

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Give light, and the darkness will
disappear of itself.

Desiderius Erasmus

Second Sunday of Christmas | January 2, 2022 10 a.m.

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.

Our caring and active community welcomes you.

We extend the hospitality of Christ to all.

Regarding Masks for In-Person Worship.

Please know in light of the evolving situation regarding variant guidelines, we now strongly encourage all those who attend worship to wear a mask. In this fluid situation with changing national, state and local protocols, we will continue to monitor developments and discern how best to respond while keeping in mind the safety of church staff and those attending worship.

Please continue to maintain physical distance from other worshippers not in your household, as children under the age of 5 are not yet able to be vaccinated.

Deacons will provide offering plates at the sanctuary doors.

Our worship service is also livestreamed and can be accessed on the home page of our website (hohchurch.org) and on our Facebook page (The House of Hope Presbyterian Church.)

After the service, please join us for a time of fellowship in the Kirk Parlour.

We invite you to join the over 185 House of Hope members and friends who have already pledged with an overall average pledge increase of 12%.

Pledge cards can be found in the narthex information racks and in the front office.

“If” is one of the most significant words in the Bible. Jesus uses it repeatedly to deepen our understanding of what it looks like to follow him in our lives. Jesus said, for example, “if you listen...” “If you forgive...” “If you believe...”

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign that seeks to fund our Annual Budget focuses on how the word “if” has shaped the past, present, and future of The House of Hope.

If generations before us had not generously provided the means to build The House of Hope, we would not be able to enjoy our lovely sanctuary and building.

If members and friends had not given to The Houses of Hope Fund, we would not be able to make substantial grants to provide affordable housing in our community.

If members and friends had not contributed generously to our 2021 Stewardship Campaign, we could not have funded Mission Outreach giving from our annual operating budget for the first time in seventeen years.

About Today’s Communion. Following the Words of Institution, all who desire to partake will be dismissed from the back to the front by an usher. Please come down the center aisle to receive an individual cup and piece of bread and return to your seats by 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.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Carols for Handbells and Harp

The Bells of Hope - Timothy Short, Music Associate, director and Rhonda Grobe, harpist

Still, Still, Still - arr. Sandra Eithun

The Cherry Tree Carol – arr. Rhonda Grobe

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella! – arr. Cathy Moglebust

Away in Manger – arr. Rhonda Grobe

In the Bleak Midwinter – Harold Darke, arr. Rhonda Grobe

Welcome and Announcements

Lynn Barger Elliott

Call to Worship

Mark Barger Elliott

Leader: The Prophet is calling, "Arise, shine for your light has come!"

People: Let us open our eyes that we might see the light of Christ coming into the world.

Leader: In our worship, let us connect with God's light in Christ, so we might go out to illumine the world.

People: Through our meditations and prayers, our songs and our silence, let us celebrate the light of Christ which is with us and within us.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

+Opening Hymn 31

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Call To Confession

Julia A. Carlson

Prayer of Confession — adapted from the Presbyterian Church in Canada website

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.

Yet at times, we hide the brightness of your light.

At times, we cover your light, refusing to reflect it.

We turn away from the poor;

we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.

Forgive us, O God.

Give us willing spirits that as forgiven and renewed people,
we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ
into our world.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Minister: The message of Christmas is this: The light of God shines through the darkness, and the darkness will never overcome it. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel,

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Doxology



Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Children

Dan Miglets-Nelson

All children and youth are invited to remain in worship.

First Lesson

Katie Anderson

Isaiah 60:1-3 (OT, p. 690 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Julia A. Carlson

Matthew 2:1-12 (NT, p. 2 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Lynn Barger Elliott

Be the Brighter Light

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+HYMN 63

As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

+ 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 - There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering baskets will be available at the sanctuary doors.
- **Website.** On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Make a Gift" Members can also sign into MyHOH to give.
- **Mail.** Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105
- **QR Code.** Please see page 8.

Offertory

Il est né, le divin Enfant (He is Born, the Divine Infant)

Dale Wood

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.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People:
It is meet and right so to do.

