

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Intergenerational Service | December 24, 2021 4 p.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 the 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](http://hohchurch.org)) and on our Facebook page (The House of Hope Presbyterian Church.)

## Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall: [KieraS@hohchurch.org](mailto:KieraS@hohchurch.org)

### **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

### **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.

## Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson: [DanMN@hohchurch.org](mailto: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.

+ Stand as you are able

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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

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### Prelude

Carols for the Season

Rachel Brandwein, Harp

### Welcome

Lynn Barger Elliott

**Christmas Litany and Lighting of the Advent Wreath**—written by Rev. Jennifer Phillips  
Caroline, Stewart, Christopher, Jeffery, and William Stone

One: In a little town, known for nothing much,  
God's holy child was born.

Welcome the Light!

**All: By the faint light of the moon,  
Mary and Joseph found their way.**

**Welcome the Light!**

One: There Mary gave birth to Jesus,  
called God-With-Us.

Welcome the Light!

**All: Angels opened the doors of heaven,  
sang, "Glory to God in the heights!"**

**Welcome the Light!**

One: Shepherds saw the sky ablaze,  
left their sheep and came to see.

Welcome the Light!

**All: In the darkest winter night,  
God set a brilliant star.**

**Welcome the Light!**

One: And on this Christmas night  
with joy, we greet the Child.

**All: Welcome the Light!**

**+ Opening Hymn 41**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Adeste Fideles

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

**A Christmas Prayer (Unison)**

Kiera Stegall

**Loving God,  
help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.  
Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.  
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

*(Robert Louis Stevenson (alt.))*

**Hymn 25 (stay seated)**

*Away in a Manger*

Mueller

**Away in a manger,  
no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
laid down his sweet head.**

**The stars in the sky  
looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus,  
asleep on the hay.**

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### Lesson 1

Elizabeth Erickson

Luke 2:8-12

One: Do not be afraid!

**All: Good News of great joy is coming!**

### Hymn 56 *(stay seated)*

*The First Nowell*

**The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!**

### Lesson 2

Katherine Weispfenning

Luke 2:13-14

One: Glory to God in the highest heaven,

**All: And peace on earth among those God favors!**

### +Hymn 31

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Mendelssohn

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The Herald angels sin,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

### Lesson 3

Elisabeth Hilton

Luke 2:15-20

One: Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

**All: We too will treasure and ponder what God is doing.**

### Hymn 53 *(stay seated)*

*What Child Is This*

Greensleeves

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

### Christmas Meditation

Lynn Barger Elliott

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Dan Miglets-Nelson

**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.**

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHTS

### Lesson 4

Quint Sheldon

John 1:1-5, 14

### Hymn 60

*Silent Night, Holy Night* (See text below.)

*(During the introduction to the hymn, William Weispenning, Christian Weispenning, Abram Vorhes and Zora Vorhes will assist with passing the light from the Christ candle to the congregation.)*

**Silent Night, Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent Night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.**

### Christmas Proclamation

### Hymn 40

*Joy to the World!*

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing**

### Benediction

### Postlude

**Giving** — There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be provided by deacons 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.** See below.



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