

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"A deep devotion to Mary prevents us
from making the Christian life into an ideology.
Mary reveals to us the personal quality of God's love
as well as the personal quality of a faithful human response."

- Henri Nouwen

Fourth Sunday in Advent | December 24, 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 9:30 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 remain is worship after A 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. 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 include an email or street address so we can tell you about worship, mission, and events at the House of Hope. Please look for hospitality greeters who wear the "Welcome" tag for information.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Truro" Advent Carol
Sarah Boyle Carmack, Oboe; Aaron David Miller, organist

Lighting of the fourth Advent Candle

Larry Lee and John Moscho

Call To Worship — Jeffrey T. Foels

*** + Opening Hymn 49**

Once in Royal David's City Irby

Call to Confession (*congregation seated*)

Minister: The Lord is with you.

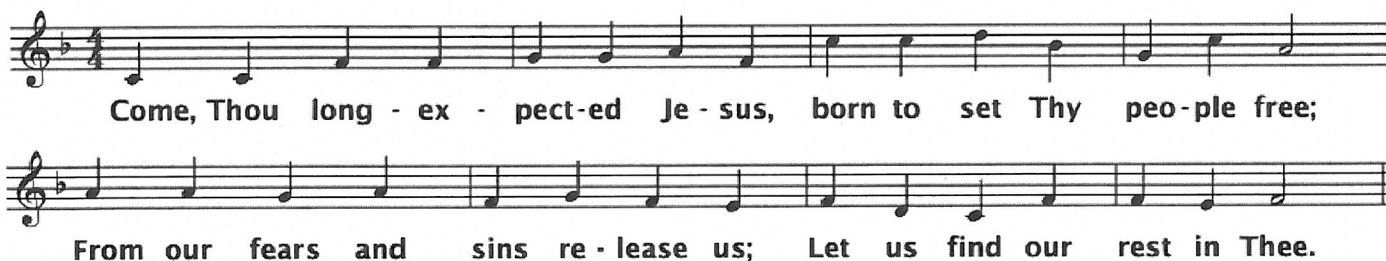
People: And also with you.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We may sing, "O Come all ye faithful,"
but we confess, loving God, that we are not always faithful.
Where we could have shown love this past week,
we kept ourselves busy with other things.
Where we should have remained silent,
we spoke without thinking and hurt someone.
We treated gifts and meals and greetings as chores,
leaving out the most important thing—caring.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Send the light of your Christ,
so all that is good may be revealed more clearly
and all that is wrong may be exposed and changed.
We pray this in the name of Jesus our savior,
who was born in Bethlehem.

(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Sung Response



Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* + Hymn 23

Angels We Have Heard on High..... Gloria

Welcome and Announcements

———— THE WORD OF GOD ————

First Lesson

Romans 16: 17-19, 25-27 (NT, p. 165 in pew Bible) — Max Van Dyke

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

Esurientes implevit bonis..... J.S. Bach
Krista Costin, Alto

Esurientes implevit bonis
et divites dimisit inanes.

*He has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.*

A Time for Children

Second Lesson

Luke 1: 39-56 (OT, p. 57 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — David A. Van Dyke

Blessed Is She

"And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

———— THE RESPONSE TO GOD ————

+ Hymn 16

The Angel Gabriel.....Gabriel's Message

+ 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

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

Offertory Solo

The Sleep of the Infant Jesus.....French Carol

+ Offertory Response



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and sing the love a-maz-ing that
songs can - not re - pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at
bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-fore you and
wait u - pon your word, we hon - or and a-dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Closing Hymn 22

Angels from the Realms of Glory Regent Square

+ Benediction

Postlude

Bouree G. F. Handel

Carillon Postlude — David W. Johnson, carillonneur

* Late entrants may be seated

+ Stand as you are able

Today's Greeters:

Ted and Nancy Weyerhaeuser, David and Gloria Olsen, Donna and John Hill,
Shana Wagner and Dennis McCarty, Mary and Terry Patton

The Pulpit Flowers are in loving memory of George Maruyama.

Today is the fourth 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 Fourth Advent Banner, presented today, depicts the town of Jesus' birth. "O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by." The familiar carol captures the mood of the little town a few miles south of Jerusalem. Consider the anticipation of Mary and Joseph as they approached this modest little town. Our expectations of Christ's nativity include the coming of Christ to rule, to judge, and to save. The "hope and expectation" in which we share are of "the Kingdom come." The thorny leaves and red berries of the holly are traditional symbols of Christ's passion. It reminds us of the fate awaiting the child born a king.

