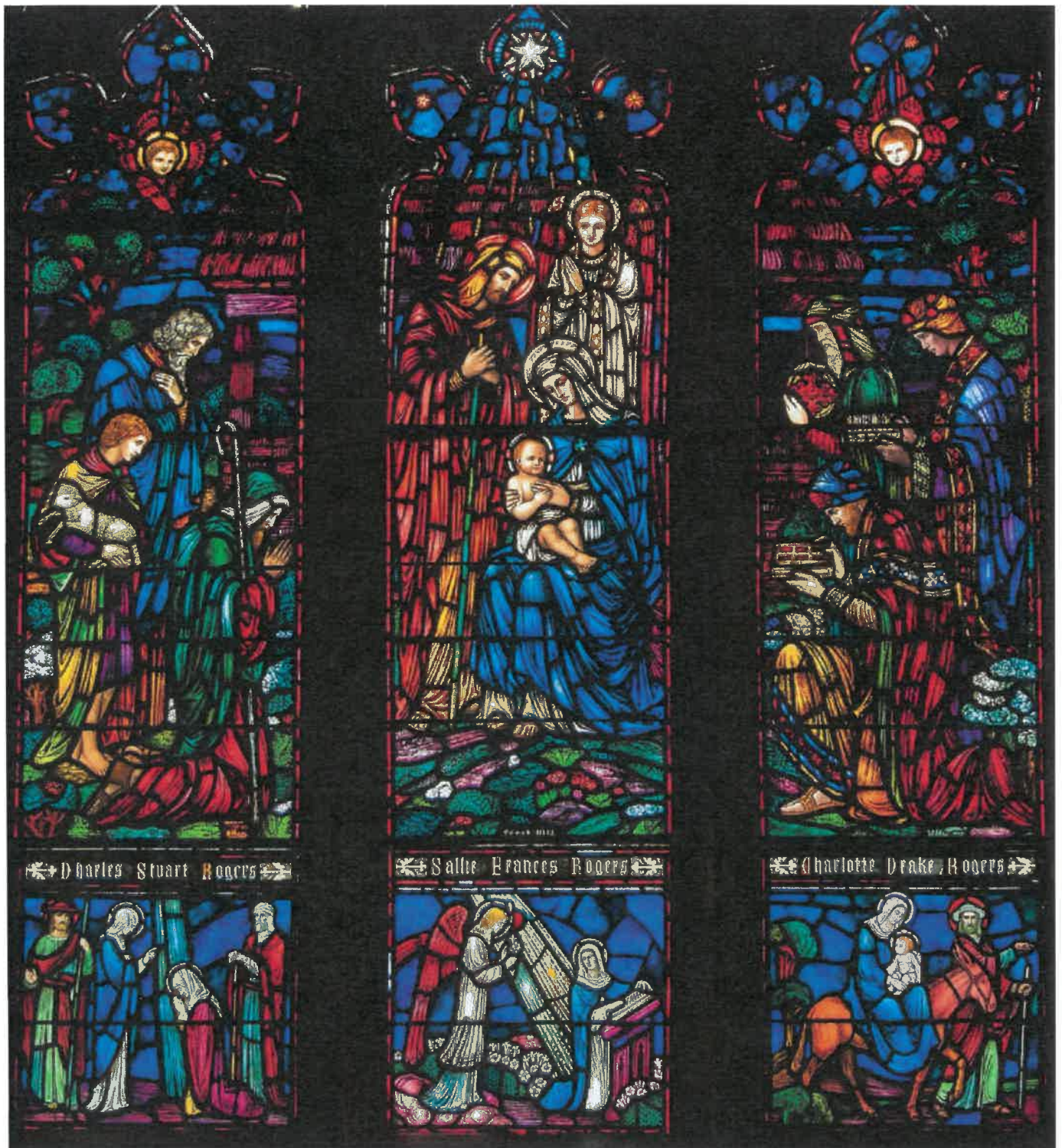


# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Epiphany of the Lord | January 5, 2020 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.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated today. All who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Elements served are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Request one from your server.

