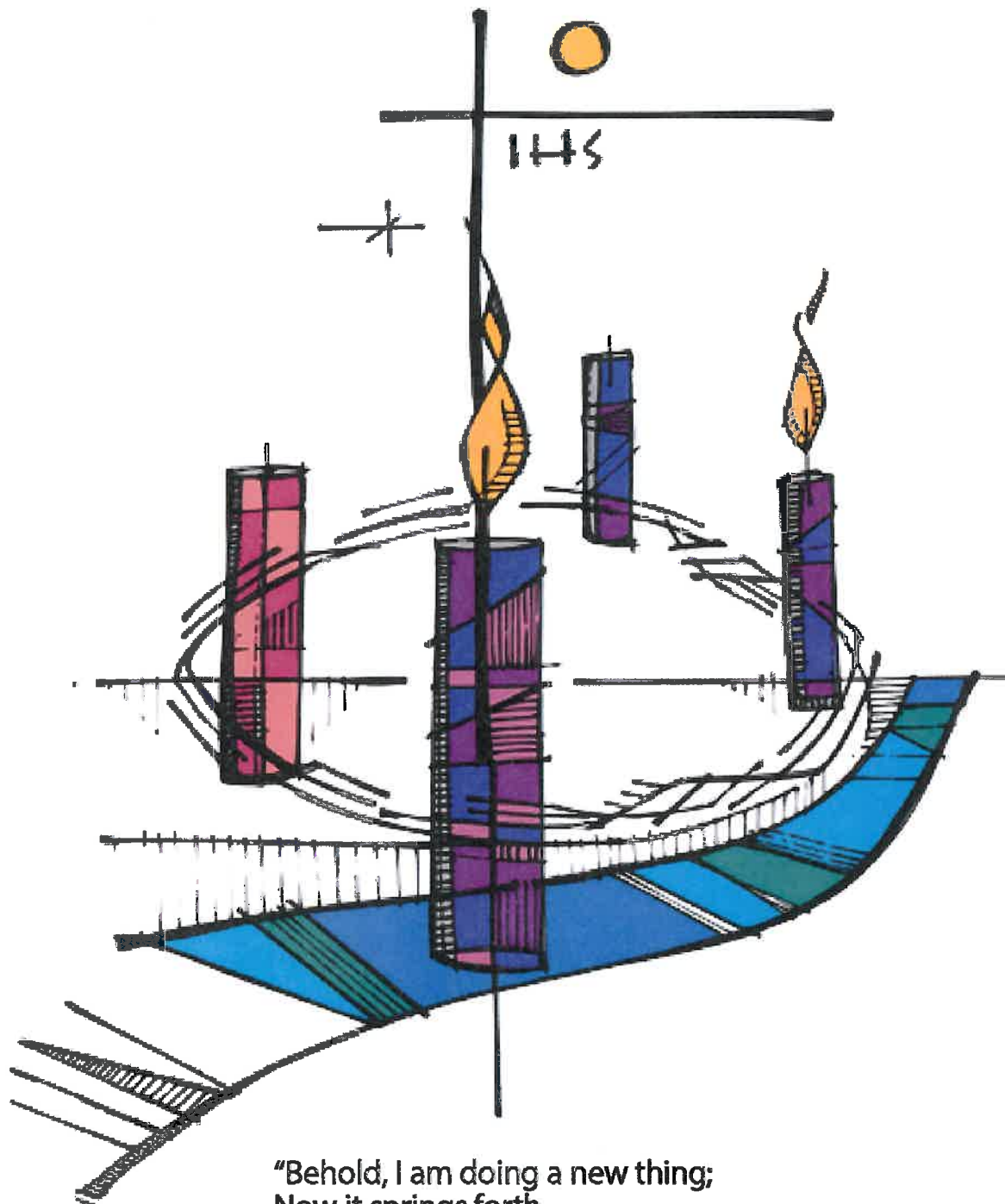


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Behold, I am doing a new thing;
Now it springs forth,
Do you not perceive it?"

- Isaiah 43:19

Second Sunday in Advent | December 9, 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 Great Hall following the Welcome and Announcements.

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

Carillon Prelude

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

Prelude

Three Advent Carols
Aaron David Miller, organist

Paul Manz

Prelude on the Finnish Advent Hymn "Lost in the Night"

arr. Cathy Moklebust

*Lost in the night do the people yet languish, longing for morning the darkness to vanquish;
plaintively sighing with hearts full of anguish. Come and save us soon! Christ is coming soon.*

Adult Handbell Choir, Timothy Short, conductor; Beth Cummins-Postigo, soprano

Choral Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

The Penniman Family

Introit

Savior of the Nations Come
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

arr. Matthew Culloton

* + Processional Hymn 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

Call to Confession (congregation seated)

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

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)

Creator God, your servant John cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

We confess that we have not listened.

