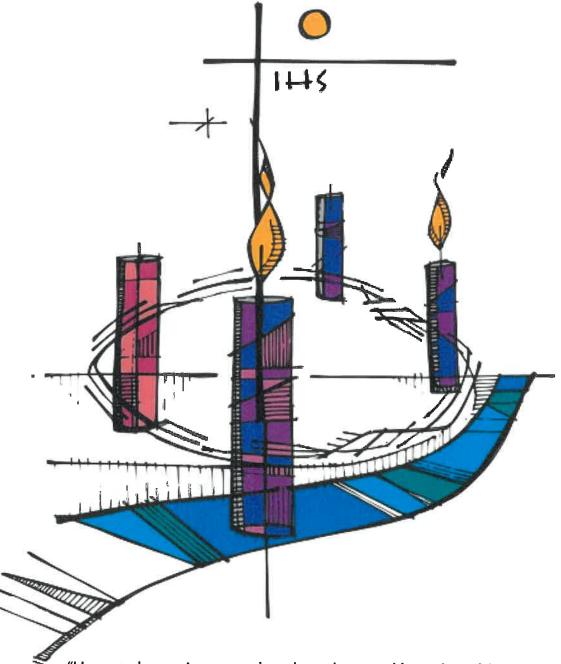
# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Here and now, in a graceless, hopeless, and brutal world, the light of grace breaks the darkness of hopelessness."

-- H. Russel Botman

Second Sunday in Advent | December 8, 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 Great Hall at 10:15 a.m.
- · High School Youth at Choir School Christmas Concert

**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 —

#### **Carillon Prelude**

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

#### Prelude

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Welsh)

Lost in the Night (Finnish)

Lost in the night do the people yet languish, longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
plaintively sighing with hearts full of anguish. Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?

Adult Handbell Choir, Timothy Short, Director; Beth Cummins Postigo, Soprano

**Choral Antiphon** 

Choristers of the Choir School

#### **Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

The Boylan Family

#### Introit

Comfort, O Lord, the soul of thy servants

George Thalben-Ball
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster; Aaron David Miller, Organist

### \* + Processional Hymn 3

Comfort, Comfort You My People

Psalm 42

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

Rev. Zachary O. Wilson

# **Call to Confession and 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**

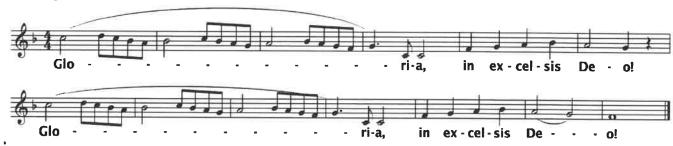


#### **Assurance of Pardon**

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

### \* + Antiphon



#### **Anthem**

A Crown of Glory

John Rutter

Be Thou to us, O Lord, a crown of glory;

in the day when Thou shalt come again to judge the world by fire;

that Thou mayest graciously clothe us here with the robe of righteousness,

and hereafter with the perfection of a glorious liberty.

Lord God, whose service is a crown of glory,

lift up our hearts to serve and honour Thee.

In righteousness and truth may we learn to know and love Thee:

our joy and crown Thy glorious liberty.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### 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.



#### **Anthem**

Magnificat George Dyson

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

My soul doth magnify the Lord; and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded: the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that hear Him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with His arm:

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel,

as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Time for Children Dixie Brachlow

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

#### **Scripture Lesson**

Luke 1:26-38 (NT, pp. 56-57 in pew Bible)

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

#### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

Mary, Anticipating

#### THE RESPONSE TO GOD -

#### +Hymn 16

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Gabriel's Message

# \* **Affirmation of Faith** — from A Brief Statement of Faith

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and call all
to repent and believe the gospel.

