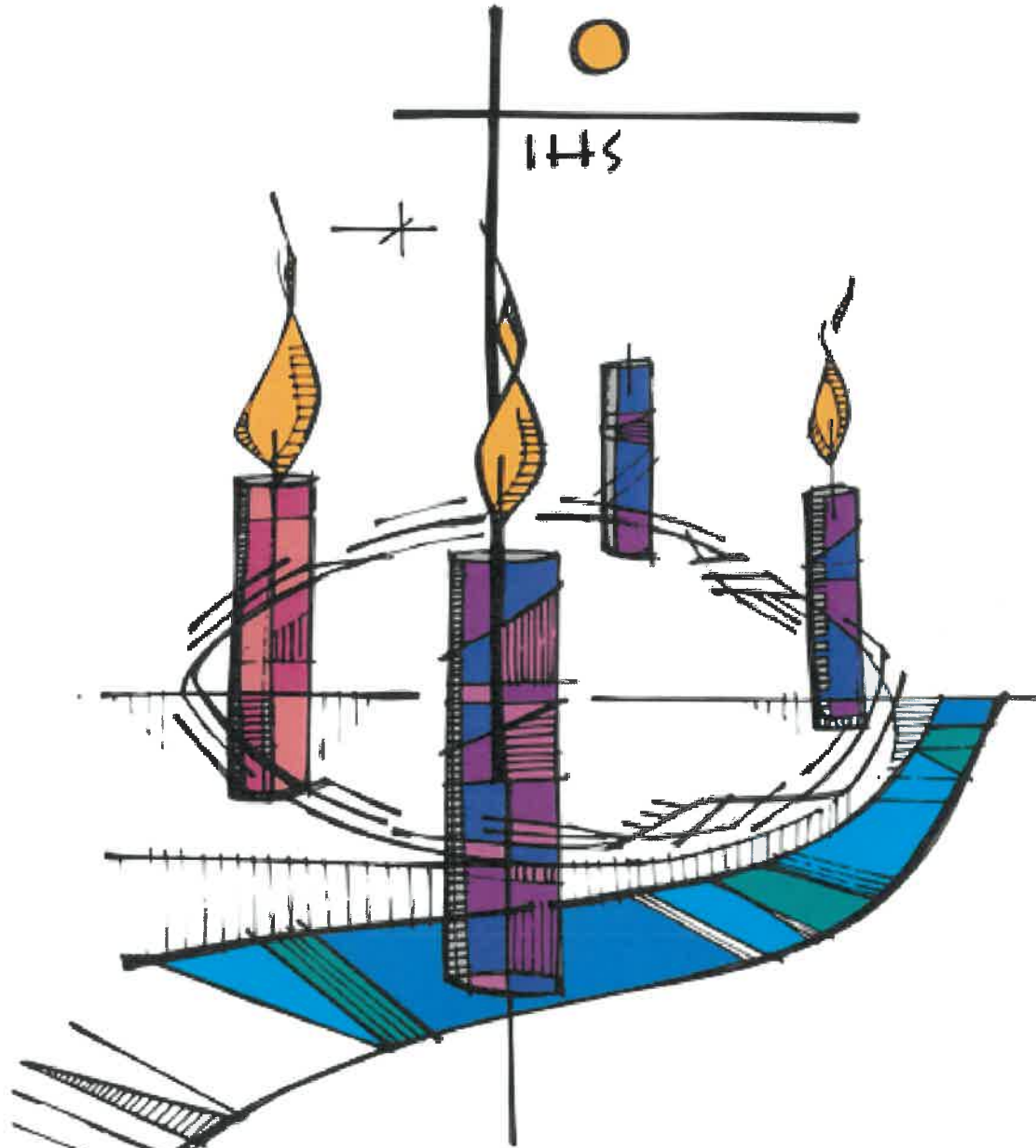


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"When her cousin recognizes that what Mary carries within her womb is of God, immediately Mary rejoices. What others might look upon as disgrace and scandal, Elizabeth recognizes what every new life truly is: a gift of God!"