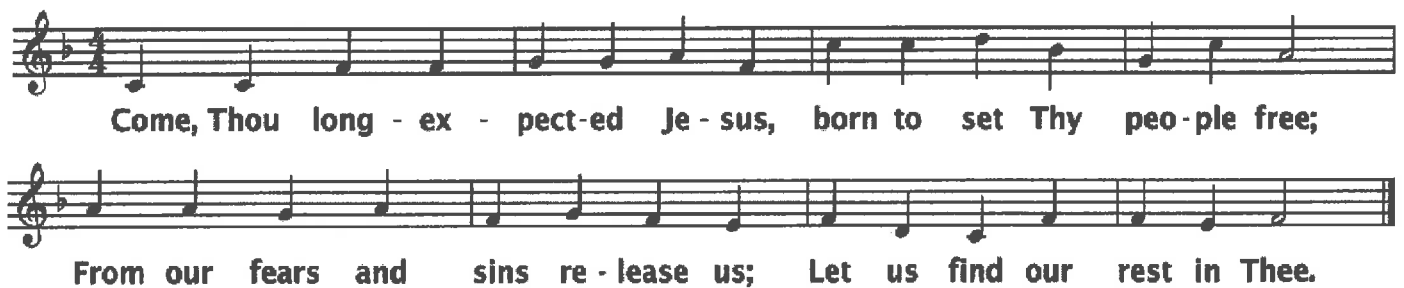
We ignore your prophets by avoiding uncomfortable news,
and by-passing uncomfortable people.

In only talking with those who agree with us,
we miss the opportunity to hear your surprising word,
and we miss the possibility of sharing the good news.

Help us to listen and to be prepared
through the birth of Jesus Christ.

(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

Infant Holy

St Cecilia and St Nicolas Choirs, Sofia Ardanan, Conductor; Timothy Short, organist

Polish Carol, arr. Jennings

Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
Nowells ringing, tidings bringing,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new;
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing to greet the morrow,
Christ the Babe was born for you.

-traditional

Welcome and Announcements

(Following the Welcome and Announcements, children ages PreK-6th grade are invited to proceed down the center aisle to join in Christmas Pageant practice in the Great Hall.)

Introduction of New Members

Commitment from New Members

We believe we have been called by God to be members of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, acknowledging Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We intend to be Christ's faithful disciples, open to instruction from God's word, and giving of our gifts and resources, demonstrating Christ's love for all people.

Commitment from The House of Hope Congregation

We share your commitment. As new members, you come to us not as strangers, but as friends; sisters and brothers in the Lord. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the worship and work of this congregation. We pray for God's blessing and peace in all our mutual endeavors.

THE WORD OF GOD

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!

Scripture Lesson

Luke 3:1-6 (NT, p. 60 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

Listen

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

+ Affirmation of Faith — from The Confession of 1967

Rev. Zach O. Wilson

**The teaching of apostles and prophets guides people in living this life,
and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.
The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek human well-being
in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics.
But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices
when these same powers endanger human welfare.
Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose
rather than human schemes will finally prevail.**

Prayers of 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 Anthem

O Thou the Central Orb

Charles Wood

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

+ 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

+Recessional Hymn 22

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

+Benediction

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL

3rd Century

New Members

The following new members have been received by the Session and are being recognized in worship today. Please extend them a warm welcome.

William Covington (Saint Paul, MN)	Transfer from Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights, OH
William Gunger (Saint Paul, MN)	Reaffirmation of Faith
Marjorie Olmsted (Hudson, WI)	Reaffirmation of Faith
Ben Mack (Mendota Heights)	Reaffirmation of Faith
Lauren McClure (Saint Paul, MN)	Transfer from First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka, Mishawaka, IN
James Parker (Saint Paul, MN)	Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, SD
Sue Parker (Saint Paul, MN)	Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, SD

Today is the second 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 Second Advent Banner depicts the angel who came to Mary with a special message: "The child born to you will be...the Son of God." (Luke 1:35). The upraised hand and scroll convey the angel's message and good news of great joy to all people, that a child has been born, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11). The flames remind us of the fundamental role played by the Spirit as the means by which Jesus became present as God's Son in our world in the womb of Mary. The season of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year in the church.

