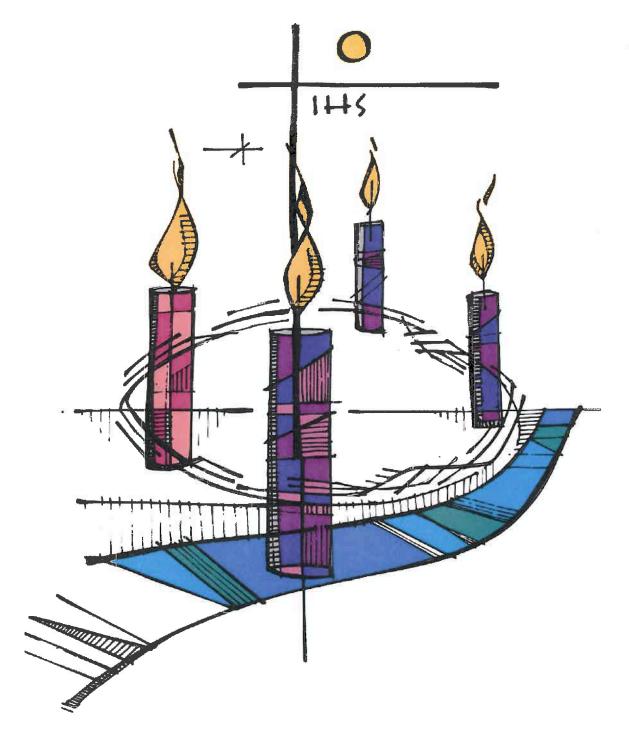
# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday in Advent | December 23, 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.-11:15 a.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 Baptism.

**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**

In Dulci Jubilo Aaron David Miller, organist

16th Century Carol

# **Choral Antiphon**

Choristers of the Choir School

# **Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle**

Barbara Horlbeck and Ellie Norton

#### Introit

Gaudete

**Traditional English** 

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

# \* + Processional Hymn 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**Adeste Fideles** 

# **Call to Confession** (congregation seated)

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

Minister: The Lord is with you. **People:** And also with you.



# Prayer of Confession (unison)

You sent your son to be one of us.

We confess that we have ignored the good news of his birth.

Our eyes remain fixed on things that sparkle instead of seeking to behold the light of life.

We seek power and privilege instead of the humility that allows us to see what truly matters.

Help us to prepare for Christ's birth and to behold in wonder the gift you give to us in Jesus Christ, your son.

(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.

# \* + Antiphon



#### **Anthem**

Lullay, My Liking Gustav Holst

Hannah Armstrong, Melissa Culloton, and Krista Costin, soloists

Refrain: Lullay my liking, my dear Son, my Sweeting; Lullay my dear Heart, mine own dear Darling,

> I saw a fair maiden sitten and sing: She lulled a little child, a sweete Lording.

That Eternal Lord is He that made alle thing; Of alle Lordes He is Lord, of every King He's King.

There was mickle melody at that childes birth: Though the songsters were heavenly they made mickle mirth.

Angels bright they sang that night and saiden to that Child "Blessed be Thou and so be she that is so meek and mild."

Pray we now to that Child, as to His Mother dear, God grant them all His blessing that now maken cheer.

# **Welcome and Announcements**

# THE WORD OF GOD

#### **Anthem**

Personent Hodie

Piae Cantiones, arr. Gustav Holst

St Nicholas Choir, Sofia Ardalan, conductor; Timothy Short, organist

Personent hodie voces puerulae, laudantes iucunde qui nobis est natus, summo Deo datus,

Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!

Let the voices of children resound today, joyfully praising Him who is born to us, given by God.

Glory to God in the highest!

In mundo nascitur. pannis involvitur praesepi ponitur stabulo brutorum, rector supernorum.

He was born into the world. wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger in a stable for animals. the Master of the Heavens.

Omnes clericuli. pariter pueri, cantent ut angeli: advenisti mundo.

laudes tibi fundo.

Let all clergy just like the children sing like angels: You have come to the world, I pour out praises to You.

# The Sacrament of Baptism

# **Congregational Response: 47**

Still, Still, Still

Still, Still, Still

(Kindergarten-6th grade have the option of staying in the Sunday worship service or exiting after the Baptism to the East Wing.)

# Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:47-55 (NT, p. 57 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

Wonder

#### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

#### + **Hymn 53**

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

# \*Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

Rev. Zach O. Wilson

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 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**

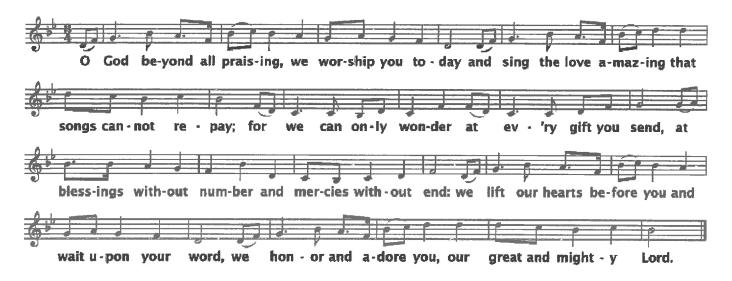
Christ in the Stranger's Guise

**David Ashley White** 

I saw a stranger yestre'en, I put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place, and in the sacred name of the Triune, He blessed me and my house, my cattle and my dear ones.

And the lark said in her song: "Often, Often, Often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

# **+Offertory Response**



# \*Prayer of Dedication

# +Recessional Hymn 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

#### +Benediction

#### **Postlude**

Gigue from Pastorella

J. S Bach

#### **Carillon Postlude**

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

The Pulpit Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Chuck and Mary Ellen Stewart.

**The Communion Table Flowers** are given in Mr. Lyle H. Fisher, Anne Fisher Green, and Shirley Fisher Harris.

# **Today's Greeters**

Ted and Nancy Weyerhaeuser, David and Gloria Olsen, Dennis McCarty, Ginger Bailey, Mary and Terry Patton, Tom Skovolt

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated today for Carly Elizabeth Fradkin, daughter of Elizabeth and Jacob Fradkin, and granddaughter of HoH members John and Nicky Carl.

Elder assisting is Brian Burleigh.

We respectfully request that photographs not be taken during the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please help us honor the sacrament and the prayerful attention of the congregation. Photographs may be taken in the sanctuary following the service.

**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.

# **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.



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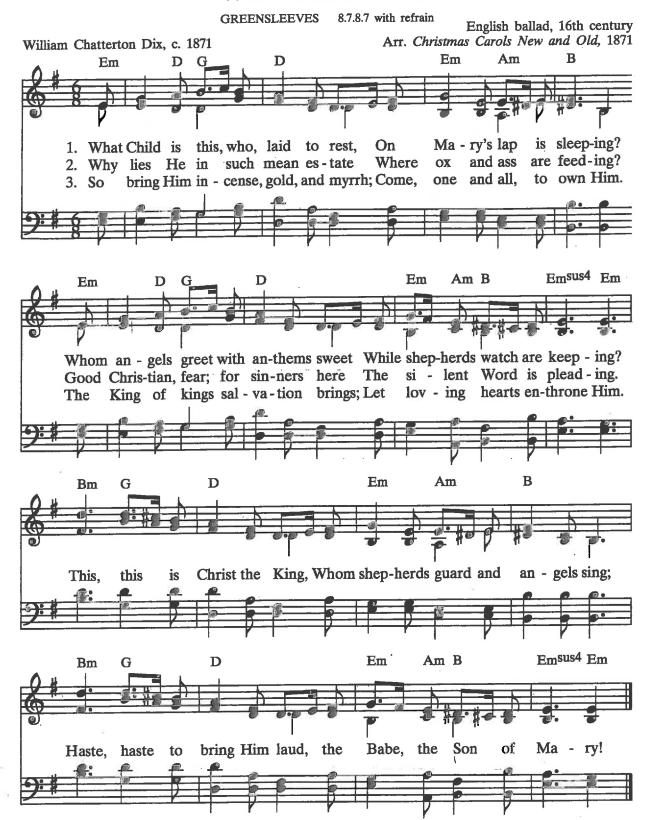
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# O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743) John Francis Wade (c. 1740–1743) Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841 Harm. The English Hymnal, 1906 come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O Yea, Lord, we 2. greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing, Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion! come O Beth ye, come to le hem! ye Je to Thee be all glo sus, given; ry Sing, all cit - i - zens of heaven ye a - bove! Come, and be hold Him, Born the King of an -Word of the Fa ther, Now in flesh ap pear - ing! Glo ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est! Refrain Him, come, let dore 0 us a come, let us dore Him, O come, let us dore Him, Christ, a the Lord!

