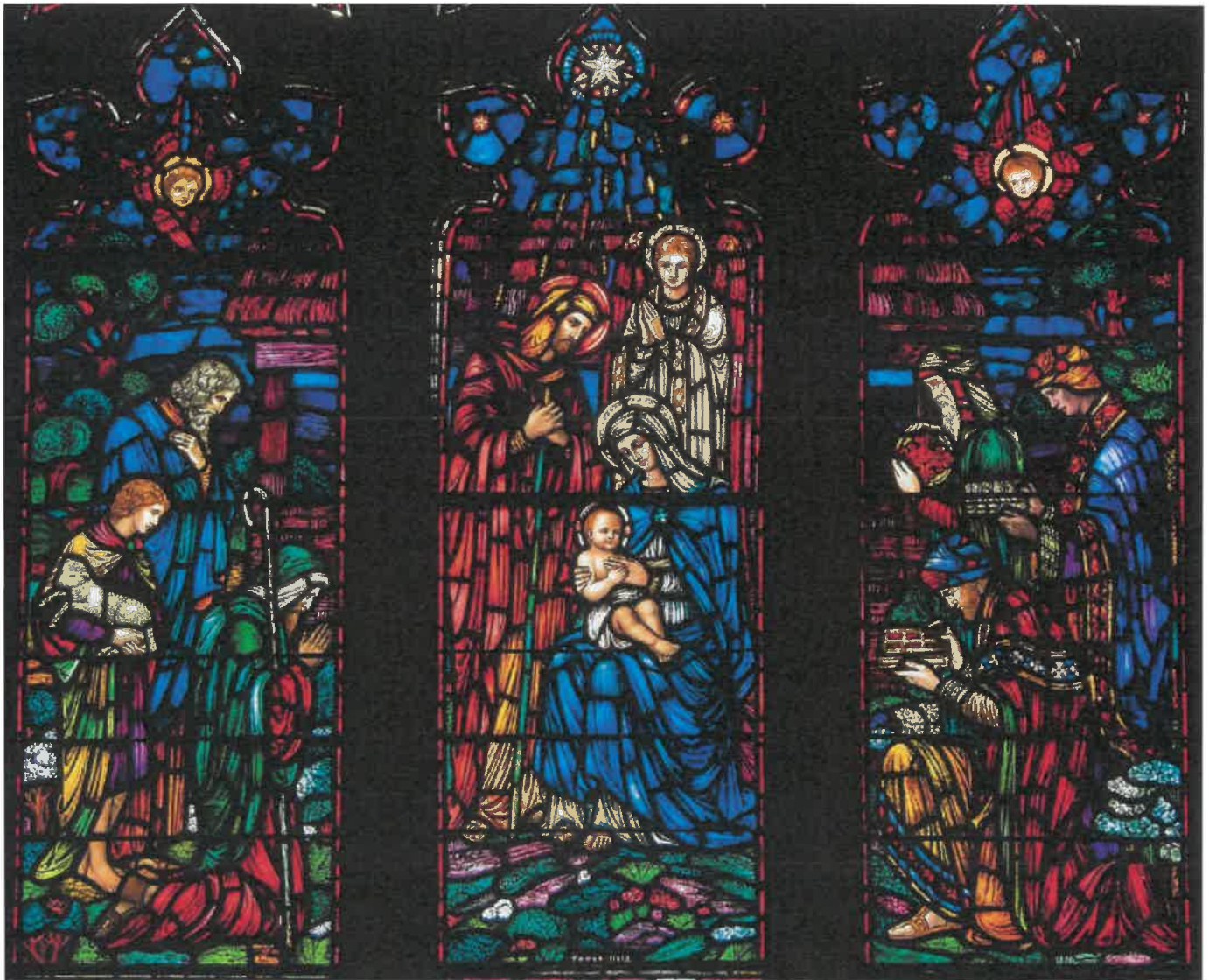


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"It is not over, this birthing. There are always newer skies into which God can throw stars. When we begin to think that we can predict the Advent of God, that we can box the Christ in a stable in Bethlehem, that's just the time God will be born in a place we can't imagine and won't believe. Those who wait for God watch with their hearts and not their eyes, listening, always listening for angel words."