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Wendell M. Fleming, Sr.

Today's Greeters

Jim and Silvey Barge; Jan Anderson; Kit Burch; James Brooks;
Jan Dickinson; Marilyn and Gus Bjorklund

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

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.

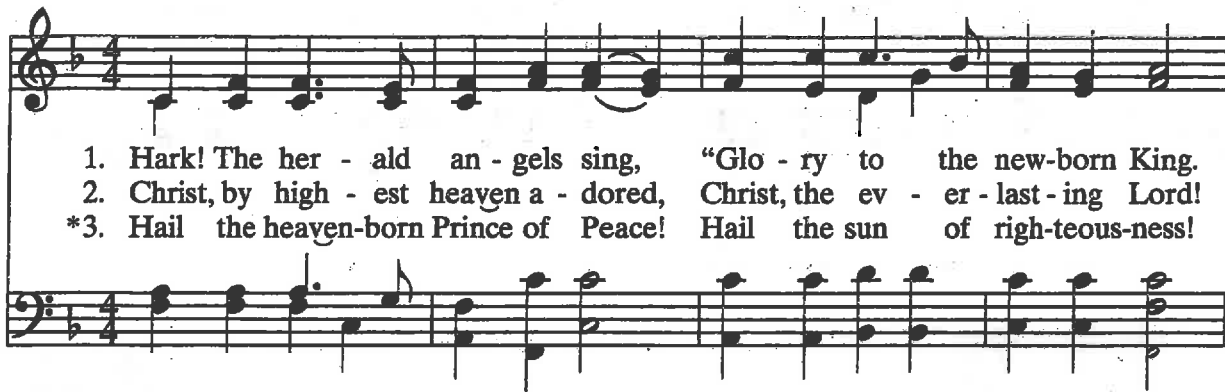
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7 D with refrain

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

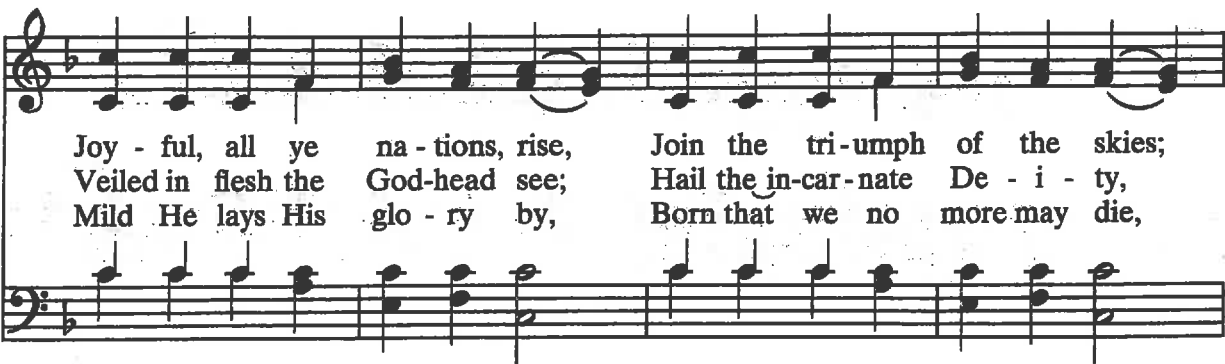
Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855



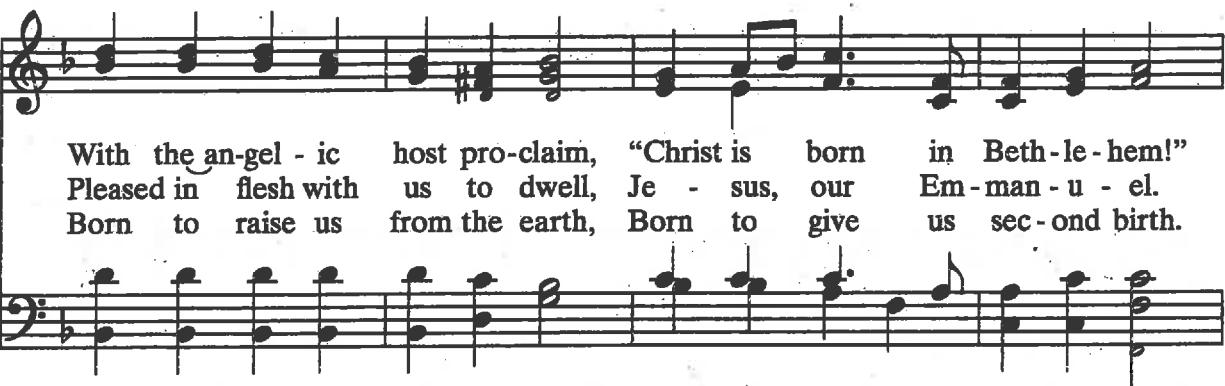
1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King.
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 *3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



