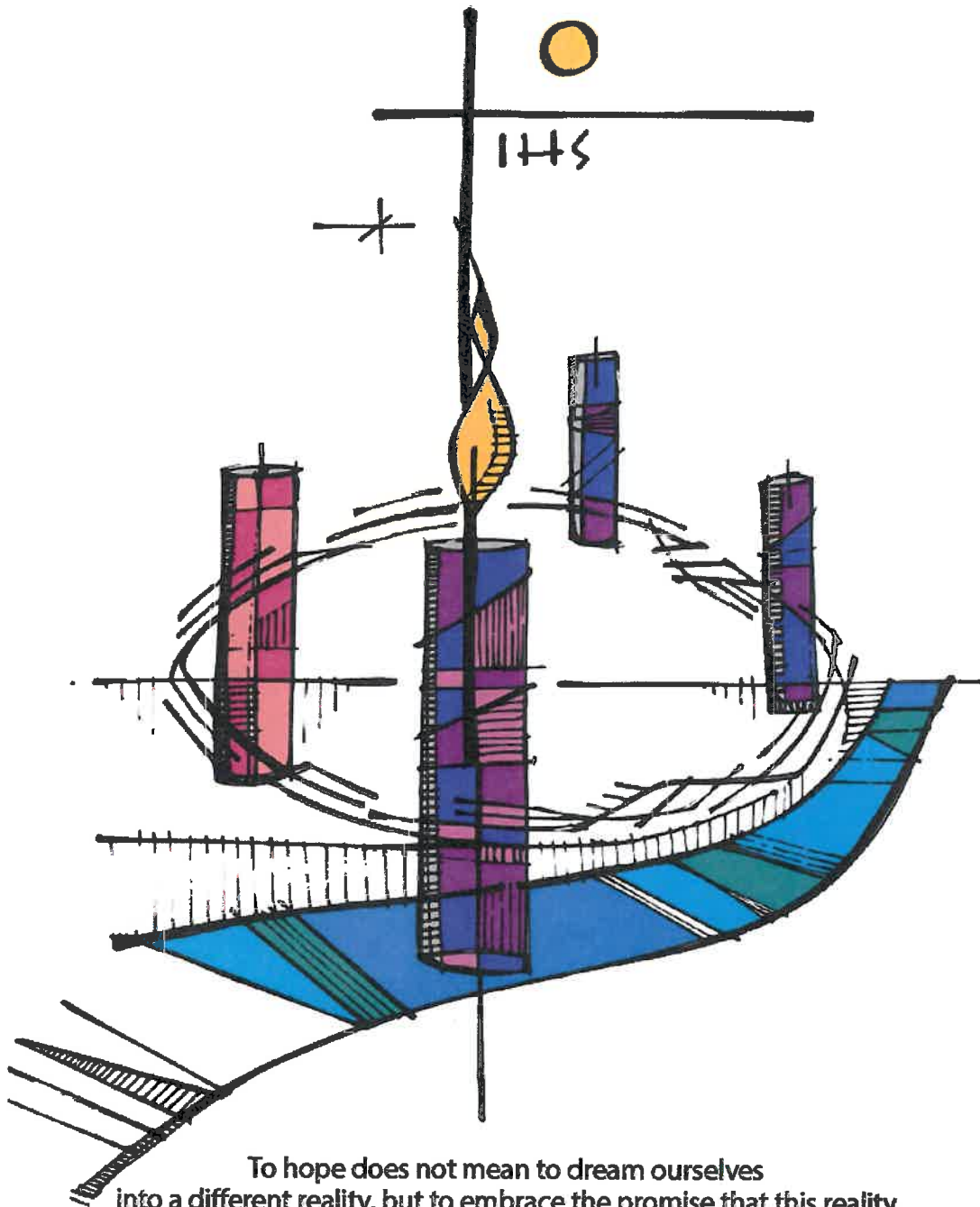


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



To hope does not mean to dream ourselves
into a different reality, but to embrace the promise that this reality,
suffused with suffering, will be transformed into God's new world.

The good news is that those who hope can acknowledge
the dark side of their history because the divine promise frees them
from captivity to the past.

– Miroslav Volf

First Sunday in Advent | December 2, 2018 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 coffee, served in the Kirk Parlour following the service.

Professional childcare is provided for infants through PreK from 9:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the East Wing.

- Infants and Toddlers | Room 8
- Preschool and PreK | Room 2
- Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to the East Wing following the Time for Children.