- Ann Weems

First Sunday after Christmas Day | December 29, 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 8th grade are invited to remain in worship following the Baptism.

Children's Bibles for infants through 2nd grade are available in the pews; and children's bulletins and crayons are available at all sanctuary doors. Please return the crayons.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Hearing devices can be signed out from the table in the Narthex. Ushers are available for assistance. Please return the hearing device to the table after worship.

Live broadcasts and audio versions of worship services are available at hohchurch.org. Copies of past sermons are available at the church's Welcome Centers and in the rack across from the Assembly Room.

The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle, lighted each day as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayers for peace in the world.

The Connect @ HoH cards provide a way to alert the staff to the pastoral care needs of the congregation. Please use them, and place them in the offering plate or give them to a minister. This is a way to keep us informed about the life of our members.

If you would like a pastor to call on you in the hospital, or if you are ill at home and would like a visit, please call the church office at (651) 227-6311, to let us know. If you know someone else in the congregation who could benefit from a visit, please contact the church.

Are you visiting?

Thank you for choosing to worship at House of Hope. Visitors are invited to sign the Friendship registration pad. Please include an email or street address so we can tell you about worship, mission, and events at The House of Hope. Please look for greeters who wear the "Welcome" tag for information. **The next New Member Class will take place on Sunday, January 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

Still, Still, Still
Dancing Day/I Saw Three Ships
In The Bleak Midwinter
The First Noel

Austrian folk carol
English Carols
Gustav Holst
English carol

Andrea Stern, Cathy Victorsen, Celtic Harps

Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God at the beginning and through him all things were created. No created thing came into being without him. (The arrival of the Word)

In the Word was life, and that life was the light of humankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out. (The arrival of the Light)

He was in the world; but the world – though it owed its beginning to him did not recognize him. He came to his own, and his own people would not receive him. But to those who did receive him, he gave the right to become children of God, not through human desire, but through God alone. (The arrival of the Cross)

So, the Word became flesh; he came among us and was one of us. And we saw his glory, the glory which befits God's only son, full of grace and truth.

* + Opening Hymn 22

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

Minister: The Lord is with you.

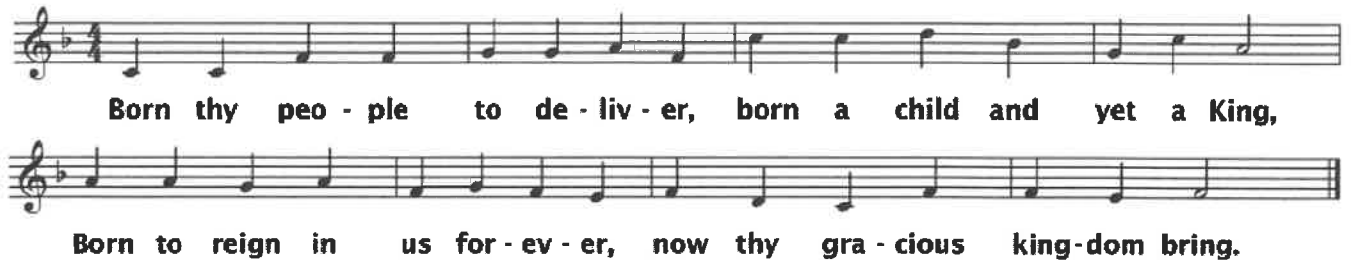
People: And also with you.

