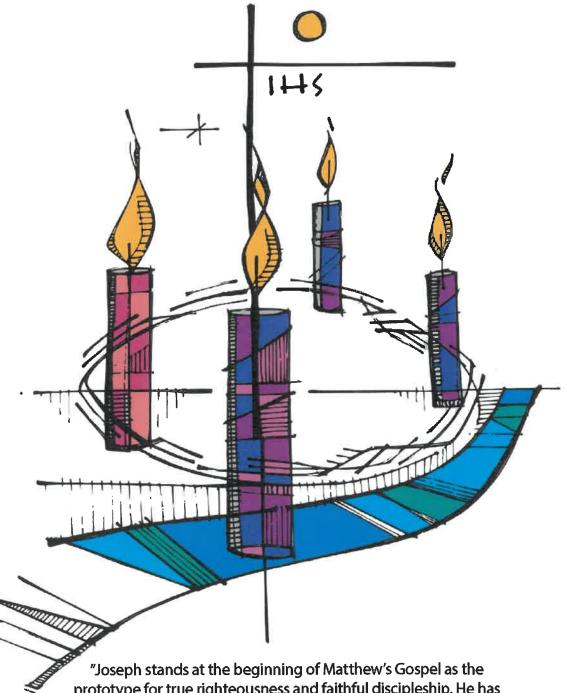
THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



prototype for true righteousness and faithful discipleship. He has moved from his own understanding of righteousness to God's."

-- Thomas Long

Fourth Sunday in Advent | December 22, 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 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 5th grade are invited to the Room 7 following the Time for Children.
- Grades 6-8 in Room 9

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 19 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

Nöel Aaron David Miller, organist Anonymous, French 17th Century

Choral Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Henry Stein and Harrison Feldbrugge

Introit

Savior of the Nations, Come
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

arr. Matthew Culloton

* * Processional Hymn 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

Minister: The Lord is with you.

Rev. Zachary O. Wilson

People: And also with you.

Call to Confession and 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

Light Everlasting Olaf C. Christiansen

 $\label{eq:continuity} O\ Light\ Everlasting,\ O\ Love\ never\ failing.$

Illumine our darkness and draw us to thee.

May we from thy spirit receive inspiration

As children together thy wisdom may see.

Make known to all nation thy peace and salvation,

And help us O Father, thy temple to be.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Angel's Carol John Rutter

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

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear? Have you seen the star shining out so brightly As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?

Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven To the humble shepherd who have waited long? Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness, Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night; He is come in joy like the sun at morning Filling all the world with radiance and with light. He is come in love as the child of Mary; In a simple stable we have seen his birth: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing 'Peace on earth.'

He will bring new light to a world in darkness, Like a bright star shining in the skies above: He will bring new hope to the waiting nations When he comes to reign in purity and love.

Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming; Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born.'

Time for Children Dixie Brachlow

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

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:18-24 (NT, p. 1 in pew Bible)

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

Joseph, Dreaming

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 56 (verses 1-4)

The First Nowell The First Nowell

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

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.
We watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

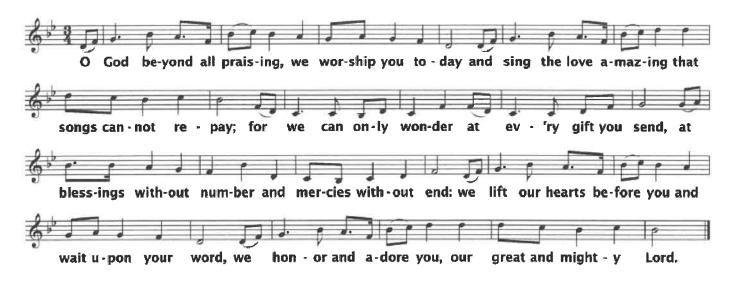
Offering (Online giving is available. See back cover.)

Offertory Anthem

The Glory of the Father Egil Hovland

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, Full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to his own and his own received him not.

+Offertory Response



*Prayer of Dedication

+Recessional Hymn 22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

+Benediction

Postlude

Fugue on "The Glory of the Lord"

G. F. Handel

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

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

Today's Greeters

Ted and Nancy Weyerhaeuser, David and Gloria Olsen, Dennis McCarty and Shana Wagner, Ginger Bailey, Mary and Terry Patton

In Memoriam

Ann Brennecke Tulloch joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on February 3, 1981. She entered the Church Triumphant on December 17, 2019. Details about a memorial service will be announced at a later date.

