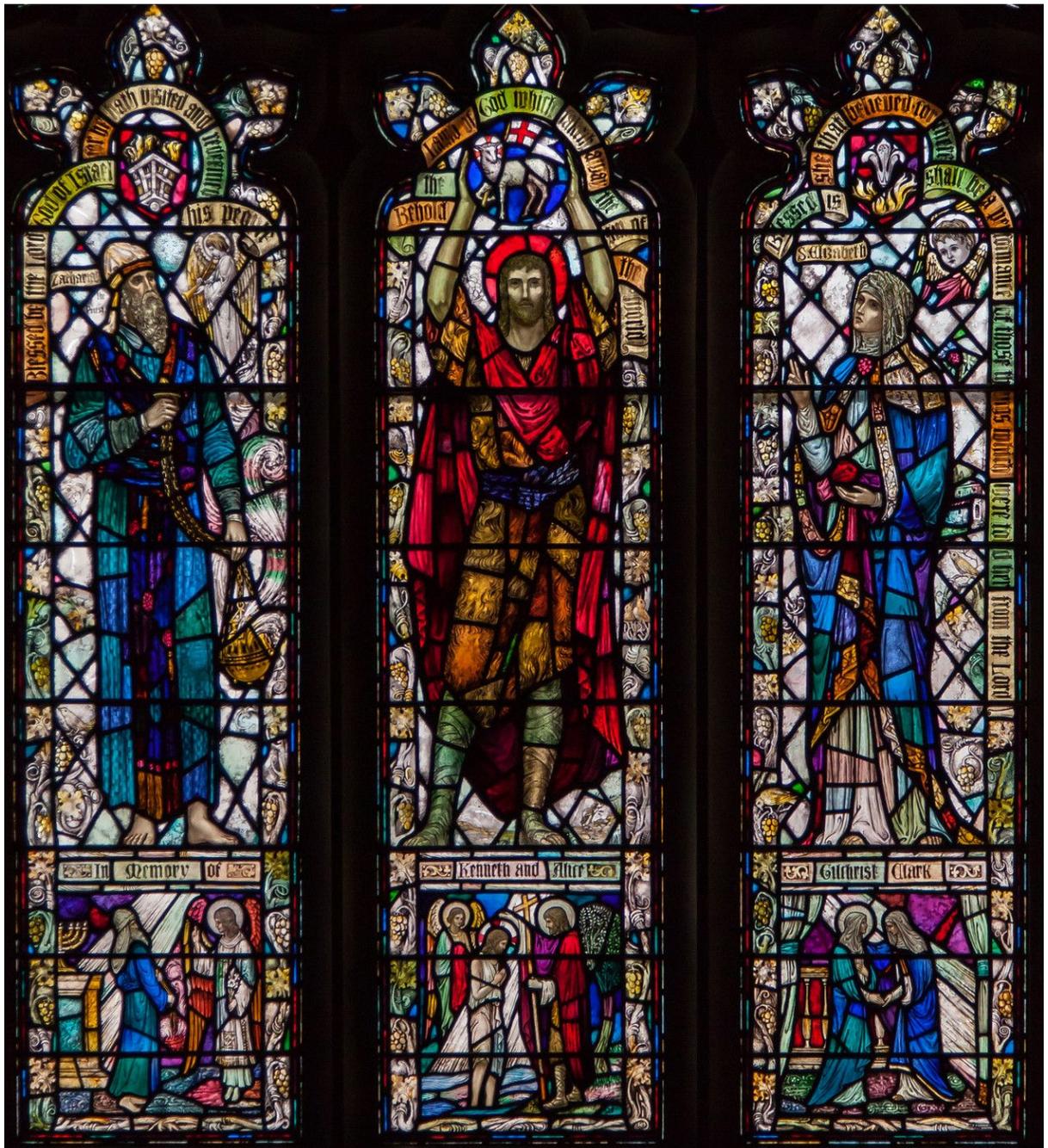


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



First Sunday in Advent | November 29, 2020 10 a.m.

Welcome

We are delighted that you have found the House of Hope online!

Our caring and active community welcomes you.

We extend the hospitality of Christ to all.

Our streamed worship takes place on Sundays at 10 a.m. You can access our service on the home page of our website and on Facebook.

Children and Family Ministry Worship takes place on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Join Kiera Stegall, Lynn Barger Elliott and Sofia Ardan for a twenty minute gathering with a biblical teaching, spiritual vocabulary word, and prayer. Please visit the "House of Hope Parents" page or email Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org for more information.