### 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

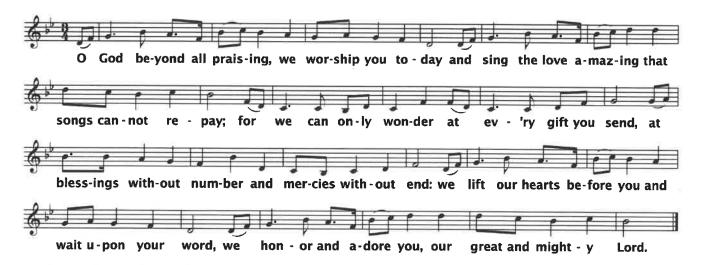
**Charles Wood** 

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**



# \*Prayer of Dedication

# \*Recessional Hymn 11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

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#### +Benediction

#### **Postlude**

Chorale Prelude on "Besançon"

Paul Manz

#### **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.

HyeYoun Jang Reaffirmation of Faith

Marty Smith Reaffirmation of Faith

Thomas Fish Transferring from Hamline Methodist Church, St. Paul, MN

Shawn Rudd Reaffirmation of Faith
Paul Scaletta Reaffirmation of Faith
Shayli Scaletta Reaffirmation of Faith

**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 Candlesticks on the Communion Table** for Advent are a Charles Rennie MacIntosh design. They were donated by Marcia Edwards in memory of her father Alfred Olstad. Please take a closer look after the service if you are not familiar with them; the angels on the front are very fitting for the Advent season.

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Andy Sorensen.

# **Today's Greeters**

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



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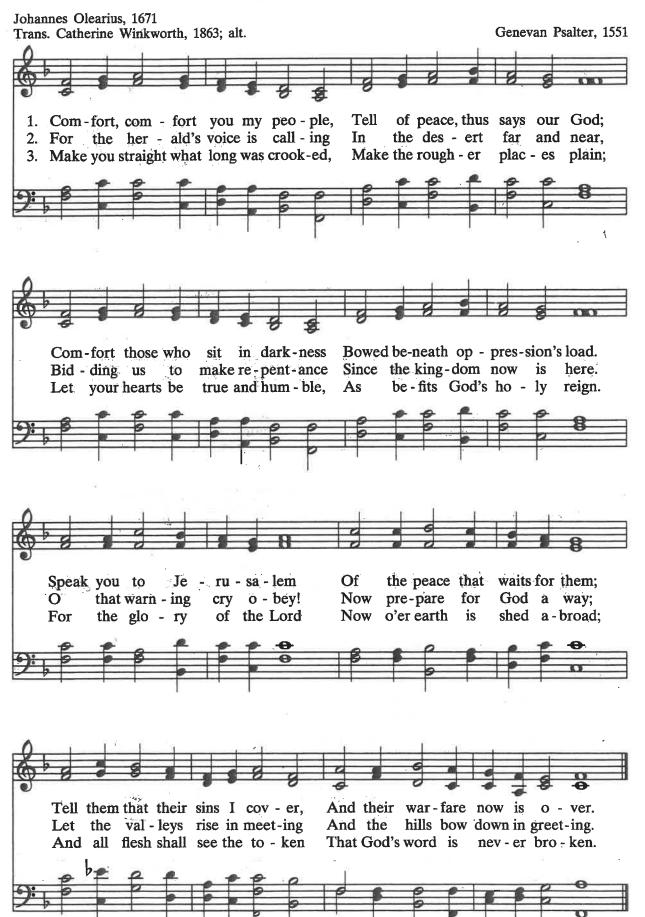
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#### Clergy

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald, Transitional Pastor AndrewM@hohchurch.org
Rev. Julia A. Carlson, Associate Pastor JuliaC@hohchurch.org
Rev. Zach O. Wilson, Transitional Associate Pastor ZachW@hohchurch.org