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:8

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.

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.

Text Giving

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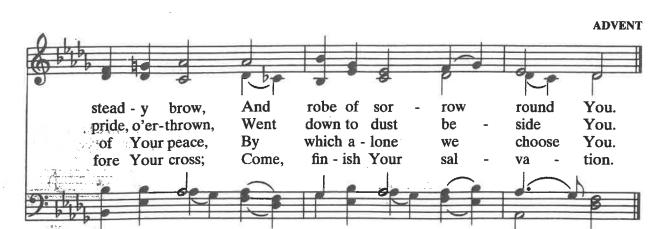
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JuliaC@hohchurch.org
Rev. Zach O. Wilson, Transitional Associate Pastor
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The House of Hope Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Church.



This tune in a higher key, 483

Psalm 24:7-10

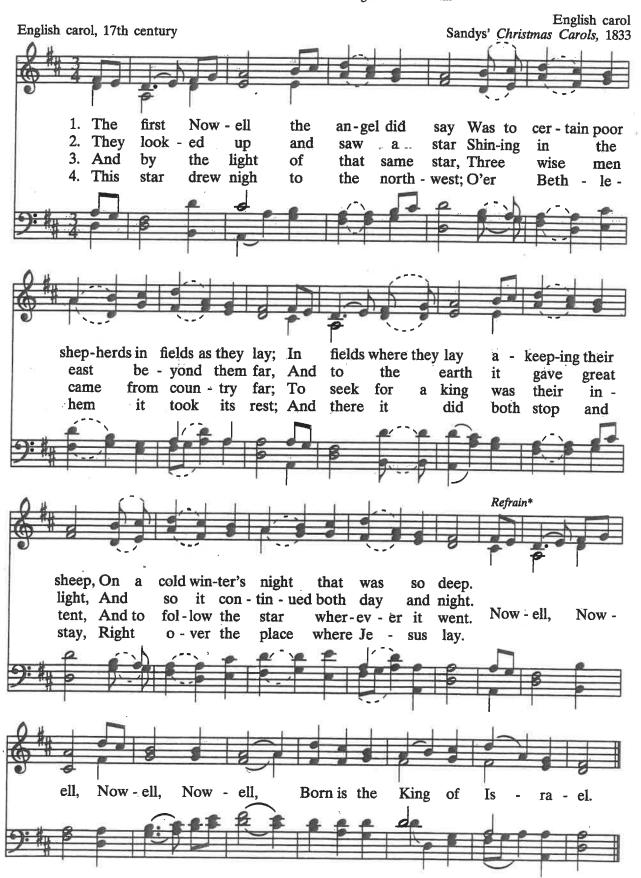
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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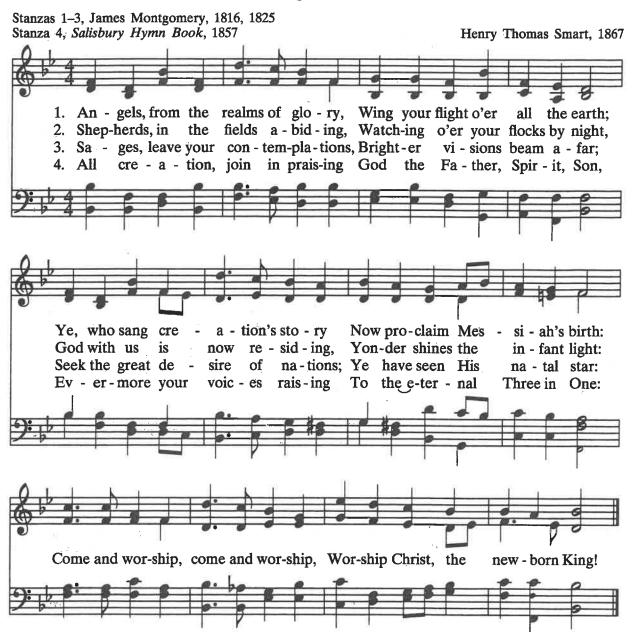
The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL Irregular with refrain



^{*}Refrain may be omitted except after final stanza.