-- Virgilio Elizondo

Third Sunday in Advent | December 15, 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-8 are invited to the Great Hall during the prelude for pageant practice.**
- High School Youth at the Christmas Pageant.

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 Advent Carols

Daniel Pinkham

Aaron David Miller, Organist

(Grades K-8 are invited to the Great Hall during the prelude for pageant practice.)

Choral Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

The Mack Family

Introit

Gaudete

Traditional English

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

*** + Processional Hymn 9**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

Minister: The Lord is with you.

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

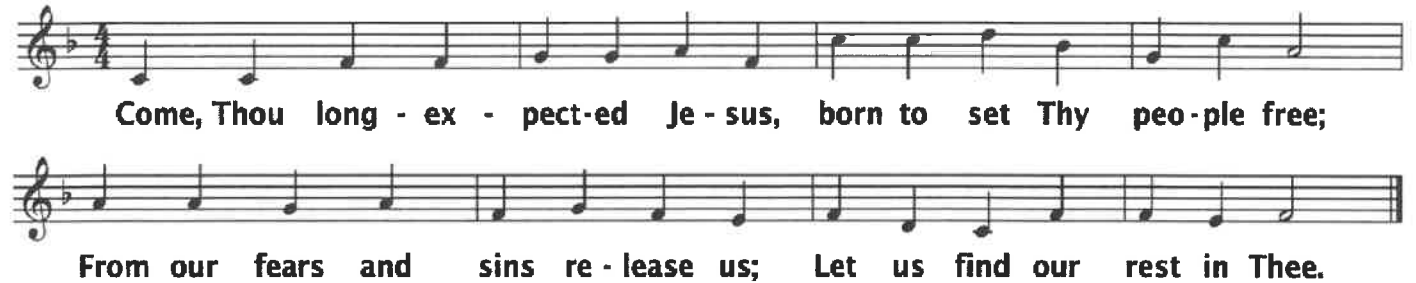
People: **And also with you.**

Call to Confession and 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



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!
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Anthem

Alma Redemptoris Mater

G.P. da Palestrina

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli porta manes,
et stella maris, succurre cadenti surgere qui curat populo:
Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

*Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the gate by which we mortals enter heaven,
and star of the sea, help your fallen people who strive to rise:
You who gave birth, amazing nature, to your sacred Creator:
Virgin prior and following, taking from the mouth of Gabriel that Hail, have mercy on our sins.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Holly Stoerker

Luke 1:39-47 (NT, p. 57 in pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

This Little Babe (from *Ceremony of Carols*)

Benjamin Britten

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

This little Babe so few days old,
Is come to rifle Satan's fold;
All hell doth at his presence quake,
Though he himself for cold do shake;
For in this weak unarmed wise
The gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field,
His naked breast stands for a shield;
His battering shot are babish cries,
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,
His martial ensigns Cold and Need,
And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitched in a stall,
His bulwark but a broken wall;
The crib his trench, hay stalks his stakes;
Of shepherds he his muster makes;
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,
The angels' trumps alarum sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight;
Stick to the tents that he hath pight.
Within his crib is surest ward;
This little Babe will be thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,
then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

-Robert Southwell (c. 1561-1595)

Second Lesson

Luke 1:57-64 (NT, p. 57 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

Elizabeth, Celebrating

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 13

Prepare the Way

Bereden väg för Herran

+ Affirmation of Faith — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Rev. Zachary O. Wilson

We trust in God, whom Jesus called, Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people
to live as one community.**

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

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

Dixit Maria

Hans Leo Hassler

Dixit Maria ad angelum:
Ecce ancilla Domini,
fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

*Mary said to the Angel:
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,
let it be done to me, according to your word.*

+ 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 6

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

+Benediction

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL

3rd Century

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

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)

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 Delmar E. Bowers.