**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
- Sunday Studio K-1 in Room 4; Sunday Studio 2-3 in Room 5 following the Time for Children.
- Tween Transitions in Room 7 at 10:15 a.m.
- Creative Expressions in Room 4 at 11:15 a.m.

**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.

**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**

Carols for Handbells and Harp

*Away in a Manager*  
*Coventry Carol*

arr. Cathy Moglebust and Timothy Short  
arr. Carl Wiltse and Timothy Short

Adult Handbell Choir, Timothy Short, Director; Rhonda Grobe, Harp

### **\* + Opening Hymn 68**

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

Puer Nobis Nascitur

### **Call to Confession** (*congregation seated*)

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

### **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Loving and leading God,

we confess our reluctance to follow you because we resist change.

On occasion, we find looking to the past more comforting than facing an uncertain future.

Forgive us for the times when our clinging to the past has squandered new opportunities.

Assure us that your life-giving Spirit always leads us toward new horizons,

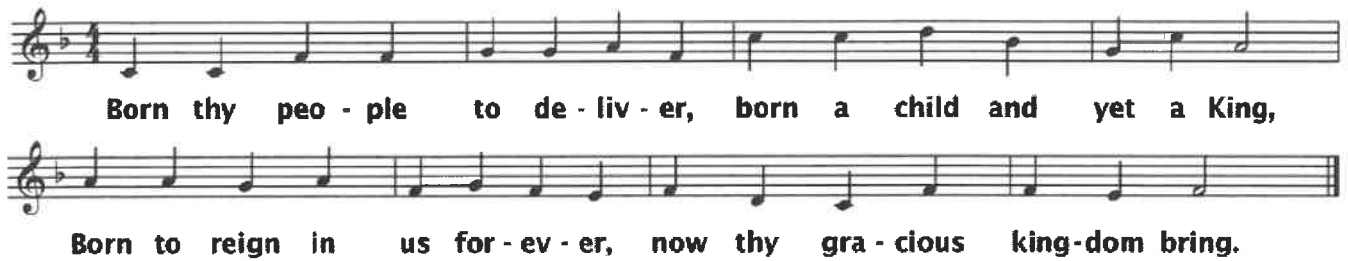
bold new visions and promising tomorrows.

By your grace, strengthen us to embrace this day and all of our tomorrows,

relying on your strong, loving, guiding hand.

*(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!  
Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex - cel - sis De - - - o!

## Welcome and Announcements

## Anthem

*Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head*

arr. Cathy Moglebust

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Time for Children

Phil Bolinder

*(Kindergarten–6th grade have the option of staying in worship  
or exiting after the Time for Children to the East Wing.)*

### Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-18 (NT, pp. 91-92 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

*Grace Upon Grace*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### + Hymn 67

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

Morning Star

### + Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

Rev. Zachary O. Wilson

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offering** (online giving is available. See back cover.)

### Offertory Anthem

*What Child is This*


arr. Carol Lynn Mizell

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People:  **And with thy spir - it.**


Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People:  **We lift them up un-to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:  **It is meet and right so to do.**

Minister: It is meet and right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People:  **Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Hosts,**  
 **Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry:**  
 **Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men**



Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. . . Continue to hear us as we pray together the prayer Christ taught us, saying together:

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Words of Institution**

*(Communion is celebrated by intinction this morning. Following the Words of Institution, the congregation will be dismissed from the back. Please come forward in two lines up the center aisle and receive the elements. Dip your bread into the cup and partake of them prior to returning to your pew along the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served in the pew. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please inform the server.)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and forget not all God's benefits.

Minister and People:

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
You have fed us with the bread of life,  
and renewed us for your service.  
Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup,  
to be his faithful disciples  
so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom,  
and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## +Closing Hymn 28

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

In Dulci Jubilo

## +Benediction

## Postlude

*In Dulci Jubilo*

William Turner

## Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

### In Memoriam

Larry L. Lee joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on December 19, 1971. He entered the Church Triumphant on December 30, 2019. A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 24 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a reception to follow in the Kirk Parlour.