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7





News & Opportunities

December 22 - 29, 2019

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School. Sunday School Christmas Party for K-5th grade will be in Room 7.

Middle School Youth in Room 9. High School Youth in the Youth Room

Dwelling in the Word. Today 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 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.

December Cloister Gallery Exhibit:

Christmas Memories: Special Christmas items shared from the congregation.

Upcoming

Sunday Exchange: Are you satisfied? What do you want? Next Sunday is the last of 2019. How was it? Will 2020 be any different? It's 11:15 a.m. in Room 1. Get coffee and come in. If you have children, they can remain in childcare until noon.

Tweens Blanket-Tying & Movie Party. 4th -8th graders are invited to join us for a night of food, movie fun, and service at House of Hope on Friday, January 10, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tweens will enjoy dinner and a movie, while making tied-blankets for people in under-served communities. Cost for this event is \$10. Additional donations to offset the cost of blanket supplies is greatly appreciated. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org by Wednesday, January 8.

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.

Food - It's Basic! Food fuels bodies and minds and it is an exceptional gift in this season of giving. Drop a check (notation: Food Shelf) in the plate or bring your groceries to the carts this month. Families with children and seniors are two groups where the demand for food is growing. We will make sure the help gets promptly to Neighborhood House and Hallie Q. Brown.

Christmas Eve Offerings. Your gift to this offering supports our mission and ministry in the community. As faithful followers of Christ and active citizens of the world, we believe that God calls us to be generous and joyful givers. We have so much for which to be grateful. House of Hope offers tremendous programs, has committed clergy and staff, and participates actively in mission outreach. Your contribution is not simply giving, but giving back. Ways to give: the envelopes in the pew racks, mail in a check with a notation 'Christmas Offering', Online: visit hohchurch.org > scroll to Donate > click Learn More > Donate Now > choose Christmas Offerings, give through MyHOH and choose Giving. or text HOH Christmas to 73256. Thank you for your consideration and commitment.

New Christmas Paraments. In anticipation, our new set of Christmas Paraments, created by Tim Harding, will be revealed in 2 days...Christmas Eve!

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.

