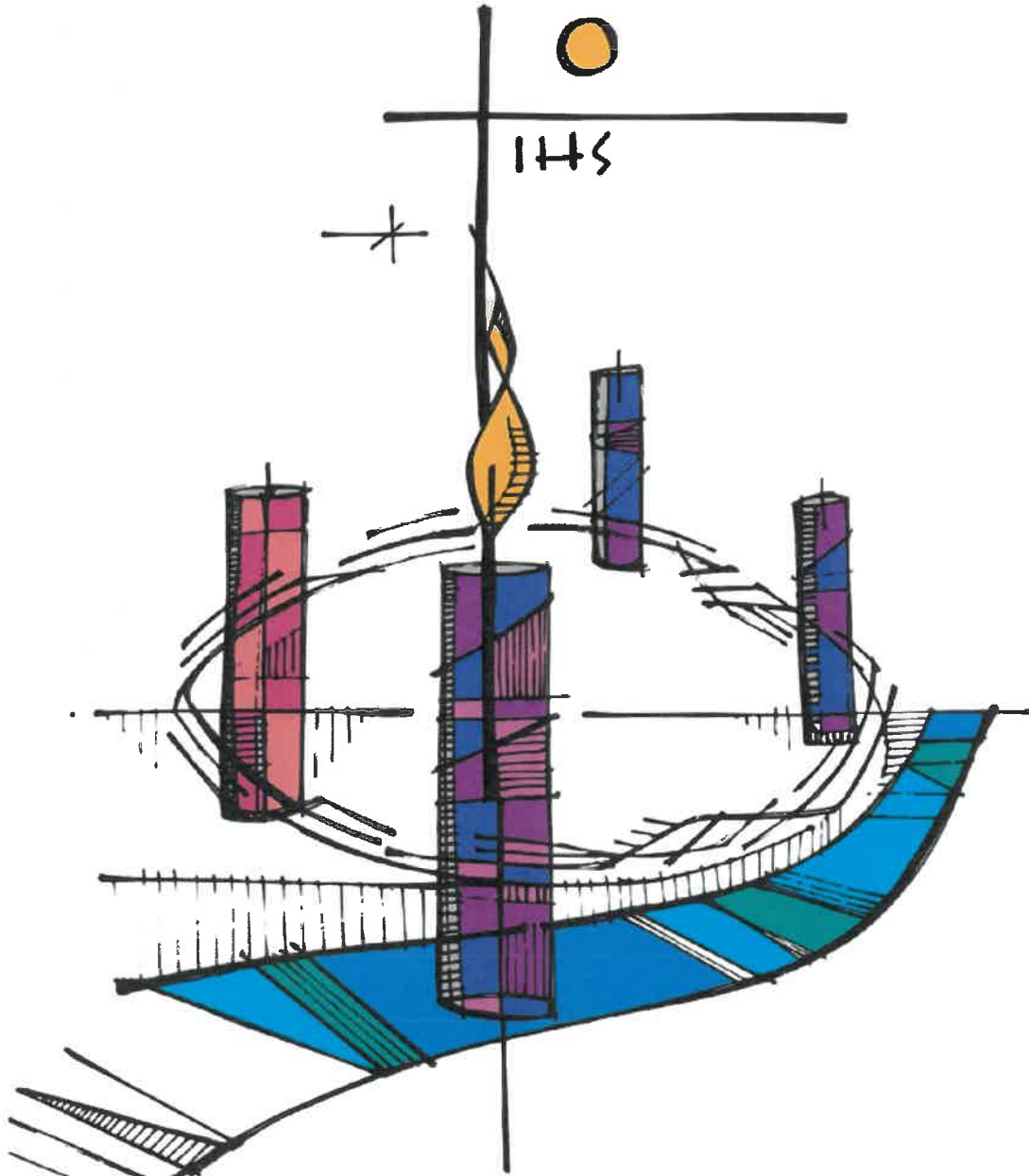


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"There is a gift-like quality to many of our experiences of knowing. Every knower must be receptive as well as active if true knowledge is to be attained. We must let the object to be known "speak" to us rather than forcing it to conform to our preconceptions."

- Daniel Migliore

First Sunday in Advent | December 1, 2019 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 9:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the east wing of the building.