UPDATE First Light! Due to Minnesota Covid-19 guidelines, the First Light event will no longer be in person. Trees along Summit Avenue will still be lit at 4:35 p.m. on November 29 to mark the coming of "the Light" into the world. However, a congregational gathering and the Carillon concert will no longer occur.

Adult Enrichment - Next Sunday at 11:15 a.m.: *On a Christmas Morn*

Join Rev. Mark Barger Elliott and Choirmaster Matthew Culloton for a special live educational offering on December 6 from 11:15 a.m- 12:15 p.m. as they discuss *The Singers - Minnesota Choral Artists'* new recording release *On a Christmas Morn*. The Zoom link will be available on our Events Calendar on our website.

Racial Justice in Healthcare: A Deliberative Dialogue. November 4 - December 9 (excluding Nov. 24) at 6:30 p.m. Please join us to address important issues that affect us all. The conversations reflect on current data, as well as biblical teachings and parables. Topics include: maternal and infant mortality, life expectancy disparities and financial barriers to care. Interested? Email Laurel Gamm: lr@gmm@gmail.com. Join via Zoom: bit.ly/RacialJusticeInHealthcare



7@7 Advent Morning Prayer. Join us at 7 a.m. every weekday morning during Advent (Nov 30–Dec 23) for a special 7 minute online worship service which will include prayers, devotions, and music. This service will be posted daily at 7 a.m. on our website, Facebook and Instagram pages and can also be viewed throughout the day and Advent on our website.

Pastoral Concerns. If you would like a pastor to call you, or if you are ill at home, 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 call, please contact the church.

Today's Cover Art: House of Hope John the Baptism Window. Photo credit: Dick Crone



On September 15, the Session approved a 1-7-75-175 Initiative to enable us to prayerfully discern where God might be leading our congregation in the coming years. In addition, they set in motion a Long Range Planning Committee to assimilate input from the congregation and discern our mission and 7 major objectives we can tackle in the coming years as we move toward our 175th anniversary. Below are working documents approved by Session that we will discuss in January with further input from the congregation.

House of Hope Mission Statement

Hope is more than a word in our name—it is why we were founded on Christmas Eve in 1855. Our inclusive and affirming community seeks to live out the word of God in our time. In the Presbyterian tradition we are Reformed, and yet always reforming. In this spirit we:

Glorify God in our worship and seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Gospel through preaching, prayer, and exceptional music;

Engage in a holy curiosity which seeks through ongoing learning to apply the teachings of the Bible and to follow the example of Jesus in our daily lives;

Offer fellowship to people both inside and outside the church, listening to and respecting perspectives other than our own;

Celebrate the dynamic and perpetual re-creation of God's world by nurturing a faithful expression of the arts from children's programs to hosting established artists and fostering musical gifts;

Create a welcoming spiritual home for people in all stages of life, from young families to singles, empty nesters to senior adults; and

Advocate for the just treatment of all people by offering tangible assistance and striving for structural change in racial equity, housing and healthcare access, and environmental stewardship.

7 Objectives

1. Establish and implement a HOH Master/Site Plan that reflects our desire to be a hospitable and welcoming community.
2. Create and implement a HOH Master Financial Plan.
3. Develop and expand programs for children, youth, family, and adults.
4. Create dynamic new partnerships and programs to further our spiritual life through music, arts and adult education.
5. Update our governance system to be relevant to our current and future needs.
6. Take bold and courageous action to advance diversity, religious pluralism, social justice and environmental stewardship.
7. Capitalize on new technologies to engage prospective and current members.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
Aaron David Miller, Organ

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Lynn Barger Elliott

Stewardship Update

Carol Stack

Choral Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Ann and Bill Geery

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Krista Costin Soloist

Hyfrydol

Call To Confession

Julia Carlson

The poet Rainer Maria Rilke once wrote:

“So don’t be frightened, dear friend, if a sadness confronts you larger than any you have ever known, casting its shadow over all you do. You must think that something is happening within you, and remember that life has not forgotten you; it holds you in its hand and will not let you fall. Why would you want to exclude from your life any uneasiness, any pain, any depression, since you don’t know what work they are accomplishing within you?”