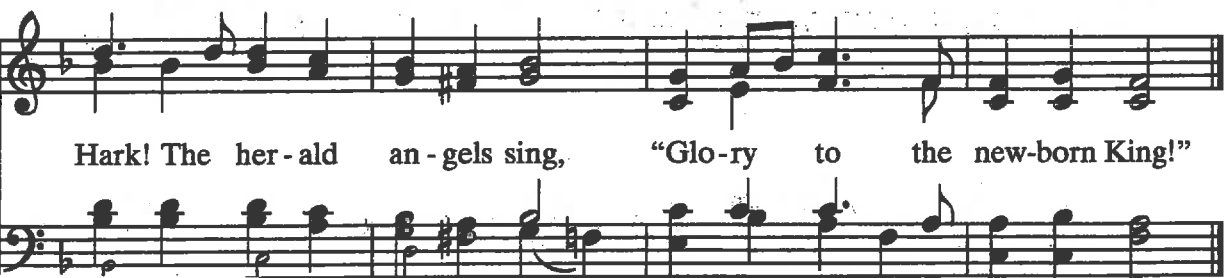
Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.



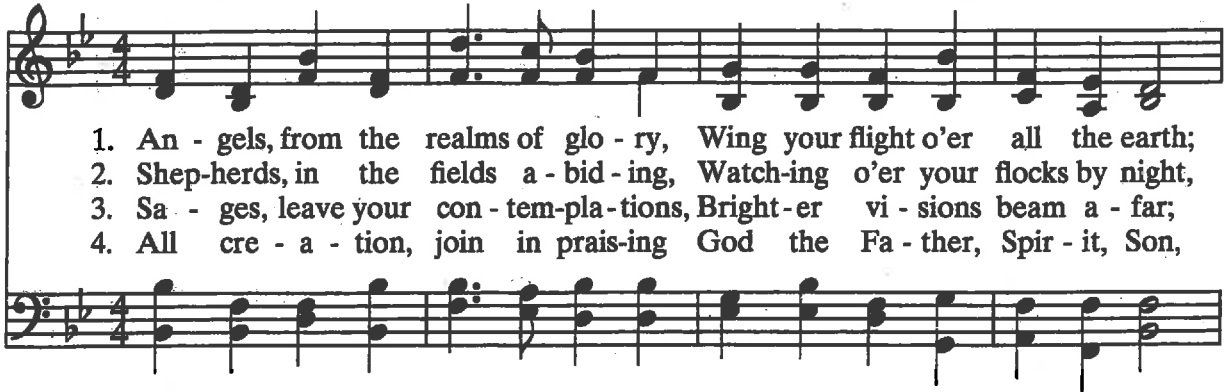
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

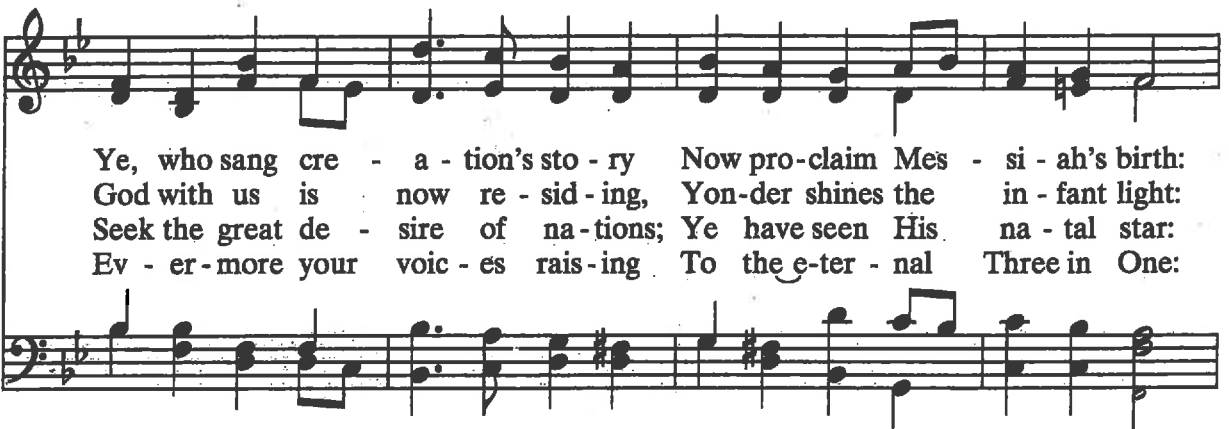
REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825
Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