*"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's Greeters

Liz Sanson, Bill and Joan Frank, Larry Nelson, Kathe and Phil Bolinder, Patrick Boylan, Linda Tuohy

## Text Giving

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## What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 68

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Charles Coffin, 1736  
Trans. John Chandler, 1837; alt.

Trier ms., 15th century  
Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609  
Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910

1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly  
2. 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob  
3. O Je - sus, while the star of grace Im - pels us  
4. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And Ho - ly

than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a  
shall a star pro - ceed"; And lo! the East - ern  
on to seek Your face, Let not our sloth - ful  
Spir - it, Three in one, May ev - ery tongue and

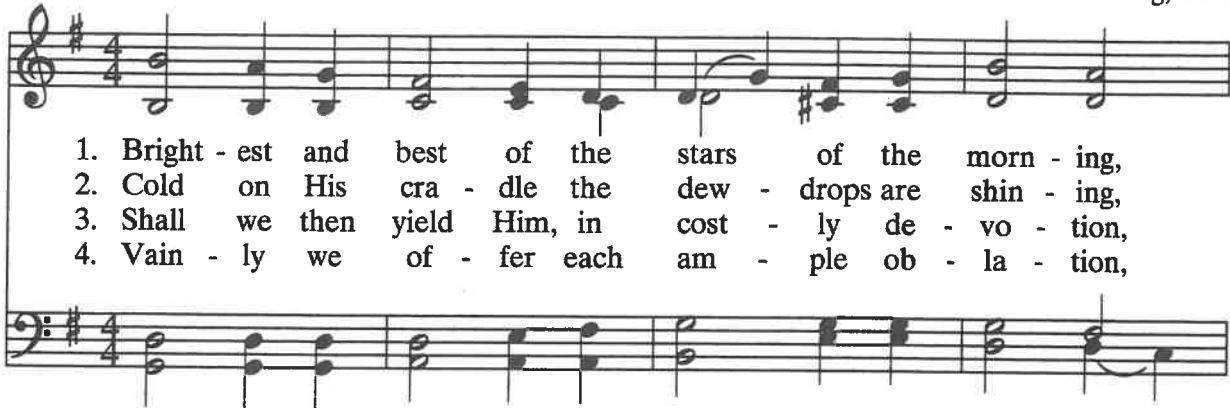
new - born King, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.  
sa - ges stand To read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.  
hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of Your light to use.  
na - tion raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise.

# 67 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

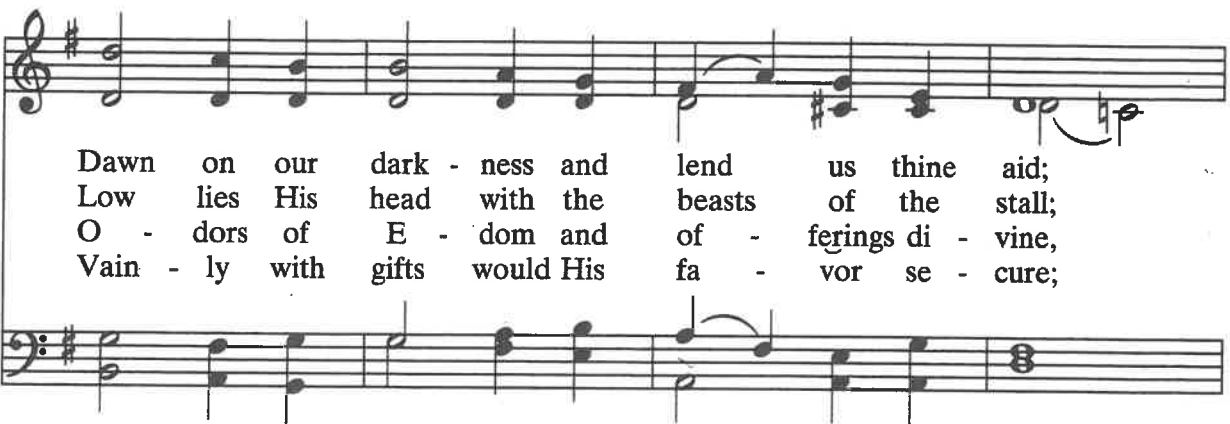
MORNING STAR 11.10.11.10

Reginald Heber, 1811; alt.