The Advent Wreath. In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Christmas Eve Services

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recitals by David Johnson

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

Aaron David Miller, organist

The Motet Choir and the Bach Chamber Players, Matthew Culloton, conductor

Child care available for children under 6.

10 p.m. Candlelight Service

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

Aaron David Miller, organist

The Motet Choir and the Bach Chamber Players, Matthew Culloton, conductor

Mendelssohn's *Vom Himmel hoch*

No child care available.

Both Services will be live-streamed

Text Giving

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

Please join us in celebrating David Van Dyke's more than 10 years of leadership and service at The House of Hope as he retires from parish ministry.

January 21, 2018

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Brunch

1:00 p.m. Program

The brunch requires registration and payment.

The cost is \$8 per person or \$25 per family.

Register by calling the church office at (651) 227-6311.



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The House of Hope Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Church.

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December 24 - 31, 2017

Today's Schedule for Children

Pre-K through sixth graders are invited to remain in worship after the Time for Children. Nursery children will meet in their usual Sunday spaces during worship.

High School & Middle School Youth

There is no meeting today.

Christmas Traditions Around the World Exhibit. December 5, 2017-January 7, 2018. Come and enjoy invited art, a family recipe, or items that are of special significance to their heritage or another heritage as a Christmas tradition.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

See the inside of the bulletin for details.

Upcoming

Centering Prayer

Please note: there is no Centering Prayer on Monday, December 25th or January 1st. Please join us when we meet again on Monday January 8th at 11:00 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour.

Christmastime Office Hours

The church office and building will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th, and will reopen on Wednesday, December 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Women's Retreat - Save the Date:

April 6-8, 2018, Women's Retreat at St. John's Guesthouse in Collegeville. Our theme will be "Baptismal Waters" and Rev. Dixie Brachlow will facilitate.

Capital City Grief Support Groups

meet on Thursdays, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The House of Hope. Please contact Lois Knutson (651) 227-4430 for more information.

Sunday Exchange

December 31 at 11:15 a.m. in Room 1. Please join us for a guided conversation with this topic: *Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is within you." How's that going?* Childcare available until 12:15 p.m.

Music from The House of Hope

The Christmas CD from the Motet Choir, *Christmas at the House of Hope*, is available for sale in the church office. The disk features the Motet Choir collaborating with the Bach Chamber Player of Saint Paul, harpist Min Kim along with organist Aaron David Miller, and Choirmaster Matthew Culloton. Cost: \$15.

Also available is The House of Hope Choir School's new CD, *Sing for Joy*. This disk features the Choir School ensembles under the direction of Sofia Ardalán, with organist/pianist Sarah Garner. Cost: \$20.

First Thursday Literature Series

January 4th, 10 a.m. in the Library. Topic: Maupassant's short stories "The Will" and "The Awakening." All are welcome. Joy Davis, Instructor

Year-End Giving

If you are making a gift to HoH at year-end, please indicate what the gift is for, especially if you are making a contribution toward your 2018 pledge in the 2017 calendar year. Gifts for 2017 must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2017.

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

Coming together to give, grow, serve, welcome – 2018 Stewardship Campaign update

One month has passed since Commitment Sunday and the response from the congregation has been positive.

We've received 278 pledges totaling \$869,994 or almost 70% of our goal. It's a good start, but not where we need to be with almost \$400,000 remaining before we reach our goal. If you've submitted your pledge, thank you for your contribution. If you haven't, there's still time to do so before the end of the year. Thank you for the thoughtful consideration of your commitment to House of Hope.

Week Beginning December 24, 2017

Sunday, December 24, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 and 8
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship in the Kirk Parlour

Christmas Eve

- 7:00 p.m. Carillon Recital
- 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
Childcare available, East Wing
- 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recital
- 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

Monday, December 25, 2017

The Office and Building is closed.

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

The Office and Building is closed.

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

- 5:45 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House 3rd Floor

Thursday, December 28, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Groups, House of Hope

Friday, December 29, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Kirk Parlour
- 9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Assembly Room
- 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Alvern Jensen
- 11:00 a.m. Reception for Alvern Jensen
- 4:00 p.m. Japinga/Erickson Wedding, Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House

Sunday, December 31, 2017

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Jeffrey T. Foels, preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday Exchange, Room 1

For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website www.hohchurch.org.

Once in Royal David's City

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IRBY 8.7.8.7.7

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848; alt.

Henry John Gauntlett, 1849
Harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and
 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by day like
 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re -

cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by
 Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble,
 us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak and help - less,
 deem - ing love, For that Child so dear and gen - tle.

In a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry was that moth - er
 And His cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, op - pressed, and
 Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feels for all our
 Is our Lord in heaven a - bove; And He leads His chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 on To the place where He is gone.