- Infants and Toddlers | Room 8
- Preschool and PreK | Room 2
- Grades K-5 are invited to the Great Hall following the Time for Children.
- Grades 6-8 meet in Room 9 at 10:15 a.m.
- High School Youth at Advent Celebration

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 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 hospitality greeters who wear the "Welcome" tag for information. The next New Member Class is Sunday, January 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the Library. Please RSVP with the church office. You are welcome!

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Three Chorale Preludes on "Wachet Auf"
Aaron David Miller, organist

Johann Pachelbel; Dietrich Buxtehude; J.S. Bach

Choral Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Holly Stoerker and Elly Verhagen

Introit

Keep Awake
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Aaron David Miller

* + Processional Hymn 5

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

Minister: The Lord is with you.

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

People: And also with you.

Call to Confession

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.

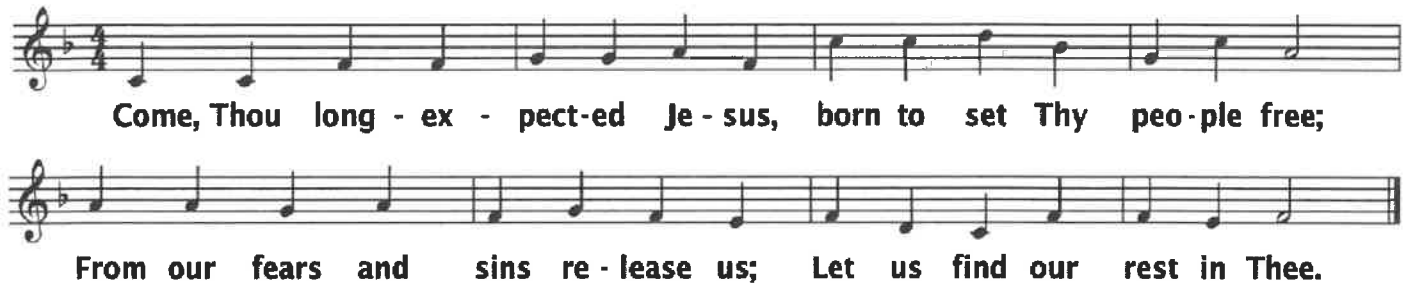
We are constantly distracted, focusing on things that cannot save us,
following paths that lead into dead ends.

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

Thou Shalt Know Him

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs
Nor by anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be,
By the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind be Opened

Felix Mendelssohn arr. Nelson

The House of Hope Choir School, Sofia Ardalan, Director; Timothy Short, Organ

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Then the lame shall leap as a deer, and the mute shall sing songs of joy.

All the ransomed of the Lord shall return, coming to Zion with singing.

Everlasting joy upon them, sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Rise and shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

And nations shall come to you light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

-adapted from Isaiah 35:5,6,10; 60:1, 3

THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Children

Phil Bolinder

Kindergarten–8th grade have the option of staying in worship or exiting after the Time for Children to the Great Hall.)

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:5-22 (NT, p. 56 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

Zechariah: Waiting

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 36

In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

+ Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

Rev. Zachary 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.