Children's Bibles for infants through 2nd grade are available in the pews; and children's bulletins and crayons are available at all sanctuary doors. Please return the crayons.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. 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 worship.

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 Connect @ HoH 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 greeters who wear the "Welcome" tag for information. **The next New Member Class will take place on Sunday, January 20 at 11:15 a.m. in the Library.** Please RSVP in the church office. A light lunch will be served, and childcare is available.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Three Chorale Preludes on WACHET AUF
Aaron David Miller, organist

Philipp Nicolai; Johann Pachelbel; J.S. Bach

Choral Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Janice Dickinson and Elly Verhagen

Introit

Keep Awake
Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

Aaron David Miller

* + Processional Hymn 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

Call to Confession (congregation seated)

Rev. Zach O. Wilson

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:

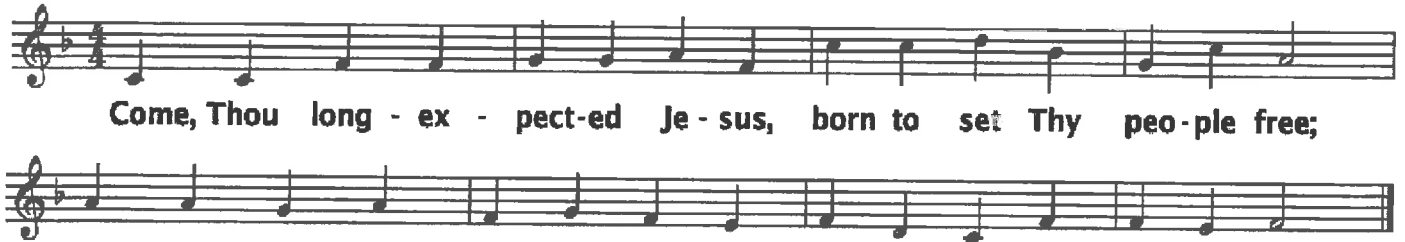
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an-swer me. O
Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Faithful God, we confess the world of increasing gloom chokes off the life among us, and turns us into people of despair. We are constantly distracted, focusing on things that cannot save us, following paths that lead into dead ends. Save us. Renew hope within us. Rekindle your love among us. Call to us anew to be awake and alert, watching for in-breaking signs of your reign, through Jesus Christ, our light and our life.

(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.

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

Anthem

I Will Greatly Rejoice

Knut Nystedt

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord
For my soul shall exult in my God;
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness
As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
And as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth
Before all the nations!

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

Bereite dich, Zion (from Christmas Oratorio BWV 248)

J.S. Bach

St Nicolas Choir, Sofia Ardalán, Conductor; Timothy Short, organist

Bereite dich, Zion,
mit zärtlichen Trieben,

Den Schönsten, den Liebsten
bald bei dir zu sehn!

*Prepare thyself, Zion,
with tender affection,
the purest, the fairest,
will soon be near!*

————— THE WORD OF GOD —————

Time for Children

Doug Snaza

*(Kindergarten–6th grade have the option of staying in worship
or exiting after the Time for Children to the East Wing.)*

Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:25-36 (NT, pp. 85-86 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Watch

————— THE RESPONSE TO GOD —————

+ Hymn 36

In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

+ Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

Rev. 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.)

Offertory Anthem

They That Wait Upon the Lord

Gerald Near

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings as eagles;

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:31)

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.

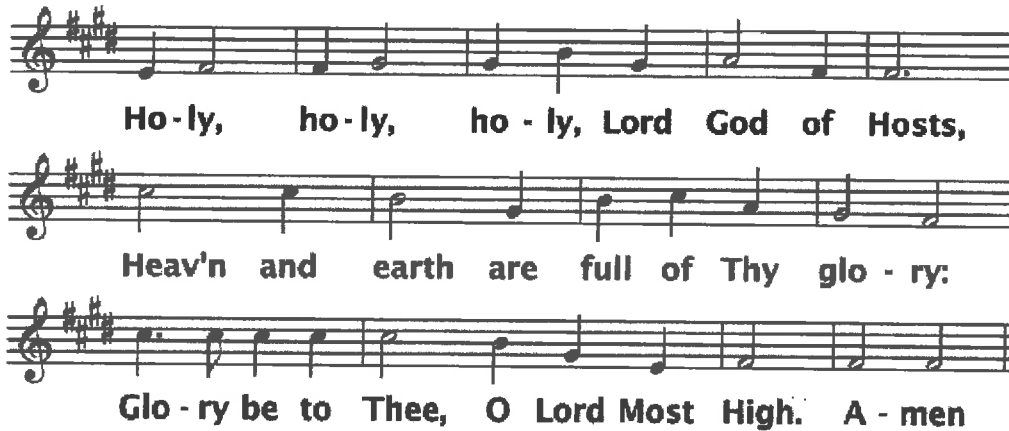
People:



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 38

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Carol

+Benediction

Postlude

Little Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578

J.S. Bach

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

Today's Greeters

Liz Sanson, Marilyn and Erv Lentz, Bill and Joan Frank, Larry Nelson,
Kathe and Phil Bolinder, Patrick Boylan. Linda Tuohy

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 beloved image: '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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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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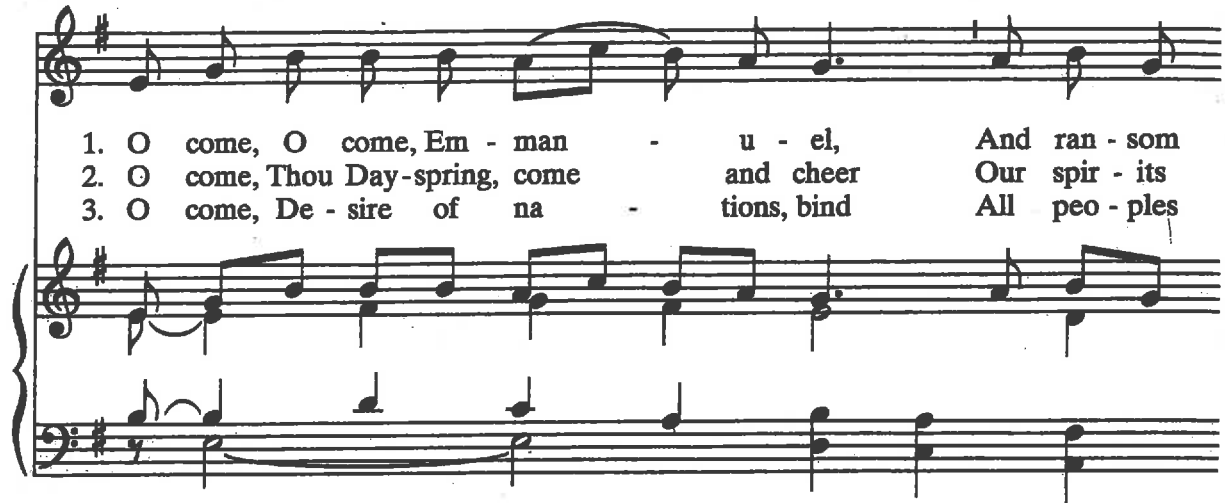
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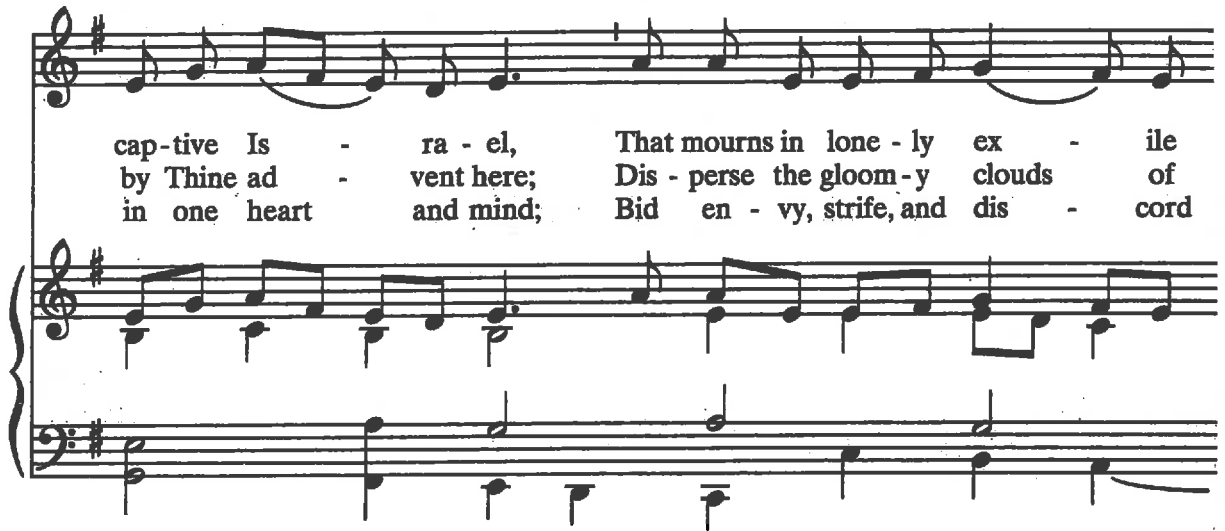
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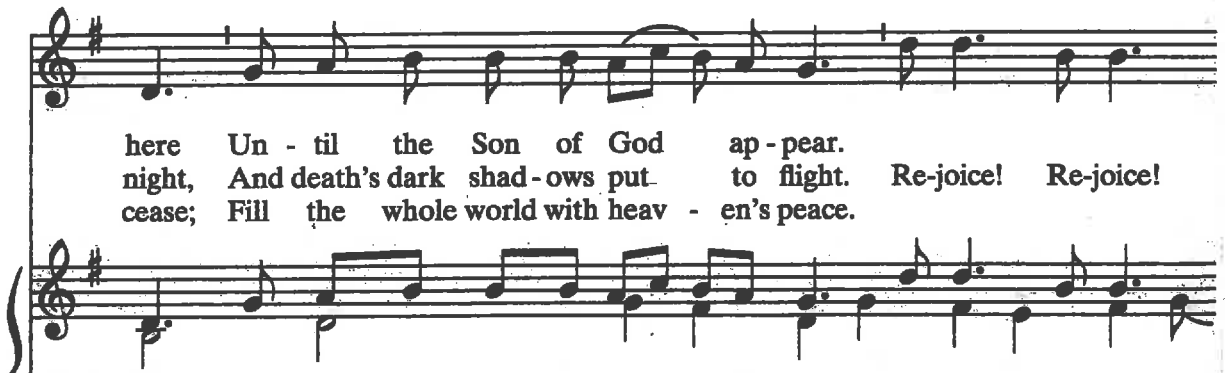
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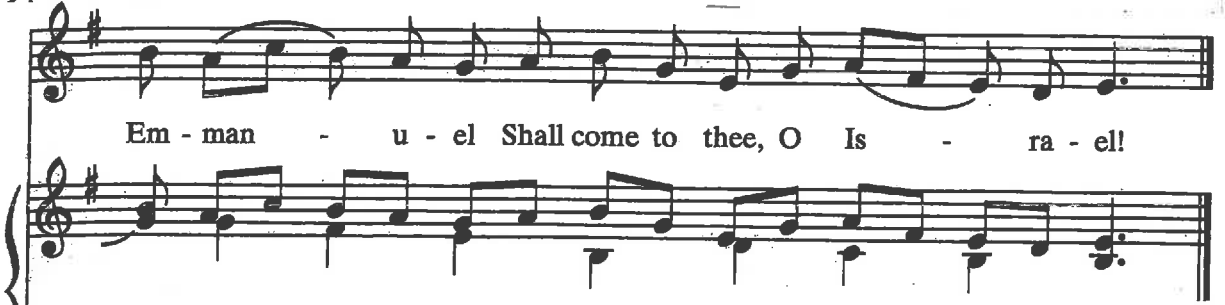
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples



cap-tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord



here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

In the Bleak Midwinter

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CRANHAM Irregular

Christina Rossetti, c. 1872; alt.

Gustav Theodore Holst, 1906

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, Frost - y wind made moan,
 2. Our God, heaven can - not hold Him, Nor earth sus - tain;
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels May have gath - ered there,
 4. What can I give Him, Poor as I am?

Earth stood hard as i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone;
 Heaven and earth shall flee a - way When He comes to reign:
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim Thronged the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
 In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 But His moth - er on - ly, In her maid - en bliss,
 If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

In the bleak mid - win - ter, Long a - go.
 The Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 Wor - shiped the be - lov - ed With a kiss.
 Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

38

CAROL CMD

Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849

Richard Storrs Willis, 1850



1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un - furled,
3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, Whose forms are bend-ing low,
4. For lo, the days are has-tening on, By proph-et bards fore - told,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world:
 Who toil a - long the climb-ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
 When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all - gra - cious King":
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - ering wing,
 Look now! for glad and gold-en hours Come swift - ly on the wing:
 When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless-ed an - gels sing.
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing.
 And the whole world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.





PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News & Opportunities

December 2 - 11, 2018

Sunday School. Children are invited to join us for a morning of spiritually enriching stories, S.T.E.A.M. activities, group games, and more. We will explore our faith as we learn more about God's love, Jesus' life, and the faith of others. Sunday Studio K - 1st in Room 4; Sunday Studio 2nd - 3rd in Room 5; Tween Transitions 4th - 6th in Room 7. Families with infants through PreK children are invited to join us on Sunday mornings from 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. for family **story time** in Room 8.