Prayer of Confession

Leader: In worship we are reminded that God never forgets us,
and that indeed we are held in God’s hand. Yet, as human beings we recognize our lives
often wander somewhere between the darkness and light, our words and actions
leading us in one direction or the other. Let us pray:

People: **O Lord, forgive us for the shadows we keep at our side.
Give us courage to name and bring before you
All that prevents us from standing directly within your light,
Meet us this morning in our regret and our contrition.
And lift us, we pray, out of our fear and sadness
And guide us into your perfect light. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon — I John 1:5-9

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.
If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness,
we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another. If we confess our sins, the One who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Children

Mark Barger Elliott

Anthem

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
St Nicholas Choir; Sofia Ardalán, director

African-American Spiritual, arr. John Helgen

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work is almost done.
Darker midnight lies before us;
Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
Children, don't get weary,
for this work is almost done.

First Lessons

Isaiah 60:1-2; Job 24: 13-17

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

To Thee, O Lord, Have I Lifted Up My Soul
The Motet Choir Section Leaders, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Gerald Near

To thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul:
O God, in thee have I put my trust;
Let me never be ashamed;
Nor let my enemies laugh at me.
Show me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths.

Second Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Lynn Barger Elliott

All the Light We Can See – Meditations on the Light of Advent

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

**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 - Three ways to give:

- Text Giving.

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift.

- Website.

On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope" at the top or "Donate" at the bottom, then click the "Donate Now button", and follow the prompts. Members can also sign into MyHOH to give.

- Mail.

Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People:
And with thy spir - it.

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of six notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), and A4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps. It consists of ten notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), and D4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line.

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

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

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps. It consists of ten notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), and D4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line.

Leader: It is truly 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

The musical notation consists of three staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps. The first staff has eight notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), and F#4 (quarter). The second staff has eight notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), and F#4 (quarter). The third staff has eight notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), and F#4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line.

Leader: 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

To participate, prepare your own table with bread, crackers, or goldfish crackers and juice, wine, or even grapes. Use what you have at hand; Jesus used ordinary things—the basic elements of water, bread, and wine—to proclaim the extraordinary love of God. If you wish to fast from the bread and cup until we can be together again in the Sanctuary, please take this time to join in the prayers and enjoy the music.

Prayer after Communion

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

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

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **and forget not all God's benefits.**

Leader and People:

**Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given your self to us.**

**Grant that we may go into this world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Ermuntre dich

Benediction

Postlude

Veni Emmanuel

A. D. Miller

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

Today is the First 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.

Christmas Memorials

Although we will not be offering poinsettias to take home this year, you may make a donation in any amount to the Mission Outreach Fund in memory or in honor of loved ones for publication in the December 20 bulletin. Click this link: <https://bit.ly/HOHChristmasMemorials2020> to reserve a place in the bulletin. You may also find this form and the prompt to ‘donate now’ by clicking the “Support House of Hope” link at the top of our website’s homepage, or “Learn More” in the Donate section at the bottom, and then follow the prompts. You may also email DebT@hohchurch.org to submit names, and mail in a check with ‘Christmas Memorial’ in the memo line.

The deadline for reserving Christmas Memorials is Sunday, December 13.

2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Savior of the Nations, Come

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NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND 7.7.7.7

Attr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th century

Para. Martin Luther, 1524

Trans. William Morton Reynolds, 1850

Based on plainsong melody

Eyn Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524

As in *Songs of Syon*, 1910



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make here Your home.
2. From the God-head forth You came, And re - turn un - to the same,
3. You, the cho - sen Ho - ly One, Have o'er sin the vic - tory won.
4. Bright-ly does Your man - ger shine, Glo - rious is its light di - vine.



Mar - vel - now, O hea - ven and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
Cap - tive lead - ing death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
Bound-less shall Your king - dom be; When shall we its glo - ries see?
Let not sin o'er - cloud this light; Ev - er be our faith thus bright.



26 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

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Johann Rist, 1641
Trans. John Troutbeck, 1873

Johann Schop, 1641
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1734

Break forth, O beau - teous heav - en - ly light, And ush - er in the

morn - ing. You shep - herds, shud - der not with fright, But

hear the an - gel's warn - ing. This Child, now weak in

in - fan - cy, Our con - fi - dence and joy shall be; The

power of Sa - tan break - ing, Our peace e - ter - nal mak - ing.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. All who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Christmas Sponsor-A-Family

In partnership with the YWCA, Sponsor-A-Family will look a bit different this year, however up to 80 families will still need Christmas gifts.

Go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/HOHSponsorAFamily>

or stop by the church website to find the SignUp Genius link where you will find information on families, including ages and wish lists. For assistance with signing up to help, please contact the church office. Don't like to shop? Donations are welcome and will be used to provide a grocery gift card for each family. Please mail all donations to the church office ATTN: Family Sponsor.

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