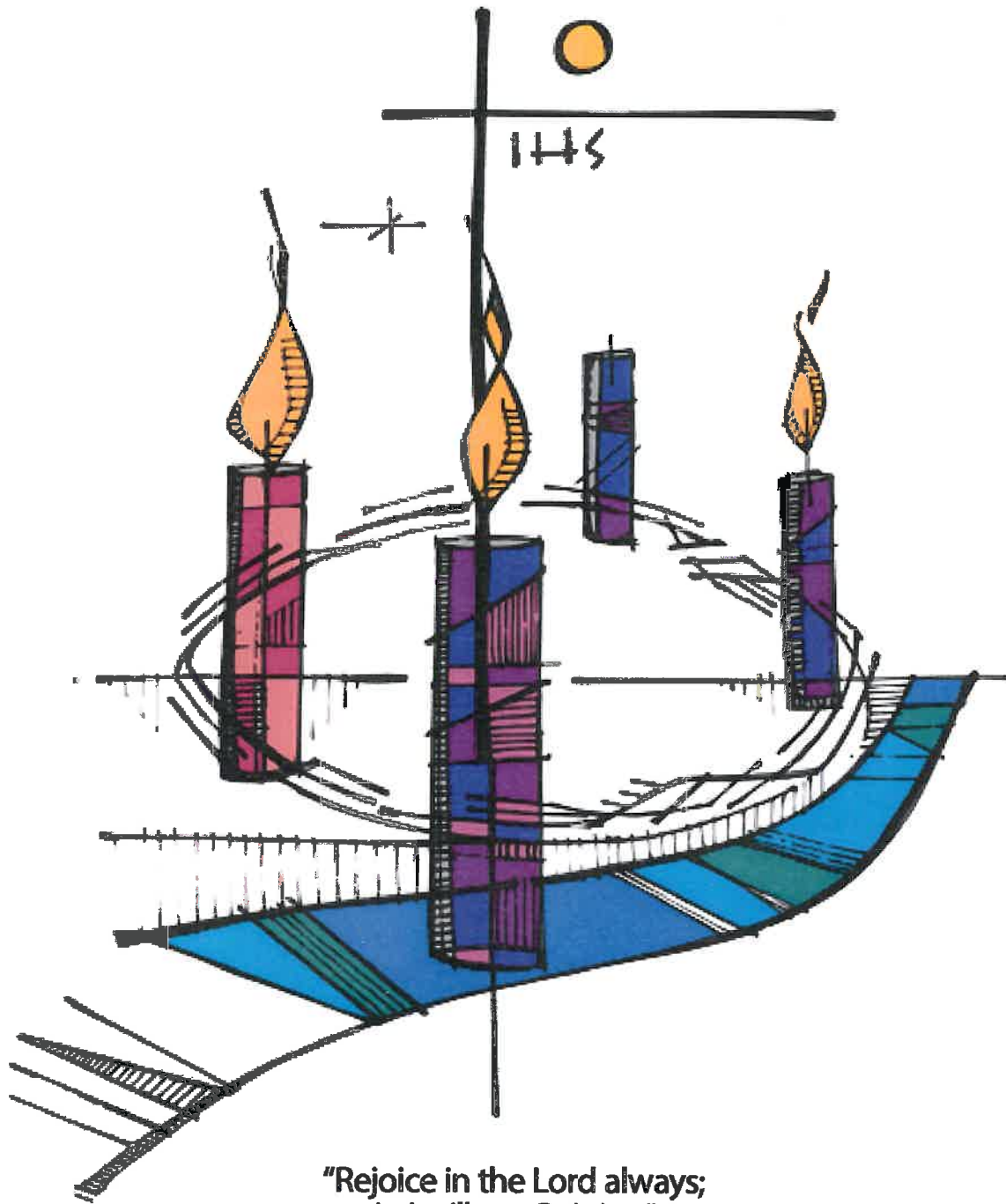


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice."