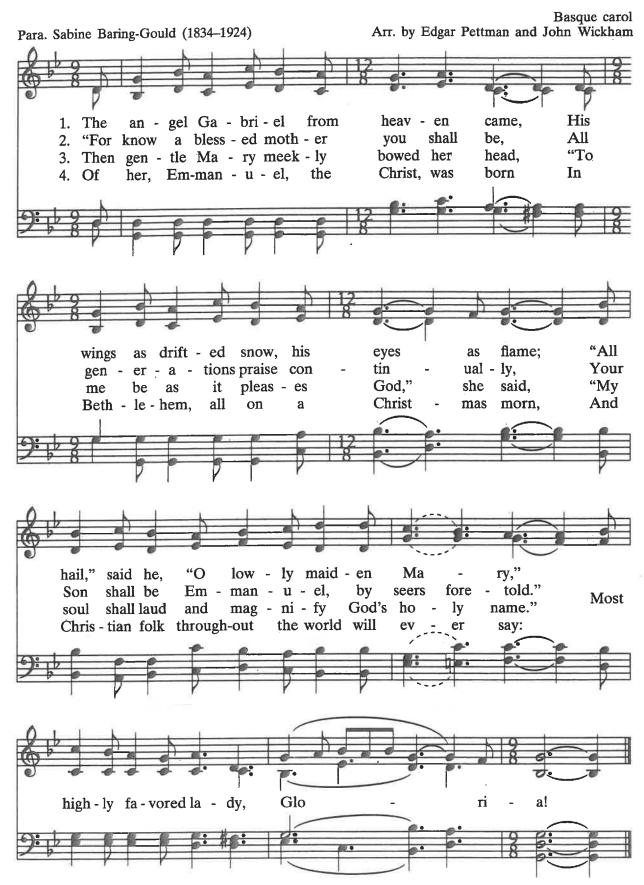
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# The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

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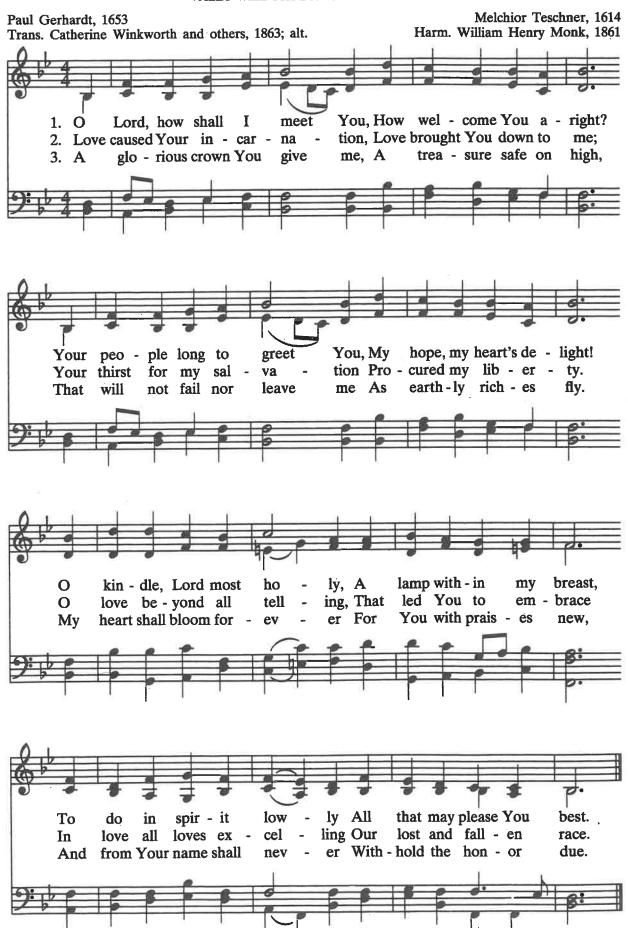
GABRIEL'S MESSAGE 10.10.12.10



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# O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

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# **News & Opportunities**

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 8 - 15, 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 at Choir School Concert

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.

**Dwelling in the Word.** Sundays: December 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.

# **Choir School Christmas Concert:**

And Heaven and Nature Sing! Today at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. This festive, 30-minute program features anthems, carols, and hymns sung by our choristers PreK-Grade 12. Come celebrate with sounds of the season from the voices of our Choir School!

**Sunday Exchange:** What Christian values aren't American—or visa versa? They're certainly not a perfect match, are they? Get a cup of coffee and let's talk about that, 11:15 a.m. in Room 1. (Your children may remain in childcare until noon.)