Today’s Greeters

Darrel Gubrud, Joyce Nelson, Katie Anderson, Margaret Miller,
Ray and Connie Anderson, Marilyn Knudsen and Kirk Johnson,
Robin and Ramona Sibley Whinnem, Marilyn Eklund

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain

Latin, c. 12th century

Stanzas 1-2 trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1854

Stanza 3 trans. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916

Adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854

Accomp. John Weaver, 1988

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples

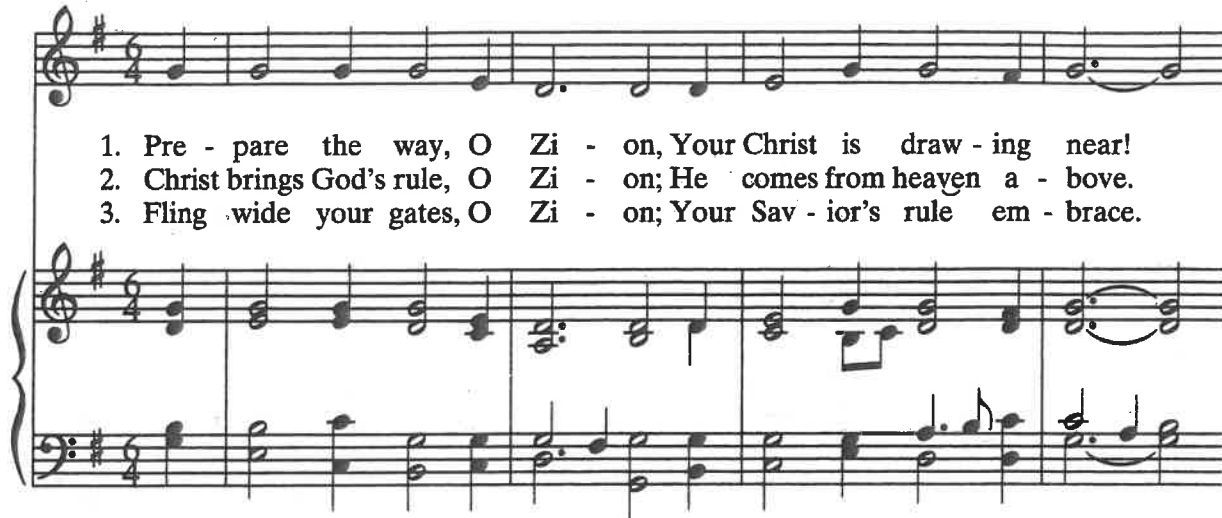
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord

here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Prepare the Way

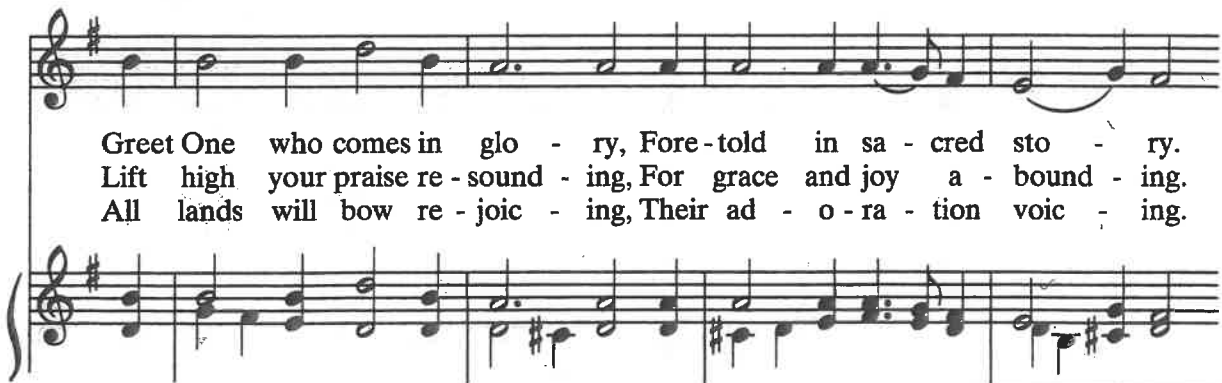
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