- Philippians 4:4

Third Sunday in Advent | December 16, 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 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

Advent Antiphon
Aaron David Miller, organist

Daniel Pinkham

Choral Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Bill and Diane Smith

Introit

Comfort, O Lord, the soul of thy servants
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

G. Thalben-Ball

* + Processional Hymn 12

People, Look East

Besançon

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)

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus you come among us as light shining in the gloom.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt. Renew our hope. Help us to receive the fullness of your grace,
and the joy of your presence, in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Sung Response

Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, featuring a melodic line with a long slur. The lyrics are: Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex - cel - sis De - ol

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* + Antiphon

Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

Anthem

Susani

14thc. German Carol, arr. Bisbee

St Nicholas Choir, Sofia Ardalan, conductor; Timothy Short, piano; Ian Boylan, clarinet

Vom Himmel hoch, o Engel, kommt!
Eia, eia, susani, susani, susani,
kommt, singt und klingt, pfeift und trombt
Alleluja, alleluja.
Von Jesus singt und Maria.

*From heaven high, o angels, come!
Eia, eia, susani, susani, susani,
Come sing and ring, sound the horn,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Of Jesus and of Mary sing.*

Lasst hören euer Stimmen viel,
mit Orgel- und mit Saitenspiel.

*Lift your voices clear and high,
With organ and strings raise the sound.*

Singt Fried den Menschen weit und breit,
Gott Preis und Ehr in Ewigkeit.

*Sing peace to all far and wide,
To God be praise and honor forever.*

Welcome and Announcements

Time for Children

Phil Bolinder

(Following the Time for Children, ages PreK-6th grade are invited to proceed down the center aisle to join in Christmas Pageant practice in the Great Hall.)

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Elise Jamison

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (OT, p. 877 in pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

My soul, there is a country

Gerald Near

My soul, there is a country,
Afar beyond the stars,
Where stands a wingèd sentry,
All skillful in the wars.

He is thy gracious Friend
And (O my soul, awake!)
Did in pure love descend,
To die here for thy sake.

There, above noise and danger,
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,
And One born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files.

If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flower of peace,
The rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave, then, thy foolish ranges;
For none can thee secure
But One, who never changes,
Thy God, thy Life, thy Cure.

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7 (NT, p. 198 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rejoice

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

+ Affirmation of Faith — from The Shorter Catechism

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

Minister: What is the chief end of humankind?

People: To glorify God, and enjoy God forever.

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.)

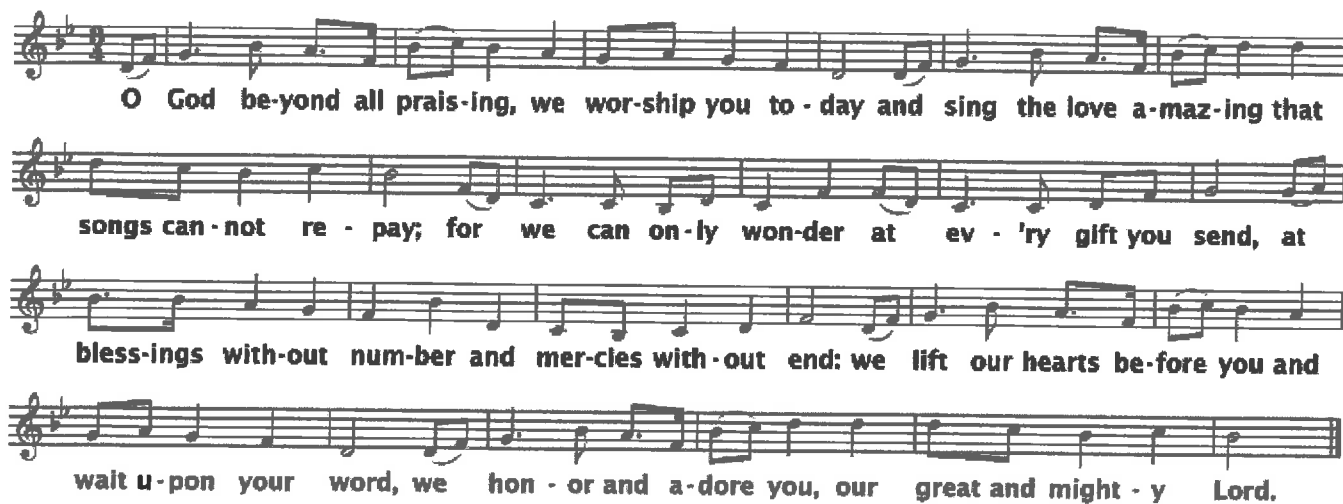
Offertory Anthem

He Watching Over Israel (from Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

He watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee.