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 S. Anderson

Dennis Anderson

Navonne Andre

Behrouz Ardalan

Margaret Ann Atmore

Marian and Fred Bailey

Mary Elizabeth Bailey

Wade Law and Clara C. Barnum

Phillip Beedon

Robert G. Behrens

Jean and Ted Blanch

Marion and Gerhard Blomholm

Peter and Flora Borenz

Andy Boss

Del and Marge Bowers

Tom Bowers

John Brainard

Mary Kay Briggs

Lorraine and Vern Broberg

Herman and Anna Louise Brooks

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William Burch

John Burke

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Conway Burton

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Jean Campbell

Elizabeth Campbell

Greg and Patty Cardinal

Margaret and Ray Charlton

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C.F. Chellew

May D. Chellew

Ray Clark

Miles and Olive Cooper

George Cornell

Mae and Mort Cravath

Carol L. Damberg

Mr. and Mrs. William Drever

Elmer Eugene Engelbert Sr

Carol Slocum Engelbert

Gene Engelbert

Sara Whitten Engelbert

Bill and Evie Flad

Wendell and Jeanette Fleming

Lee Morgan Fleming

Ruth S. Freeburg

James Freeburg

Terry E. Freyholtz

Donald B. and Sara A. Fulton

Alfred M. and Lua B. Fulton

Edmund and Elizabeth Gensmer

Donald J. Gibbons

Gerald P. Gibbons

Alexander Anderson Golnik

Ellen Goudzwaard

Bill Grube

Francis and Beth Gruber

Wynn Gubrud

Mr. and Mrs. HB Hall Sr

Mr. and Mrs. HB Hall Jr

Wally and Jean Hansen

Gottlieb and Ingeborg Heidmann

Bob and Marjorie Hennesy

Marvin and Elaine Heuer

Esther Hewitt

Clarabelle and Don Hey

Barbara Hey

Phil, Helen and Ardis Hill

Richard Hollingsworth

William and Mabel Jarvis

Betty and Norman Jensen

Edward and Thelma Jensen

C. Eddie and Peggy Johnson

Dan and Olga Jones

Wolfgang and Henrietta Klein

Donna R. Klein

Lindsay Jean Knutson

Peter H. and Genevieve Kramer

Ruth and Herbert Kueck

Cindy Kueck

Laura Lamb

John Lane

Christian and Alta Larson

Gunnar Ljungkull

Jon Ljungkull

Ann, Ruth and Robert Lyon

Lottie and Roscoe Lyon

Lucy and John "Bud" Mahon

Helen and George Maruyama

James McCartney III and

Jean Herrmann McCartney

Harriet McCloskey

Thomas F. McHugh

George F. and Sarah McI. Amend

Bill and Virginia Mears

Frank and Hazel Munson

Joyce and Harold Nicholls

Catherine and Roy Nienhauser

JoAnn Noland

John Norton

Mary Jacqueline O'Keefe

Byron D. Olsen

C. Dale and Lorraine M. Olsen

Barry D. Olsen

O.R. Olsen

Lilyan A. Olsen

Duane I. Oisen

Barbara Olsen-Stierna

Bruce Davis Osteraas

John and Priscilla Overbye

Marilyn Palmer

James R. and Lois Parkman

Stephen Paulus

David Paulus

Justin Pearson

Leonard and Louise Pearson

Lisa Pearson

Molly Ann Pearson

Vern and Beatrice Pearson

Howard and Judith Peterson

Aleeta Engelbert Pierce

Peter Pierce

Florence and Dr. Benjamin A. Pomeroy

June and Dr. James Pomeroy

Dr. Harold Pomerov

Margaret L. and Dr. Benjamin S. Pomerov

Benjamin A. Pomeroy

Al and Polly Quilling

Calvin Randolph

Carl and Borghild Risendal

Albert A. Rosner

Jennifer Roy

Phil Roy Jr.

Alice and Phil Roy Sr.

Norm and Mark Schindler

Phyllis Schluter

William F. Schubert

Norman W. Schwister

John Gavin Scott

William, Phyllis and Sandra Sittko

Michael Skarich

Mark Skarich

Eugene and Ginny Smetana

Dr. and Mrs Eugene Smith

Don and Loretta Smith

Robert L. Smith Family

Edward and Mary Snyder

William and Marion Snyder

Peter Snyder

Mr. Gordon A. Stephenson

Chuck and Mary Ellen Stewart

David C. Swanson

Michael D. Swanson

Lowell Thornber

Kari Lynn Thorsen

Jean Torgerson

Romana Urueta

Hans Van Nood

Coleen Vaught

Martha and Arie Verhagen

Dinh-Quang-Vinh

Karl Vollstedt

John and Dorothy Warren

Kevin Webster

Peter Mark Westra

Edgar and Valerie White

Wendy White

Bill and Evelyn Widmann

Mary Snyder Wilson

Marilyn and Sylvester Wojcicki

In Honor:

Julia Carlson

Matthew Culloton

Andrew McDonald

Aaron David Miller

Zach Wilson

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, Michelle F@hohchurch.org, (651) 223-7556

HOH Community Retreat. June 5 – 7 Join House of Hope for a multi-generational community retreat at Clearwater Forest. Enjoy a waterfront view, communal meals, art, activities, worship, bonfire, and play. Register to join us in a beautiful lodge, as we celebrate summertime together. Cost is \$85 per participant, which includes meals and lodging. Children, 3-years-old and younger, participate for free. Scholarships available. Registration opens soon.

Week Beginning December 22, 2019

Sunday, December 22, 2019

9:30 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 & 8

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Room 7

10:15 a.m. Middle School, Room 9

Youth Room

11:15 a.m. Fellowship in Kirk Parlour

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

Assembly Room

11:15 a.m. High School, Youth Room

Monday, December 23, 2019

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour

6:00 p.m. AA, Great Hall

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Youth Room

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

3:30 p.m. Childcare, Room 8

4:00 p.m. Mulitgenerational Service, Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Childcare, Rooms 2 & 8

7:00 p.m. Carillon Recital

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

9:30 p.m. Carillon Recital

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

The Office and Building is closed.

Thursday, December 26 2019

The Office and Building is closed.

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (January 5)

Friday, December 27, 2019

The Office and Building is closed.

Sunday, December 29, 2019

10:00 a.m. 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.

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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.



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).