Frans Mikael Franzen (1771-1847)
Adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980; alt. 1989Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697
Arr. American Lutheran Hymnal, 1930


1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, Your Christ is draw - ing near!
2. Christ brings God's rule, O Zi - on; He comes from heaven a - bove.
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; Your Sav - ior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley A lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, And jus - tice, truth, and love.
And tid - ings of sal - va - tion Pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, For grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow re - joic - ing, Their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain ADVENT



O blest is Christ that came In God's most ho - ly name.

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY 8.7.8.7.4.4.4.7

Charles Wesley, 1758; alt.

Thomas Olivers, 1763
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. Je - sus comes with clouds de - scend - ing; See the
 2. Ev - ery eye shall then be - hold You Robed in
 3. Yes, A - men! Let all a - dore You High on

Lamb for sin - ners slain! Thou - sand, thou - sand
 awe - some ma - jes - ty; Those who jeered and
 your e - ter - nal throne; Crowns and em - pires

saints at - tend - ing Join to sing the glad re -
 mocked and sold You, Pierced and nailed You to the
 fall be - fore You, Claim the king - dom for Your



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News & Opportunities

December 15 - 22, 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. For more information contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org.

Middle School Youth in Great Hall
High School Youth at Christmas Pageant

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 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.

Christmas Pageant. Join us after worship today 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!

Please note: the pageant will take place in the Great Hall (not in the sanctuary as previously noted.)

December Cloister Gallery Exhibit:

Christmas Memories: Special Christmas items shared from the congregation.

Feminist Theology Class with Rev. Julia Carlson today at 11:15 a.m. in Room 1. All are welcome to a time of learning and discussion around women's experience of God and the many gifts women bring to the church. We will explore the spirituality of power, using Janet O. Hagberg's *Real Power: Stages of Personal Power in Organizations*.

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.

Traditional Christmas Tableaux.

Saturday, December 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A HOH tradition for 98 years, this is the Christmas story told through the scriptures, carols and anthems, and in the adaption of *tableaux vivant* ("Living pictures") of well-known paintings and familiar scenes of the Nativity.

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

Christmas Carol Sing-Along.

Next Sunday, December 22, 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.

Special Holiday Office Hours.

Please note the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24 and 31. The office and building will be closed on December 25, 26, and 27, as well as Wednesday January 1.

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

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 TODAY!*

End of Year Giving. As the year draws to a close, please make your 2020 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 2020 pledge in calendar year 2019, be sure to indicate in the memo line of your check that it is for a "Prepaid Pledge for 2020" Please remember that to be credited for the 2019 tax year, checks must be postmarked by no later than midnight on December 31, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Freyholtz, MichelleF@hohchurch.org, (651) 223-7556

Week Beginning December 15, 2019

Sunday, December 15, 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, Great Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship in the Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. High School Youth, Great Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant, Great Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Feminist Theology Class, Room 1

Thursday, December 19, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (for December 29)
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 1:30 p.m. Library Committee, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Groups, Unity Unitarian
- 6:00 p.m. Third Thursday Group, Women's Advocates
- 6:00 p.m. Tableaux Setup - Part 2, Sanctuary

Friday, December 20, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Kirk Parlour
- 9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
- 12:00 p.m. Yoga, Room 11
- 5:30 p.m. Tableaux Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 21, 2019

- 5:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Tableaux, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 22, 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. Christmas Carol Sing-Along, Assembly Rm
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Dinner & Discussion, Room 1

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

- 4:00 p.m. Multigenerational Service, Sanctuary
- 7 & 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recitals
- 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
- 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

Monday, December 16, 2019

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

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

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Min. Supervision, Rooms 1 & 6
- 2:00 p.m. Tableaux Setup - Part 1, Great Hall
- 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, Library
- 7:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir, Bell Room

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

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,
Great Hall

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.**



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

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

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).