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

Improvisation on "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

Today's Greeters

Liz Sanson, 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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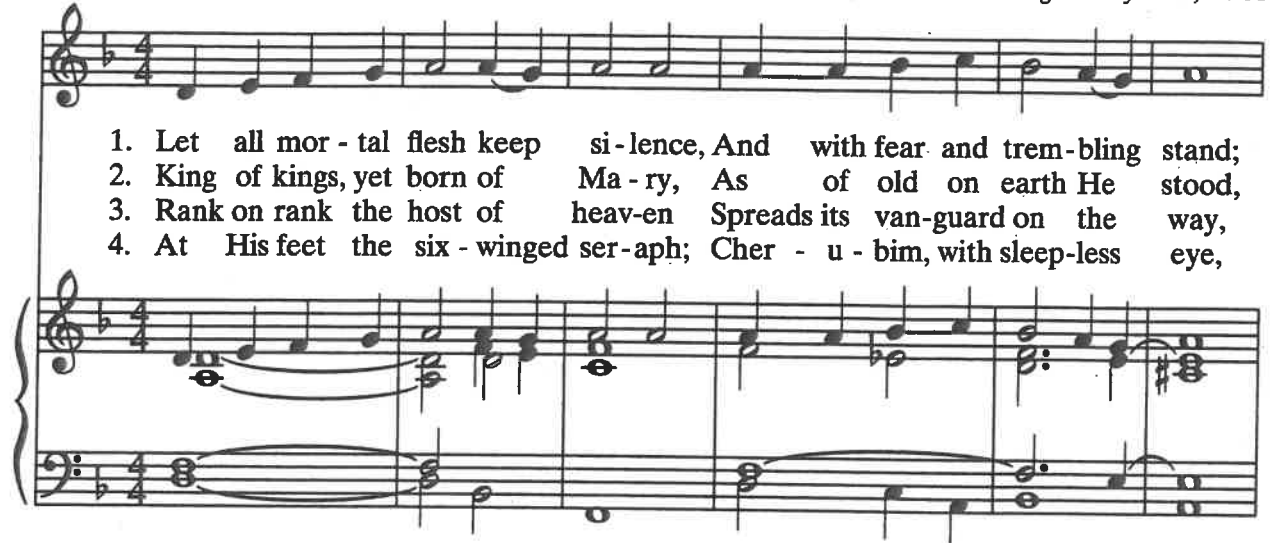


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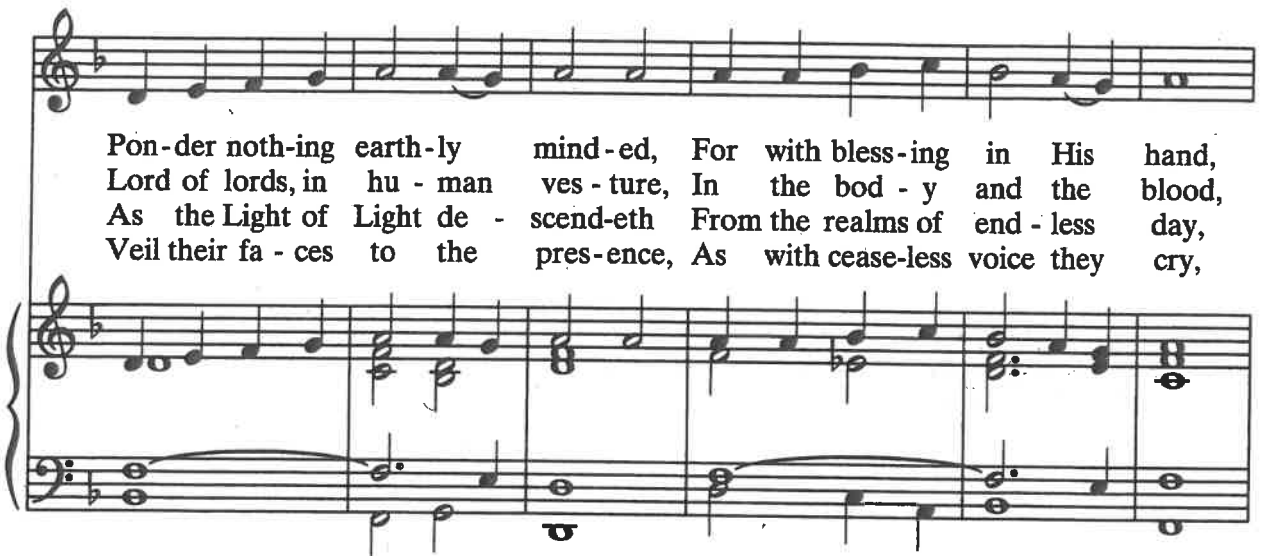
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7

From Liturgy of St. James, 4th century
Trans. Gerard Moultrie, 1864French carol
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906


1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and trem - bling stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, As of old on earth He stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard on the way,
4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph; Cher - u - bim, with sleep - less eye,



Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed, For with bless - ing in His hand,
Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture, In the bod - y and the blood,
As the Light of Light de - scend - eth From the realms of end - less day,
Veil their fa - ces to the pres - ence, As with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.
He will give to all the faith - ful His own self for heav - en - ly food.
That the powers of hell may van - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!