# **December Cloister Gallery Exhibit:**

Christmas Memories: Special Christmas items shared from the congregation.

#### - 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. It is a practice of focusing on God, or resting in God, and when thoughts distract us from that intent, we practice returning our focus to God through the use of a sacred word. All are invited to attend as your schedule allows. Beginners as well as long time practitioners are welcome.

**Children's Christmas Pageant.** Join us after worship next Sunday, December 15, for a unique retelling of the nativity story. Our Creative Expressions group created this community-inspired story just for YOU! Let us take a collective breath together, as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

Cookie Bakers Needed. The Adult Ministry Committee is hosting a cookie giveaway after the Children's Christmas Pageant. We need volunteers who will bake Christmas cookies and help bag cookies on December 15. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping. Our goal is to collect 75 dozen cookies, and we're well on our way!

#### 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 TODAY*. Please stop by our table near or in the Kirk Parlour after worship today to make your payment and reservation.

Tableaux Setup and Strike.

The Tableaux setup will be done in two steps this year: Wednesday, December 18 at 2 p.m., we'll bring all the pieces up from the Great Hall. On Thursday, December 19 at 6 p.m. we'll assemble the Tableaux. The take down will follow the Tableaux service. No need to sign up, just show up! Questions? Contact Bill Geery, 651-690-4800, william.geery@gmail.com

# WHITH SERVICES WHITHWAY

# **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*, *Part 1* 

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.



# **ADULT ENRICHMENT**

## **Upcoming in 2020:**

January 5: Sofia Ardalan will speak about global engagement with a presentation on

The Choir School's recent tour to Latvia

Peace & Justice Forum: Gun Violence Prevention

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

#### **Upcoming Sunday Series Speakers**

#### 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.

#### **David Brooks**

March 29 | 2:00 p.m.

Author, Bi-weekly Op-Ed columnist for the *New York Times*, and analyst on PBS NewsHour and NPR's All Things Considered.

#### **Didier Seminar**

# Dr. John Haught

February 29 & March 1

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).

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 "Learn More" in the Donate section at the bottom, and then follow the prompts. The deadline for reserving Christmas Memorials is Sunday, December 15.

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. Ř. Š. V.P. to Kiera Stegall at Kiera S@hohchurch.org by Wednesday, December 11.

# Week Beginning December 8, 2019

7:00 p.m.

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Sunday,	December	8, 2019
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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, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Choir School Concert, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Sunday Exchange, Room 1

#### Monday, December 9, 2019

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

# Tuesday, December 10, 2019

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7:00 a.m.	Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Café
2:30 p.m.	Didier Committee, Room 1
5:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee, Library
6:00 p.m.	Membership Development, Kirby

# Wednesday, December 11, 2019

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Library
1:30 p.m.	Bridal Room Book Club, Bridal Room
4:30 p.m.	Choir School, East Wing & Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee, Kirby Lounge
6:30 p.m.	PNC Meeting, Kirby Lounge

# Thursday, December 12, 2019

7:00 a.m.	Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Deadline (for December 22)
9:15 a.m.	Bible Study, Room 1
10:00 a.m.	Second Thursday Literature Series, Library
5:00 p.m.	Budget Committee, Library
5:30 p.m.	Grief Support Groups, Unity Unitarian

Motet Choir, Choir Room

Adult Handbell Choir, Bell Room

#### Friday, December 13, 2019

7:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Book Group, Town & Country
8:15 a.m.	Board of Trustees, Kirby Lounge
9:00 a.m.	Anchor Deadline
9:15 a.m.	Bulletin Volunteers, Library
10:00 a.m.	Pew Volunteers, Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Yoga, Room 11
6:00 p.m.	Tweens/Mid. School Christmas Party, HOH

# Saturday, December 14, 2019

10:00 a.m.	Piano and	Voice Lessons.	Chair Room
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# Sunday, December 15, 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.	Children's Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Feminist Theology Class, Room 1

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