<sup>\*</sup>Alternate harmonization and descant for stanza 3, 42



This tune can be sung in the original mode by sharping all C's in the soprano and alto parts.

# O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6





# **News & Opportunities**

December 23 - 30, 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. One Room Sunday School for K-6th grade will be in Room 4.

**Christmas Carol Sing-Along.** Today 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.

House of Hope Members Christmas Wreathes 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

# - Upcoming

the Cloister Gallery.

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.

**Sunday Exchange.** Jesus of Nazareth is bornnow what? Could you actually, in fact, really even consider living the way Jesus of Nazareth did as a way of life for you? That's what we'll be asking next Sunday, December 30. It's a reality based group conversation the last Sunday of each month, 11:15 a.m. in Room 1. Childcare is available.

**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.

**Sunday-Weekday Connections**. Anne Yuska will speak at Sunday-Weekday Connections on Tuesday, January 29 at 6 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour. Anne joined House of Hope about 16 years ago, but has been active in the congregation for more than two decades. You may recognize her name from the book she wrote about the biblical and historical figures depicted in our sanctuary's stained-glass windows. She will speak about that experience and her current book project, Moonlit Fertility, a memoir of her great aunt's time in 1920s China. All House of Hope women and their guests are welcome. The cost is \$25, which includes a light supper. To reserve your spot, look for our table outside the Kirk Parlour after worship beginning January 20, or call the church office.

Joy Davis' Second Thursday Literature Seminar will meet in the Library on January 10 at 10 a.m. We will continue discussing poems read in December and go on to Billy Collins and William Shakespeare as printed in the handout we already have. Come. Enjoy. All are welcome.

Tweens Blanket-Tying Party.

Fourth - sixth graders are invited to join us for a night of food, fun, and service at House of Hope on Friday, January 11, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tweens will enjoy dinner and games before learning to make tied-blankets for people being served by Women's Advocates. Cost for this event is \$7. Additional donations to offset the cost of blanket supplies is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Leigh Stewart for leading the blanket-tying event. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org by Wednesday, January 9.

**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 23, 2018

Sunday, I	December 23, 2018	Tuesday, December 25, 2018	
9:30 a.m.	Child Care, Rooms 2 & 8	The Office and Building is closed.	
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Sanctuary		
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School, Room 4	Wednesday, December 26, 2018	
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship in Kirk Parlour	The Office and Building is closed.	
11:15 a.m.	Christmas Carol Sing-Along, Assembly Room		
11:15 a.m.	Middle School and High School, Youth Room	<b>Thursday, December 27, 2018</b> 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's	
		9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (January 6)	

# Monday, December 24, 2018

3:30 p.m.	Childcare, Room 8	Friday, De	ecember 28, 2018	
4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mulitgenerational Service, Sanctuary Carillon Recital Childcare, Rooms 2 & 8 Candlalight Service, Sanctuary	9:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Bulletin Volunteers, Library Yoga, Room 11	
7:30 p.m. 7:40 p.m. 9:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Candlelight Service, Sanctuary K-1 Celebration Studio, Room 4 Carillon Recital Candlelight Service, Sanctuary	<b>Sunday, I</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>December 30, 2018</b> Worship Service, Sanctuary  Rev. Julia A. Carlson, 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.

# Christmas Memorials

Christmas Tributes in memory or in honor of loved ones have been donated by friends and family of those named below. These gifts have been designated for the mission outreach of the church or for poinsettias used for decoration throughout the church.

James Patrick Adams

Dr. Robert M. Ahrens, Sr.

**Teddy Altman** 

Marina Anderson

Dennis Anderson

Doug Anderson

Behrouz Ardalan

Margaret Ann Atmore

Edward and Lorayne Bachman

Marian and Fred Bailey

Mary Elizabeth Bailey

Wade Law and Clara C. Barnum

Phillip Beedon

Kelly Beenen

Robert G. Behrens

William and Genevieve Belknap

Mary Ellen and Leonard Berg, Sr.

Leonard Berg, Jr.

