  
New Member Welcome  
David Van Dyke, preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas Concert

For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org).

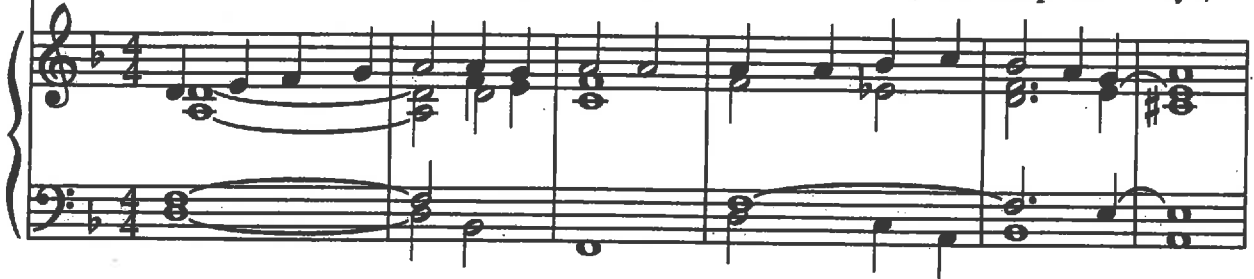
## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7

From Liturgy of St. James, 4th century  
Trans. Gerard Moultrie, 1864French carol  
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and trem - bling stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, As of old on earth He stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard on the way,
4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph; Cher - u - bim, with sleep - less eye,



Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed, For with bless - ing in His hand,  
 Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture, In the bod - y and the blood,  
 As the Light of Light de - scend - eth From the realms of end - less day,  
 Veil their fa - ces to the pres - ence, As with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 He will give to all the faith - ful His own self for heav - en - ly food.  
 That the powers of hell may van - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!



# 17 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

WACHET AUF Irregular

Philipp Nicolai, 1599  
Trans. Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Attr. Philipp Nicolai, 1599  
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1731

1. "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice as - tounds us; The shout of ram-part  
2. Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, Her heart with joy - ful  
3. Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore You; Let saints and an - gels

guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
hope is spring - ing; She wakes and hur - ries through the night.  
sing be - fore You, As harps and cym - bals swell the sound.

Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, Their ur gent sum - mons  
Forth He comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious In strength of grace, in  
Twelve great pearls, the cit - y's por - tals: Through them we stream to

clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
truth vic - to - rious: Her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
join the im - mor - tals As we with joy Your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; The Bride - groom is in sight.  
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate Word,  
No eye has known the sight, No ear heard such de - light:

Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and has - ten there,  
Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and heed Your call  
Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to greet our King;

That you the wed - ding feast may share."  
To come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
For - ev - er let our prais - es ring.

stead - y brow, And robe of sor - row round You.  
 pride, o'er-thrown, Went down to dust be - side You.  
 of Your peace, By which a - lone we choose You.  
 fore Your cross; Come, fin - ish Your sal - va - tion.

This tune in a higher key, 483

Psalm 24:7-10

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 8

TRURO LM

Georg Weissel, 1642

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the  
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
 3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for  
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!  
 heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.