Christmas Invocation and Confession (unison)

**In the face of the Gospel, let us ask God for a good Christmas:
That no powerful nation should tax the poor or uproot them;
That no unmarried mother should be put away in disgrace;
That no door will be shut on those who need to find it open;
That shepherds and sheep and all of nature need not be afraid;
That barbed wire and angry soldiers may not be found in Bethlehem;
That wise men and wise women might appear in Syria, Ukraine, Peru, and St. Paul, Minnesota;
That children may be protected from those who would abuse them;
That this Christmas, worship may become a manger, and the church a stable, and the rumor becomes a reality that Christ has come among us. And this we pray in Jesus' name.
by the simple wonders of your love, to a rebirth of faith and hope and joy.**

(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Sung Response



Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

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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Welcome and Announcements

———— THE WORD OF GOD ————

Duet

Ding Dong Merrily on High

English Carol

The Sacrament of Baptism

Congregational Response: Hymn 47 (remain seated)

Still, Still, Still

Still, Still, Still

(All children and youth are invited to return to their seats following the Baptism.)

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-9 (OT, p. 693 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Keeping Christmas

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

————— THE RESPONSE TO GOD —————

+ Hymn 36

In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

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

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 calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of People and the Lord's Prayer — *(Congregation reads the text in bold)*

When the world was dark and the city was quiet, you came.
You crept in beside us. And no one knew.
Only the few who dared to believe that God might do something different.
Will you do the same this Christmas, Lord?

**Will you come into the darkness of today's world;
not the friendly darkness as when sleep rescues us from tiredness, but the fearful darkness,
in which people have stopped believing that war will end or that food will come
or that a government will change or that the Church cares?**

Will you come into that darkness and do something
different to save your people from death and despair?

**Will you come into the quietness of this city, not the friendly quietness as when snow falls
in beauty and silence, but the fearful silence when the phone has not rung,
the letter has not come, the friendly voice no longer speaks, the doctor's face says it all?**

Will you come into that darkness, and do something different, not to distract, but to embrace your
people? And will you come into the dark corners and the quiet places of our lives?

**We ask this not because we are guilt-ridden or want to be,
but because the fullness our lives long for depends on us being as open and vulnerable to you
as you were to us, when you came. Wearing no more than a diaper,
and trusting human hands to hold their maker.**

Will you come into our lives, if we open them to you and do something different?

**When the world was dark and the city was quiet you came. You crept in beside us.
Do the same this Christmas, Lord. Do the same this Christmas.**

**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 Duet:

Arran Boat Song/What Child is This

Scottish/English Folk Songs

+ 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

+Closing Hymn 57

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Venite Adoremus

+Benediction

Postlude

Dyade 5: Angels We Have Heard on High

Bernard Andres

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, carillonneur

Text Giving

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The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Isabelle Lou Schultz, daughter of Lauren and Christopher Schultz. We welcome her into our church family.

Elder assisting is Tim Godfrey. Our helper today is Elizabeth Golnik, daughter of Ben and Allison Golnik. Elizabeth was baptized here in 2011.

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

Today's Greeters

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



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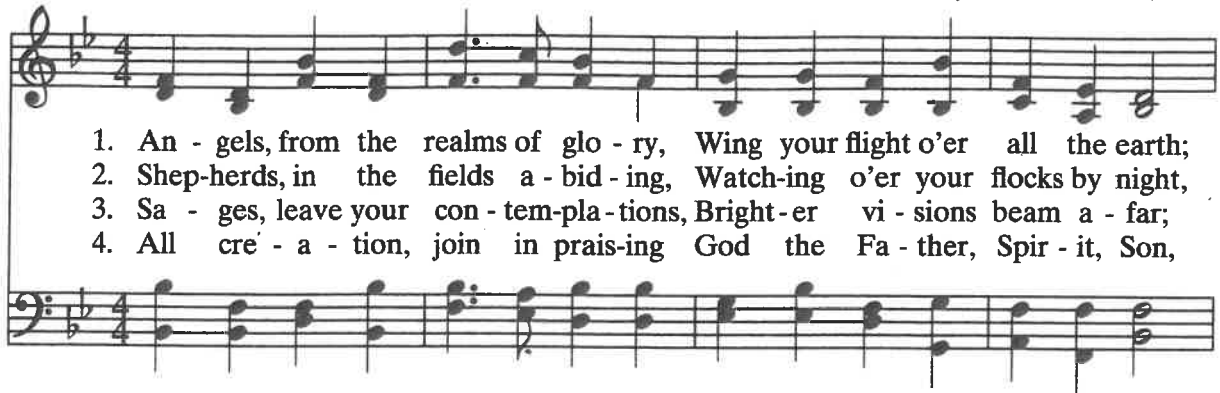
CHRISTMAS