Melba and Forrest Bessinger

**Robert Bland** 

Marion and Gerhard Blomholm

Peter and Flora Borenz

**Del and Marge Bowers** 

**Tom Bowers** 

William T. Boyd

Calvin John Brachlow

Leona Seidenkrantz Brachlow

John Brainard

Mary Kay Briggs

Lorraine and Verne Broberg

Barbara Longyear Broderick

Herman W. and Anna L. Brooks

William Brown

William Burch

Marion A. Calph

Jean Campbell

Elizabeth Campbell

**Greg and Patty Cardinal** 

Ray and Margaret Charlton

Mary L. Christensen

Ray Clark

**Evelyn Kearney Connors** 

Miles and Olive Cooper

Mae and Mort Cravath

Mae and Harry Davis

John B. Davis

William and Mary Drever

Gladys and Allen Easterlund

Carol Slocom Engelbert

Elmer Eugene Engelbert, Jr.

Elmer Eugene Engelbert, Sr.

Sara Whitten Engelbert

Jeanette and Wendell Fleming

Lee Morgan Fleming

**Evelyn and Howard Floyd** 

Ruth S. Freeburg

James M. Freeburg

Gloria Freyholtz

Terry Freyholtz

Alfred M. and Lua B. Fulton

Donald B. and Sara A. Fulton

Alexander Anderson Golnik

Herman Karl Golnik

Ellen Goudzwaard

Bill Grube

Francis and Beth Gruber

Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Hall, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Hall, Sr.

Wally and Jean Hansen

Gottlieb and Ingeborg Heidmann

Bob and Marjorie Henessy

Marvin and Elaine Heuer

**Esther Hewitt** 

Phil, Helen and Ardis Hill

William F. and Mabel Jarvis

Norman and Betty Jensen

Dan and Olga Jones

Wolfgang and Henrietta Klein

Lindsay Jean Knutson

Marian A. and Thomas J. Koeck

Herb and Ruth Kueck

**Cindy Kueck** 

Barbara J. Kuhn

Laura Lamb

John F. Lane

Christian and Alta Larson

Nicholas Lebens III

Gunnar Ljungkull

Jon Ljungkull

Don and Winifred Longyear

Ann, Ruth and Robert Lyon

Lottie and Roscoe Lyon

Lucy Perzan Mahon

Helen and George Maruyama

Joan Herrmann McCartney

James Shearer McCartney III

Harriett E. McCloskey

Thomas F. McHugh

George F. and Sara McI Amend

Bill and Virginia Mears

Frank and Hazel Munson

Roy and Catherine Nienhauser

JoAnn Noland

John I. Norton III

Steven Davis Nurmi

Mary Jacqueline O'Keefe

Marj and Fran Osteraas

John and Priscella Overbye

Marilyn Palmer

J.R. and Lois Parkman

Kenneth and Maxine Patton

**Justin Pearson** 

Leonard and Louise Pearson

Lisa Pearson

Molly Ann Pearson

Vern and Beatrice Pearson

Howard and Judith Peterson

Florence and Dr. Benjamin A. Pomeroy

June and Dr. James Pomeroy

Dr. Harold Pomeroy

Margaret L. and Dr. Benjamin S. Pomeroy

Benjamin A. Pomeroy

Al and Polly Quilling

Calvin C. Randolph

Carl and Bonghild Risendal

Kathleen Tschida Rogers

Albert A. Rosner

Norm and Mark Schindler

Tom and Phyllis Schluter

Schnabel Family

**Bev Schramke** 

John Gavin Scott

Phyllis F. And Jack F. Sjoholm, Sr.

Charles Ritchie Slater

Virginia Smetana

**Eugene Smetana** 

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Robert L. Smith and Family

Edward and Mary Snyder

William and Marion Snyder

Peter Snyder

Gordon A. Stephenson

**Chuck and Mary Ellen Stewart** 

David C. Swanson

Marlene and Wilbert Teeple

Lowell Thornber

Kari Lynn Thorsen

Romana Urureta

Hans Van Nood

Coleen Vaught

Martha and Arie Verhagen

Dinh-Quang-Vinh

Bill and Sue Walker

Beth Cutler Walker

Donald Walker

Peter Mark Westra

**Edgar and Valerie White** 

Wendy White

Bill and Evelyn Widmann

Mary Snyder Wilson

Marilyn and Sylvester Wojcicki