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 - shipped 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 heav-en-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 1 - 8, 2019

Sunday School. All children, ages 3-years-old through 5th grade, will meet for Christmas Pageant rehearsals in the Great Hall during Sunday School on December 1 - 15. Costumes will be distributed on December 8. For more information contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org.

Middle School Youth in Room 9 at 10:15 a.m. and **High School Youth** in the Advent Celebration

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. Today 11:15 a.m. Join us for a multi-generational Advent celebration in the Assembly Room after worship. This event is free and open to all. Donations are welcome to offset the cost of materials. Stop by the community art table to participate in an art piece that will be displayed at the Pageant.

Elizabeth Chapel Recital Series.

Today at 4 p.m. the Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital series will present an Advent program of works by Georg Telemann. The program will include two Advent cantatas sung by Krista Costin and accompanied by Barb Leibundguth on the flute, and Aaron David Miller on the chapel organ. Also on the program are oboe sonatas of Telemann played by oboist Sarah Carmack. The concert is free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

December Cloister Gallery Exhibit:
Christmas Memories: Special Christmas items shared from the congregation.

New Advent Paraments are in the sanctuary today, created by internationally known and local fiber artist, Tim Harding.

Choir School Holiday Wreath & Plant Sale

Holiday orders have arrived and are available for pick up TODAY! Stop by the tables outside the Kirk Parlour this morning to collect your items. Forgot to order? We have extras! **NOTE: the Choir School is not responsible for plants and wreaths left after Tuesday, Dec 3. Please pick up your orders promptly. Thank you!*

Dwelling in the Word. Sundays: December 1, 8, 15, and 22, in Room 1 at 8:30 a.m. Dwelling in the Word is a modern take on the ancient practice of Lectio Divina, or sacred reading. It begins by hearing a text read aloud. There is a time of silence and then the text is read again. Each person is invited to listen for words or phrases that catch your attention that day. After listening, participants share their words or phrases, their questions or wonderings with a discussion partner. Then the discussion broadens out to include everyone at the table. All are welcome as your schedule allows.

Upcoming

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

Women's Annual Advent Breakfast.

Friday, December 13, 7-9 a.m. at Town and Country Club. Guest Speaker: Rev. Ashley Bair, ordained Presbyterian minister, environmental and peace activist, and this year's recipient of the Emerging Earth Care Leader Award from Presbyterians for Earth Care. All women are invited. Reservations are \$25 per person and due by Sunday, December 8. Please stop by our table outside the Kirk Parlour today to make your payment and reservation.

Adult Song Group. Thursday, December 5, at 1 p.m., in the Kirk Parlour. If you like to sing, join us as we revisit our well-loved Christmas carols. Led this month by Shana Wagner, a long-time elementary music teacher.

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 22 bulletin. Visit or call the church office or pay online. To pay online click the "Giving at House of Hope" at the top of our website's homepage, or "Lean More" in the Donate section at the bottom, and then follow the prompts. **The deadline for reserving Christmas Memorials is Sunday, December 15.**

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

Sunday Exchange: *What Christian values aren't American—or visa versa?* They're certainly not a perfect match, are they? We'll talk about that next Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in Room 1. Get coffee and come in. If you have children, they can remain in childcare until noon.

Tweens & Middle School Christmas Party Friday, December 13, 6 – 8 p.m. Fourth through eighth graders are invited to join us at House of Hope for an evening of gift wrapping, walking tacos, and games. Cost is \$5 for dinner. Please bring a \$5 gift card for our gift exchange and one assigned gift for Sponsor-a-Family. We will wrap the Sponsor-a-Family gifts at this event and enjoy a night of games provided by Nick Erickson. Adult chaperones are needed. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org by Wednesday, December 11.

Successful Bedding Drive for Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung! We have received the following words of gratitude from their staff. Posted on their Facebook page: "Chi Miigwetch to House of Hope Presbyterian Church and their congregation. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of their donations today-bedding for all 42 units at Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung! ...This means all of our new residents will be able to pick their own bedding when they move in. Thank you for your extreme generosity!! No words can truly express our gratitude!!"