22 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

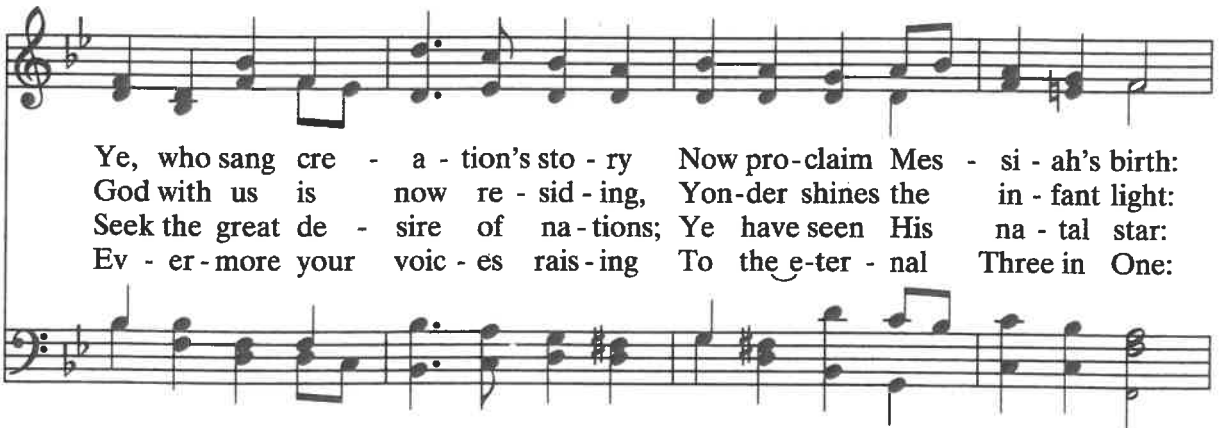
REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825
Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

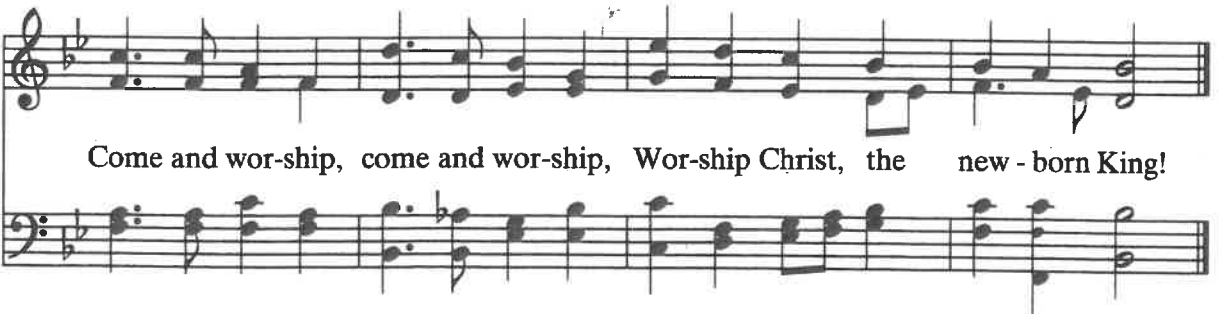
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, Bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry Now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, Yon-der shines the in - fant light:
Seek the great de - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen His na - tal star:
Ev - er-more your voic - es rais - ing To the e - ter - nal Three in One:



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new - born King!