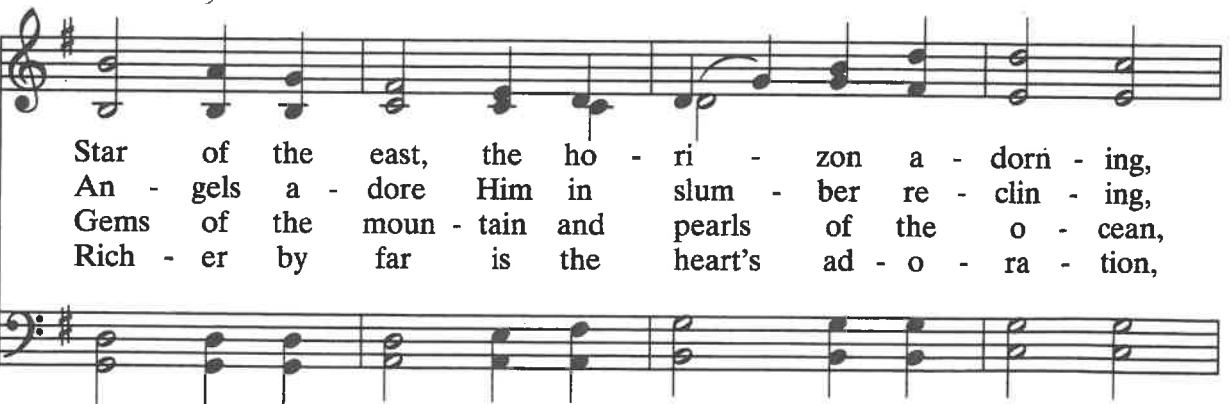
James Proctor Harding, 1892



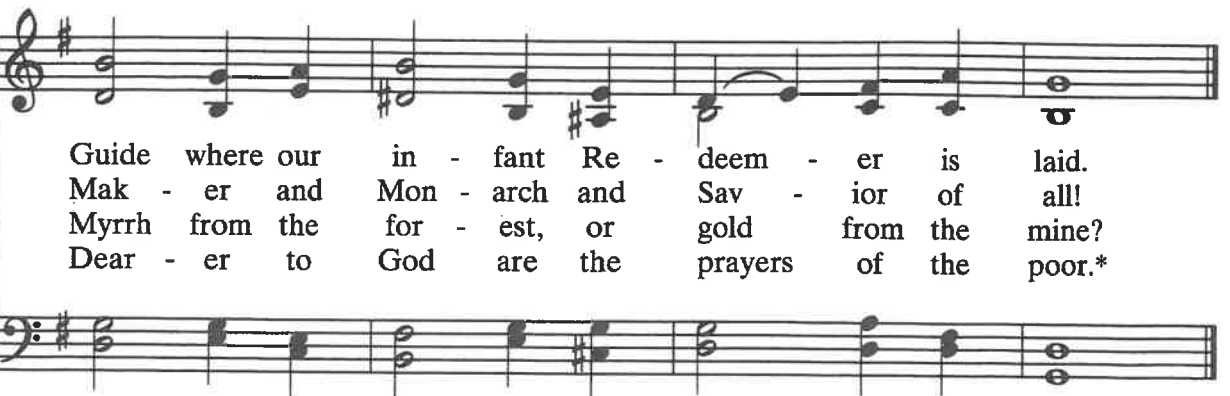
1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2. Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
 3. Shall we then yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 O - dors of E - dom and of - ferings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure;



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all!  
 Myrrh from the for - est, or gold from the mine?  
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.\*

\*Repeat stanza 1.