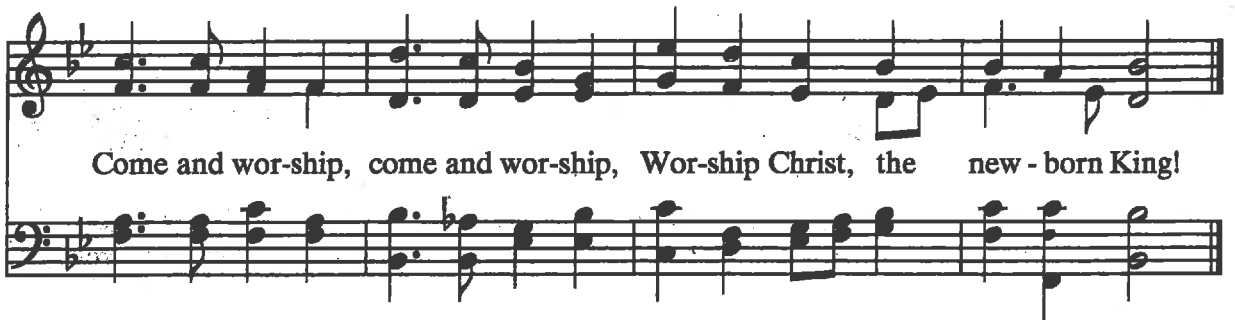
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



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!



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News & Opportunities

December 9 - 16, 2018

Story Time. 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.

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

The Choir School Christmas Concert. Today 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 programs of anthems and carols as we celebrate the Christmas season.

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

Upcoming

Centering Prayer meets on Mondays at the House of Hope at 11:00 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour. Centering is a form of contemplative prayer. Some might call it meditation. 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. *Please note: Centering Prayer will not be meeting on Christmas Eve, or December 31, and will resume on January 7.*

Christmas Carol Sing-Along. December 23, at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Please join Lynda and Phil Jorgenson, with Linda Smith as they lead us in singing our favorite Christmas hymns and holiday songs.

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.

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. You may select 'add more' if you have more than one. Please send a follow up email to HoH@hohchurch.org to indicate the names and if you would like to pick up a poinsettia. *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.

Christmas Tableaux Set-up and Take-Down. We will be bringing the pieces of the Tableaux up from storage on Wednesday, December 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. The actual set-up will occur on Thursday, December 20 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Take-down will be done immediately following the Tableaux service on Saturday, December 22. Many hands make short work. All help is greatly appreciated. No need to sign up, just show up.

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

Christmas Sponsor-a-Family. Please consider donating funds for the purchase of Cub Gift Cards to be included 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.

Sunday Series: Save the Date. January 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary will feature Award-Winning CNN Anchor Don Lemon. Please see the December Anchor for more information. This event is free and open to the public.

End of Year Giving. As the year draws to a close, please make your 2019 Stewardship pledge today. We welcome your contributions in many ways, including check, credit card, or stock transfer, among others. You can set up your donation through automatic giving on the HOH website. If you are making a payment toward your 2019 pledge in calendar year 2018, be sure to indicate in the memo line of your check that it is for a "Prepaid Pledge for 2019." Please remember that to be credited for the 2018 tax year, checks must be postmarked by no later than midnight on December 31, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Freyholtz, MichelleF@hohchurch.org, (651) 223-7556

Week Beginning December 9, 2018

Sunday, December 9, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. New Member Welcome, Library
- 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. Christmas Pageant Practice, Great Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship in Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Kirk Club Christmas Brunch, Jan Dickinson's Home

Monday, December 10, 2018

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 6:00 p.m. Faith & Fibers, Library
- 6:00 p.m. AA, Great Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Assembly Room

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Café
- 5:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Library
- 6:00 p.m. Membership Development, Room 1

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training, Room 1

- 4:30 p.m. Choir School, East Wing
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Library
- 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 13, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (for December 23)
- 9:00 a.m. Anchor Deadline
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1
- 9:30 a.m. Second Thursday Literature Series, Library

Friday, December 14, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Library
- 8:15 a.m. Board of Trustees, Kirby Lounge
- 9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
- 12:00 p.m. Yoga, Room 11

Third Sunday in Advent, December 16, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant, Great Hall

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