Angels We Have Heard on High

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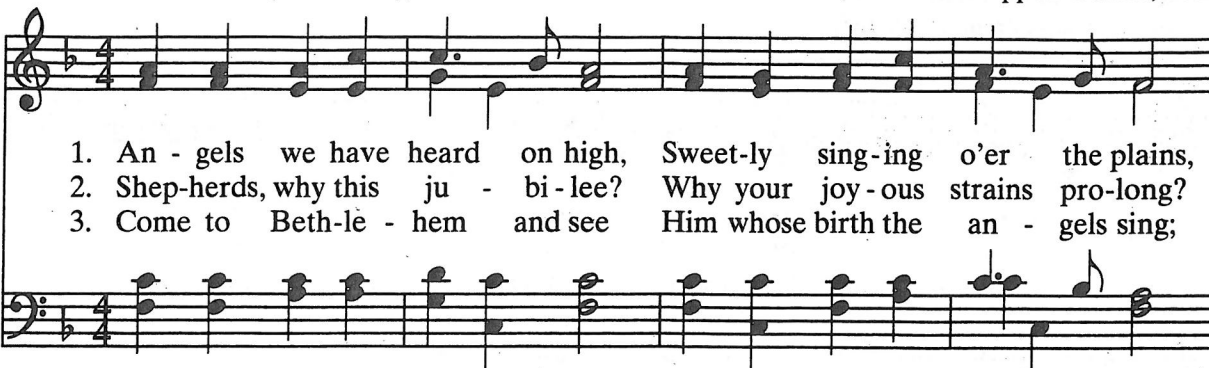
French carol

GLORIA 7.7.7.7 with refrain

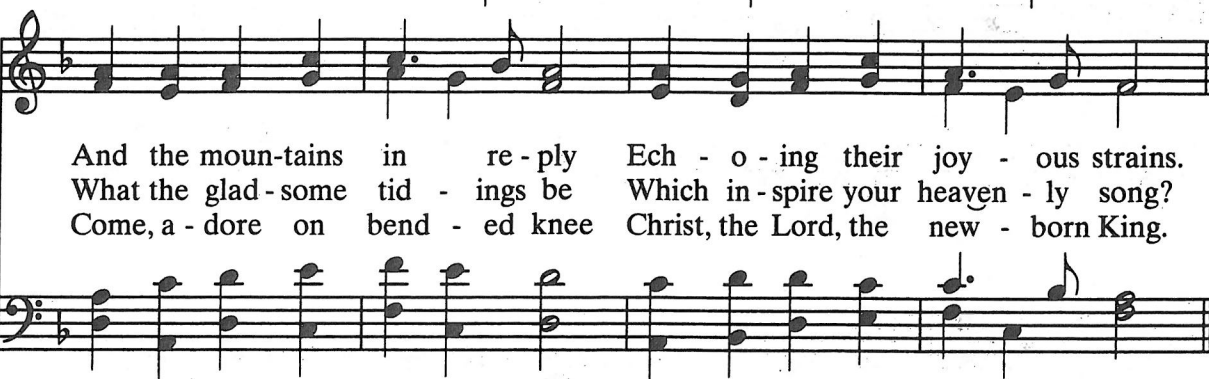
French carol

Trans. James Chadwick (1813-1882); alt.

Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937



1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.



Refrain
Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came


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GABRIEL'S MESSAGE 10.10.12.10


Basque carol

Para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)


Arr. by Edgar Pettman and John Wickham




1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2. "For know a bless - ed moth - er you shall be, All
 3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, "To
 4. Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born In



wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
 gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, Your
 me be as it pleas - es God," she said, "My
 Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And



hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,"
 Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told." Most
 soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!


Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7



Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

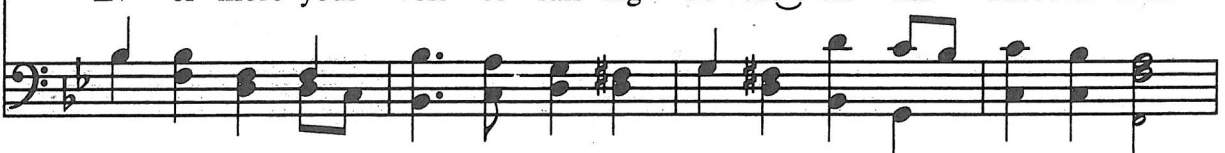

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, Bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry Now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, Yon-der shines the in - fant light:
 Seek the great de - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen His na - tal star:
 Ev - er-more your voic - es rais-ing To the e - ter - nal Three in One:

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new - born King!