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.

The Snow Lay on the Ground

VENITE ADOREMUS 10.10.10.10 with refrain

English melody

Adapt. C. Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Harm. Leo Sowerby, 1941

Anglo-Irish carol; alt.

G C G D C

1. The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright, When Christ our Lord was
 2. 'Twas gen - tle Ma - ry maid, so young and strong, Who wel - comed here the
 3. Saint Jo - seph too was by to tend the Child, To guard Him, and pro -
 4. And thus that man - ger poor be - came a throne; For He whom Ma - ry

G Am G D G G C G D

born on Christ - mas night. Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 Christ - child with a song. She laid Him in a stall at Beth - le - hem;
 tect His moth - er mild. The an - gels hov - ered round and sang this song:
 bore was God the Son. O come, then, let us join the heaven - ly host;

C Am G Am G Dsus2D G Refrain G

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 The ass and ox - en shared the roof with them. Ve - ni - te a - do -
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 To praise the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News & Opportunities

December 29, 2019 - January 5, 2020

Sunday School. There is no scheduled Sunday School today. Children are invited to remain in worship. Childcare for infants through PreK is available.

Sunday Exchange: *Are you satisfied? What do you want? Will 2020 be any different?* Get a cup of coffee and we'll talk, today at 11:15 a.m. in Room 1. (Your children can 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.

Handbells and Harp in Worship.
On Sunday, January 5, there will be a special musical offering of carols for handbells and harp. The Adult Bell Choir will be assisted by Rhonda Grobe, harpist, with music that will continue the festive season of Christmastide. Invite your family and friends to join for this special musical event which will bring our twelve days of Christmas to their conclusion.

Adult Enrichment. Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

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

Peace & Justice Forum: *The Devastation of Community Gun Violence*, 11:15 a.m. in the Library. The presenters will be Kelvin Christoph, a "Ujamaa Man" who will speak about his life experience with gun violence, and Rev. Nancy Nord Bence, Director of Protect MN who will speak about gun violence from a public health perspective, and give us an overview of the legislation regarding gun violence prevention at the State Legislature this session.

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

Rev. Julia Carlson's Doctor of Ministry Research Activity. Do you wonder what the 'Nones' and the 'Dones' think about, worry over, or believe? I know I do.

A year ago, I interviewed eight folks who do not regularly attend church using six simple questions. Some were strangers I walked up to at National Night Out, and others were friends or family that I met through HOH members. It was a wonderful experience – an enlightening experience.

Because I believe it will be enlightening for you and help us all gain greater understanding of our neighbors, I am inviting you to interview one or two of your neighbors who do not attend church using a few open and non-judgmental questions. There will be a training session on January 5, 2020, after worship at 11:15 in Room 1. There will be additional training sessions on Wednesday, January 8, at 1:00 p.m., and again at 5:30 p.m.

There will be several opportunities to gather in small groups afterwards to talk about your experience.

Upcoming Sunday Series Speakers

Leonard Pitts, Jr. January 19 | 2:00 p.m.

A former writer for Casey Kasem's radio program "American 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.

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.

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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).

Week Beginning December 29, 2019

Sunday, December 29, 2019

- 9:30 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 & 8
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday Exchange, Room 1

Monday, December 30, 2019

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 6:00 p.m. AA, Great Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Assembly Room

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Café
- 3:00 p.m. The Office and Building Closes

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

The Office and Building is closed.

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 post-marked by no later than midnight on December 31, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Freyholtz, MichelleF@hohchurch.org, (651) 223-7556

Thursday, January 2, 2020

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (for January 12)
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Groups, Kirk Parlour

Friday, January 3, 2020

- 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, January 4, 2020

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Sunday, January 5, 2020

- 8:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed., Room 1
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald, preaching
Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Peace & Justice Enrichment, Library
- 11:15 a.m. Rev. Carlson's Neighborhood Interview Training, Room 1

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