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.8.5.5

Medieval Latin

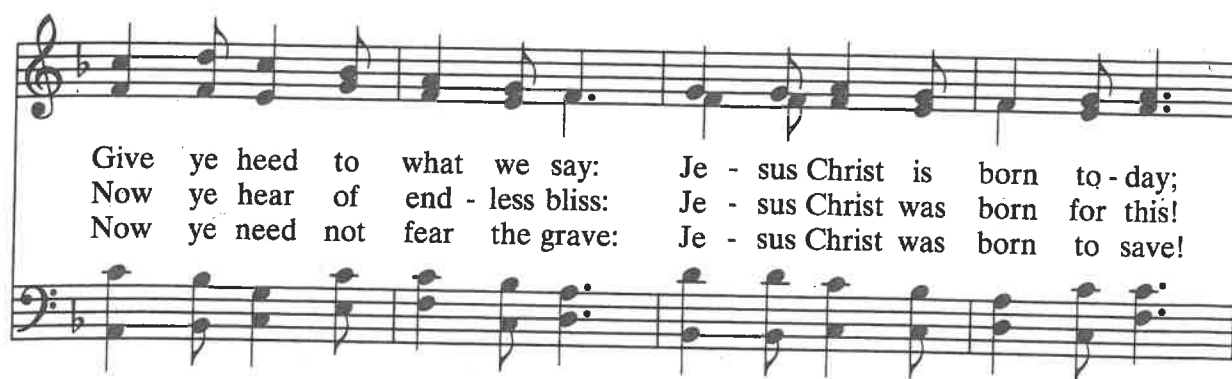
Trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.

German folk tune, 14th century

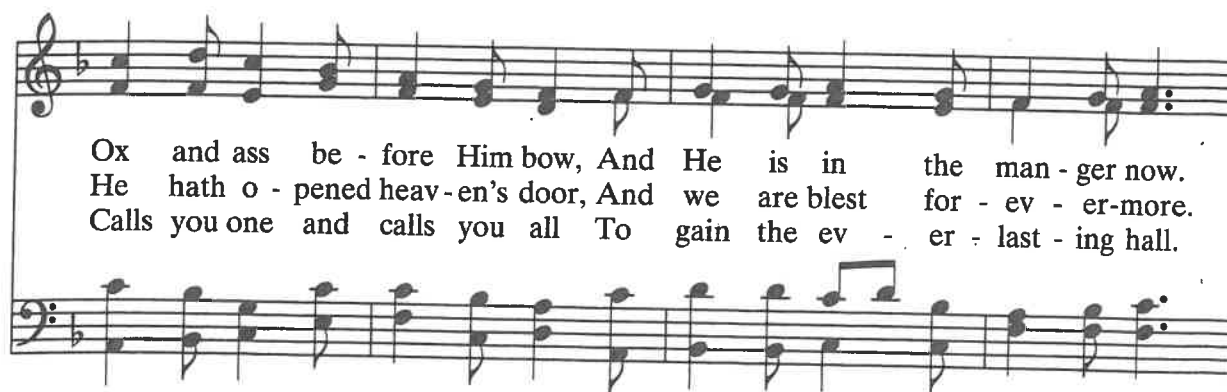
Harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953



1. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart, and soul, and voice;  
 2. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart, and soul, and voice;  
 3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart, and soul, and voice;



Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all To gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day!      Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this!      Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save!      Christ was born to save!



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# News & Opportunities

## January 5 - 12, 2020

**Sunday School.** Children are invited to join us for a morning of Bible stories, arts, activities, and more. We will explore our faith as we learn more about God's love, Jesus' life, and the faith of others. Sunday Studio K-1 in Room 4; Sunday Studio 2-3 in Room 5; Tween Transitions in Room 7.

**Creative Expressions** (K-8) Room 4 | 11:15 a.m.

**Middle School Youth** in Room 9 at 11:15 a.m. and **High School Youth** in the Youth Room at 11:15 a.m.

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.