+ 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 28

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In dulci jubilo

+Benediction

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

The Pulpit Flowers are given in loving memory of Delmar E. Bowers.

Today's Greeters

Darrel Gubrud, Joyce Nelson, Katie Anderson, Margaret Miller,
Helen and Bob Mairs, Bill Covington, Marilyn Eklund

Today is the Third 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 Third Advent Banner today, conveys Mary’s joy and her pondering of all that was happening because of the developing life in her womb. It reminds us that Advent is the time of preparation for us, also, as we prepare for the rebirth of God’s Son in our hearts. The iris is frequently used as the symbol for Mary, the mother of Jesus. “Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.” (Luke 2:19)

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People, Look East

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Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)
As in *Oxford Book of Carols*, 1964

BESANÇON 8.7.9.8.8.7

French folk melody
Harm. Martin Shaw (1875-1958)



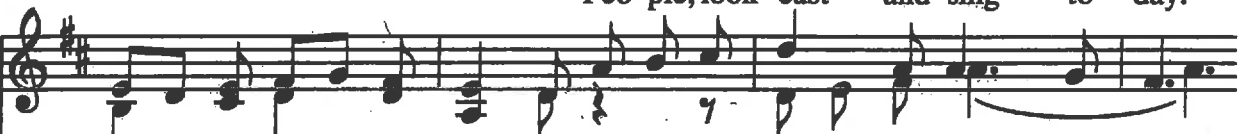
1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near Of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is plant-ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, Trim the
there: Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, That in
filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for
brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, Bright as



Peo-ple, look east and sing to - day:



hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo-ple, look east:
course the flower may flour - ish.
fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
sun and moon to - geth - er.

Peo-ple, look east:



Love the guest is on the way.
Love the rose is on the way.
Love the bird is on the way.
Love the star is on the way.
Love is on the way.



5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth With the word, the Lord is coming.
Christ who brings new life to earth. People, look east and sing today:
Set every peak and valley humming Love the Lord is on the way.

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Angels We Have Heard on High

23

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-lè - 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

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.8.5.5

Medieval Latin

Trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.

German folk tune, 14th century
Harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953

1. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
2. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all To gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News & Opportunities

December 16 - 23, 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, pre-school - 6th grade, are invited to join us for Christmas Pageant practice during Sunday school today.

Children's Christmas Pageant will take place today at 11:15 p.m. in the Great Hall. All are welcome.

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. Next Sunday, 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 TODAY.*

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.

Special Holiday Office Hours. Please note the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, December 24 and 31. The office and building will be closed on December 25 and 26, as well as Tuesday January 1.

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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 16, 2018

Sunday, December 16, 2018

- 9:15 a.m. Story Time, Room 8
- 9:30 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. Christmas Pageant, Great Hall

6:30 p.m. Motet Choir, Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Bell Room

7:00 p.m. Confirmation, Kirby Lounge

Thursday, December 20, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (for December 30)
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1
- 1:30 p.m. Library Committee, Library
- 6:00 p.m. Third Thursday Group, Women's Advocates

Monday, December 17, 2018

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 2:30 p.m. Loaves & Fishes, St. Matthews
- 6:00 p.m. AA, Great Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Assembly Room

Friday, December 21, 2018

- 8:15 a.m. Board of Trustees, Kirby Lounge
- 9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
- 12:00 p.m. Yoga, Room 11

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Café

Saturday, December 22, 2018

- 4:30 p.m. Childcare, Room 8
- 5:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Tableaux Service, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 19, 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
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Min. Supervision Group 2, Room 1

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 23, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Christmas Carol Sing-Along, Assembly Room

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