Advent Celebration. Join us for the annual Advent Celebration today, at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Create Advent wreaths, decorate cookies, and enjoy a variety of activities for all ages. Donations are welcome to offset the cost of this event.

Peace & Justice Enrichment. Join us in the Library, today at 11:15 a.m. for a discussion on this topic: *Healthcare Advocacy Working Group on Single Payer Healthcare*, from a doctor's perspective. Speakers include Dave Dvorak, MD, MPH and HoH member Laura Gamm, MD.

Choir School Christmas Wreath and Flower sale orders will be available for pick-up TODAY! Thank you to all who supported our fundraiser! There will be a few additional items for purchase in case you need one more wreath.

Upcoming

Centering Prayer meets on Mondays at the House of Hope at 11:00 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour.

Christmas Pageant Practice. Children, pre-school - 6th grade, are invited to join us for Christmas Pageant practice during Sunday school on December 9, and December 16. The Christmas Pageant is on Sunday, December 16, in the Great Hall.

Women's Annual Advent Breakfast. Friday, December 7, 7-9 am, Town & Country Club. "The Gospel According to Uncertainty," by Rev. Gale Robb, guest speaker. Reservations are \$25 per person and due TODAY at our table near the Kirk Parlour.

Donations for Service Project. The Children and Family Ministry Committee is collecting supplies for the women and children served by Women's Advocates. See the website hohchurch.org for a full list of items. All items must be new. Gender neutral items and books featuring people of color are highly encouraged. Donations can be dropped off at the Sunday school sign-in table by the narthex or in the nursery or Sunday school rooms.

Mission Sewing will meet on Thursday, December 6, at 9:30 a.m. in Dining Rooms A & B. If you would like to stay for lunch, bring a sandwich. Coffee and fellowship will be provided. For questions contact Janet Brownell at 651-765-4990 or jjbewb488@comcast.net

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 23 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 'Flower 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 Sunday, December 16.**

Joy Davis' Second Thursday Literature Seminar will continue December 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library. We will compare 20th century poetry that captures our experiences from love and death to doubt and disaster with parallel poetry from four previous centuries. Readings are provided. All are welcome.

Kirk Club Christmas Brunch. This month's meeting will be held at the home of Janice Dickinson. **Please call the church office (651) 227-6311 by Wednesday, December 5** to make your reservations, and for directions to Jan's home.

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

Congregational Conversations

During this time of transition, Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald is gathering people to listen to what you, the congregation cares about the most: your history, your hopes, and your dreams as we move forward in our work to call a new head pastor. Please join us on **Tuesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour.**
Please enter through the Portland Avenue doors.

Christmas Sponsor-a-Family. Please consider donating funds for the purchase of Cub Gift Cards to include in the Christmas Sponsor-a-Family parcel for each family. Donations are now being collected at the church office, please indicate "Christmas Sponsor-a-Family" on your check.

House of Hope Members CHRISTMAS WREATHS Gallery Exhibit: November 27-January 6.
This year House of Hope members have shared their favorite Christmas wreaths. They are now on display during the Christmas season in the Cloister Gallery.

Week Beginning December 2, 2018

Sunday, December 2, 2018

- 9:15 a.m. Story Time, Room 8
- 9:45 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 & 8
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday Studio, Rooms 4,5,7
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship in Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Advent Celebration, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Peace & Justice Enrichment, Library

Monday, December 3, 2018

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 5:30 p.m. Peace & Justice Committee, Library
- 6:00 p.m. AA, Great Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Assembly Room

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Café
- 4:00 p.m. House, Property, & Insurance, Kirby
- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Conversations, Kirk Parlour

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training, Room 1
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Room 6
- 4:30 p.m. Choir School, East Wing

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Min. Supervision Grp 2, Room 1
- 7:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Bell Room
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation, Kirby Lounge

Thursday, December 6, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (for December 16)
- 9:00 a.m. Hard Hats, Maintenance Shop
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining A&B

Friday, December 7, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Advent Breakfast, Town & Country
- 9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
- 12:00 p.m. Yoga, Room 11
- 6:00 p.m. Tweens Christmas Party, Stepping Stone Theatre

Second Sunday in Advent, December 9, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, preaching
New Member Welcome
- 11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Kirk Club Christmas Brunch,
Jan Dickinson's Home

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