Week Beginning December 1, 2019

Sunday, December 1, 2019

8:30 a.m. Dwelling in the Word, Room 1
9:15 a.m. Family Story Time, Room 8
9:30 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 & 8
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Great Hall
10:15 a.m. Middle School Youth, Room 9
11:15 a.m. Fellowship in the Kirk Parlour
11:15 a.m. High School Youth, Assembly Room
11:15 a.m. Advent Celebration, Assembly Room
11:15 a.m. Stephen Min. Continuing Ed., Room 1
4:00 p.m. Elizabeth Chapel Recital Series

Monday, December 2, 2019

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

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

7:00 a.m. Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Café
4:00 pm. House Property & Insurance, Kirby

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
1:30 p.m. Stephen Min. Supervision, Rooms 1&6
4:30 p.m. Choir School, East Wing & Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Stephen Min. Supervision Grp 2, Room 1
6:30 p.m. PNC Meeting, Kirby Lounge
7:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir, Bell Room

Thursday, December 5, 2019

7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library
9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining A&B
1:00 p.m. Adult Song Group, Kirk Parlour
5:30 p.m. Grief Support Groups, Unity Unitarian

Friday, December 6, 2019

7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Parlour
9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
12:00 p.m. Yoga, Room 11

Saturday, December 7, 2019

10:00 Piano and Voice Lessons, Choir Room

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:30 a.m. Dwelling in the Word, Room 1
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Preaching
11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
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.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Upcoming in 2020:

January 5: Sofia Ardalán will speak about global engagement with a presentation on The Choir School's recent tour to Latvia

January 12: Speaker from State of Minnesota, Paul Mandell - Capital Renovation Findings

Upcoming Sunday Series Speaker

Leonard Pitts, Jr.

January 19 | 2:00 p.m.

A former writer for Casey Kasem's radio program "Top 40," Leonard Pitts, Jr. was a pop music critic at the Miami Herald where he began writing about race and current affairs in his own column. Today, his Miami Herald newspaper column on current affairs, human rights and human wrongs, is syndicated in more than 250 daily newspapers. Pitts was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1992 and winner in 2004. He won the top prize for commentary at the Scripps Howard Foundation's National Journalism Awards in 2002.

He is also the author of the bestseller, *Becoming Dad: Black Men and the Journey to Fatherhood*, a poignant account of the nature and meaning of black fatherhood in the contemporary United States. In addition to this, his other novels include: *Freeman*, *Before I Forget*, *Forward From This Moment* and *Grant Park*, a collection of columns, which was voted Seattle Times critics Best Books of 2015.

Didier Seminar

Dr. John Haught

February 29 & 30

John F. Haught is Senior Fellow, Science and Religion, at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, where he has taught courses such as The Problem of God, Theological Method, Science and Religion, and Religion and Ecology. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion, the Center for Process Studies, The Metanexus Institute, and other professional organizations. He lectures internationally on many issues related to science and religion. In 2002 he was the winner of the Owen Garrigan Award in Science and Religion and in 2004 the Sophia Award for Theological Excellence. Additionally, Dr. Haught was the only theologian to testify as an expert witness in the landmark 2005 Dover trial that ruled against teaching intelligent design in public schools (Kitzmiller et al. vs. Dover Board of Education).

ADVENT SERVICES

Sunday, December 1

The First Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Advent Celebration,
Assembly Room

Sunday, December 8

The Second Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Choir School
Christmas Concert; Sanctuary
Sofia Ardalan, conductor;
Timothy Short, accompanist

Sunday, December 15

The Third Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Christmas Pageant,
Sanctuary

Saturday, December 21

5:30 p.m. Traditional Tableaux Service
Childcare available for children under 6.

Sunday, December 22

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Christmas Carol Sing-Along,
Assembly Room

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4 p.m. Multigenerational Service

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

7:30 and 10 p.m. Candlelight Services
Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, preaching

The Motet Choir and The Bach
Chamber Players

Special Music (10 p.m. only):
J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio, Parts 1-3*

Both Candlelight Services include
Christmas Anthems

*Childcare available at the 4 p.m.
& 7:30 p.m. services.*

**There is no service
on Christmas Day.**



Visit hohchurch.org for livestreaming of the Advent and Candlelight Services.