### **Handbells and Harp in Worship.**

Today, the Adult Handbell Choir collaborates with harpist Rhonda Grobe (a music educator with the St. Paul Schools) for these Christmastide musical offerings. The Adult Handbell Choir has begun its 41st year of ringing, and is comprised of volunteer musicians from the congregation and the Twin Cities community. It is the second oldest musical ensemble at the House of Hope. The ensemble is in need of two more ringers for the January to April season. The ensemble rehearses on Wednesday evenings; music reading skills are needed but bell ringing technique is easily learned. Contact Tim Short if you have an interest in becoming part of the adult bell choir.

### **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. 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 today after worship at 11:15 a.m. 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**

**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.

**Sunday Exchange:** *What do you do with "truths" you no longer believe? What do you still believe ... or not? We'll talk about that next Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in Room 1. Get coffee and come in. If you have children, they can remain in childcare until noon.*

**Wednesday Evening Dinners** will resume on January 15 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to sign up on MyHOH: [bit.ly/HoH\\_Meal2020](https://bit.ly/HoH_Meal2020), on Sunday mornings, or by calling the church office. While we suggest a donation of \$5/individual and \$12/family, there is no charge for the meals. Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal and clean up. Please contact the church office if you'd like to help.

**Wednesday Night In-Depth Study.** On January 15, Rev. McDonald will launch a study on perhaps the arguably most misinterpreted and mysterious book of the Christian Scriptures: *Revelation*. This study will continue on the subsequent Wednesday evenings in January at 7 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour.

**Joy Davis' Second Thursday Literature Series** will meet on January 9 at 10 a.m. in the Library. We will discuss the 17th Century poet Aphra Behn, England's first professional woman writer; and Elizabeth Barret Browning's poems of protest. All are welcome.

**HOH Adult Song Group** Join us as we begin the new year in song on Thursday, January 9, at 1 pm. in the Kirk Parlour. If you like to sing, you've met all the prerequisites for this fellowship opportunity.

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

## **Tweens Blanket-Tying & Movie Party.**

Fourth - eighth 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.

## **Parents Night Out - Friday, January 24, 5-8 p.m.**

Children, birth-fifth grade, are invited to join us for games, art, snacks, a movie, and more. Bring your dinner and your friends! Cost is \$20 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child. Adult volunteers are needed. Reservations are required to ensure appropriate staffing. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org by Monday, January 20.

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## **Week Beginning January 5, 2020**

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### **Sunday, January 5, 2020**

8:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed., Room 1  
9:15 a.m. 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, East Wing  
10:15 a.m. Tweens Transitions, Room 7  
11:15 a.m. Middle School, Room 9  
11:15 a.m. High School, Youth Room  
11:15 a.m. Creative Expressions, Room 4  
11:15 a.m. Peace & Justice Enrichment, Assembly Room  
11:15 a.m. Rev. Carlson's Neighborhood Interview Training, Room 1

### **Monday, January 6, 2020**

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

### **Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

7:00 a.m. Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Café  
2:00 p.m. House & Property, Kirby Lounge  
6:00 p.m. PNC Meeting, Kirby Lounge

### **Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library  
1:00 p.m. Neighborhood Interview Training, Room 1  
4:30 p.m. Choir School, Choir School Room

5:30 p.m. Neighborhood Interview Training, Room 1  
6:00 p.m. PNC Meeting, Library  
6:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room  
6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir, Bell Room

### **Thursday, January 9, 2020**

7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's  
9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (for January 19)  
9:00 a.m. Hard Hats, Maintenance Shop  
9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1  
9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining A&B  
10:00 a.m. Joy Davis' Literature Series, Library  
1:00 p.m. Adult Song Group, Kirk Parlour  
5:00 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting, Library  
5:30 p.m. Grief Support Groups, Kirk Parlour

### **Friday, January 10, 2020**

7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Parlour  
8:15 a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge  
9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library  
12:00 p.m. Yoga, Room 11  
6:00 p.m. Tweens & Middle School Event, East Wing

### **Saturday, January 11, 2020**

10:00 a.m. Piano and Voice Lessons, Choir Room

### **Sunday, January 12, 2020**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Rev. Zachary O. Wilson, preaching  
11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Assembly Room  
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](http://www.hohchurch.org).**