Leader: On this Epiphany Sunday, O Lord, we are mindful you created our universe and world as a manifestation of your glory and human beings in your image, and yet, O Lord, as we gather around this table.... Hear us now as we pray together in one voice:

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

Leader: Blessed is Jesus, the Christ... And hear us now as we say the prayer Jesus taught us:

**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

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Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

arr. Cathy Moglebust

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:

**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: Change-Ringing for 11 Ringers

The service concludes with the Bells of Hope celebrating the Christmas season with the ringing of changes. Developed in 16th century England, change-ringing is the art of ringing a set of tuned, swinging bells in a bell tower with a controlled pattern to produce variations in their successive striking, known as the change. Change-ringing can be somewhat duplicated on handbells. Ringers do not read music, but rely on memorizing the assigned or called pattern for switching the method. Call-changing is used today: the calls from the director will generate each variation for the ringers.

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

In Memoriam

David Herr joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on December 3, 1995.

He entered the Church Triumphant on December 22, 2021.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

In Memoriam

Jaime Sharp joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on April 3,

2012. He entered the Church Triumphant on December 24, 2021.

This Week at House of Hope

Sunday, January 2, 2022

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
 Holy Communion
 Bells of Hope in Service
11:15 a.m. Social Hour in Kirk Parlour

Monday, January 3, 2022

11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
6 p.m. AA, Great Hall

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Cafe

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Library
4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals
6:45 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Youth Room
7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7 p.m. Confirmation, Assembly Room

Thursday, January 6, 2022

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group, Louisiana Cafe
9 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study, Zoom
9 a.m. Mission Sewing, A&B
5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Group Coalition

Friday, January 7, 2022

8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Zoom
9 p.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom

Sunday, January 9, 2022

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment - Anne Krisnik,
 Policy Manager for the Joint
 Religious Legislative Coalition,
 Assembly Room
7 p.m. The Summit Youth Group, Great Hall

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Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall: KieraS@hohchurch.org



The HUB

Where Faith and Families Connect

In-Person Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

Beginning January 9:

- Nursery: Infants – Toddlers | 9:45 a.m. | Room 8
- Preschool – PreK | 9:45 a.m. | Room 2
- Kindergarten–Grade 5 | 10:15 a.m. | Rooms 4 & 5

Parenting Session: Race & Education

Sunday, January 9 | 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m. | Room 1

Join us for a monthly Children & Family Ministry education session, as Jill Winter talks about her experience and knowledge surrounding racial inequities in the education system.

Creative Expressions

Sunday, January 9 | 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m. | Rooms 4 & 8

Preschool – Grade 5 (Room 4) are invited to join us for a time of art-making as we explore our spirituality via the creative process. Infants and toddlers will meet in Room 8.

Virtual Sunday School

January 16 – 30 | 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Children, grades 5 and younger, are invited to join us for a time of faith formation via stories, artwork, and prayer.

Tweens Minute-to-Win-It

Friday, January 21 | 6–7:30 p.m. | Great Hall

Grades 4–5 and their friends are invited for silly, wacky, and skillful games! We'll design t-shirts, play a life-size game of Hungry, Hungry, Hippos, and more. Cost is \$5 per person.

Cocoa & Canvas

Saturday, January 22 | Great Hall | 6–7:30 p.m.

(See cover page for details.)

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson: DanMN@hohchurch.org

Middle School Sunday School

Sundays, Beginning January 9 | 10:15 a.m. | Room 1

Confirmation Classes | Wednesdays | 7 p.m.

The SUMMIT Youth Group, Grades 6-12

Sundays, Beginning January 9 | 7 p.m. | Great Hall

This year, we will focus on how God calls us to live out our faith, and finalize our plans for Triennium, Clearwater Forest Camp, and a mission trip through YouthWorks.

Hope in Winter | Youth Events

Sunday, January 16 | Ice Skating | Location TBD | 2 p.m.

Sunday, February 13 | Snowball Rumpus | 2 p.m.

Date TBD | Dodgeball | Great Hall

House of Hope Choir School

Contact Sofia Ardalan: SofiaA@hohchurch.org

The Choir School offers outstanding music education for all children ages 4-18. Contact Sofia Ardalan, Choir School Director, for more information and to register. Spring Session I: January 12-March 9



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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7 D with refrain

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King.
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 *3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Am Dm Gm C C7 F B^b F

praise to the Spir - it And praise to Christ Je - sus our King.

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As with Gladness Men of Old

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DIX 7.7.7.7.7

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1858

Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861
 Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be - hold;
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly man-ger bed,
 3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare;
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day Keep us in the nar - row way;

As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be - fore Him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure, and free from sin's al - loy,
 And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last

So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er-more be led to Thee.
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heaven-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.

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!