

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all;
but whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.”

-Martin Luther

First Sunday after Epiphany | January 9, 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.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Lauda Anima

John Goss

Aaron David Miller, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Julia A. Carlson

Introit

Deo Gracias

William Byrd

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in this house of worship!

All: Praise the Lord throughout all of creation.

Leader: Praise the Lord for the saving deeds of Christ.

All: Praise the Lord for such exceptional love.

Leader: Let everything that draws breath, praise the Lord!

All: Praise, yes praise God's holy name!

+ Processional Hymn 478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Call To Confession — Psalm 55:16-17, adapted

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Leader: The Psalmist said, "As for me, I call to God and the Lord saves me.

All: Evening, morning and noon, I cry out in distress and God hears my voice."

Leader: Knowing that God hears our prayers,
let us bring all that is upon our hearts before God.

Prayer of Confession — Colossians 3:12-17, adapted

Giver of every mercy, you call us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. However, we often clothe ourselves with different attire: apathy, fear, arrogance, and anxiety. Help us to bear one another and forgive each other even as we ask forgiveness from you. Help us to don the clothing of love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. This we pray in the name of your Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel,

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Doxology



THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Children

Kiera Stegall

All children and youth, Grades 8 and younger, are invited to walk down the center aisle to meet Kiera Stegall and Dan Miglets-Nelson in the Narthex to be led to the Education Wing.

First Lesson

Elly Verhagen

Luke 2:41-52 (NT, p. 59 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

No Small Wonder

Paul Edwards

Small wonder the star, small wonder the light,
The angels in chorus, the shepherds in fright;
But stable and manger for God – no small wonder!

Small wonder the kings, small wonder they bore
The gold and the incense, the myrrh to adore;
But God gives his life on a cross – no small wonder!

Small wonder the love, small wonder the grace,
The power, the glory, the light of his face;
But all to redeem my poor heart – no small wonder!

Second Lesson

Julia A. Carlson

Luke 24:35-48 (NT, p.p. 90-91 in pew Bible)

Colossians 3:12-17 (NT, p. 201 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Denise Dunbar-Perkins

We Lost Jesus!

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River (see page 10 in the bulletin)

+ 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.

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 Anthem

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past,
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart
Before Thee now and evermore. Amen.

+Recessional Hymn 341

ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

+Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation

Phineas Pope, Guest Organist

We welcome the Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins back to the House of Hope!

The Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins is a retired pastor and Staff Chaplain from Abbott-Northwestern Hospital. A graduate of United Theological Seminary (UTS), she is one of the original founding members of Kwanzaa (now Liberty) Community Church PC(USA) in North Minneapolis, the only African American Presbyterian Church in Minnesota and is also the first African-American female to be ordained into Presbyterian ministry in Minnesota. She currently serves as Chair on the Pastoral Positions Team of COM, and is a past Moderator and Chair of PLT of the Presbytery.

Rev. Denise also serves as Parish Associate at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, along with having been an adjunct professor at UTS, teaching on Black church culture and Womanist Theology. She and her husband, the Rev. Dr. Herbert (Okogyeamon) Perkins live in both in Inver Grove Heights and Montevideo, Minnesota.

Join us for **HOPE IN WINTER**, a series of events and offerings to enjoy during some of the most beautiful and sunlit days of the year! Here are seven ideas for spending some time together outdoors and indoors as a church family.



HOH Labyrinth Days

January 11, 12, 13; January 18, 19, 20; and January 25, 26, 27. Available between 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday, January 30 - 9 a.m. - Noon.

A labyrinth has been described as “walkable art.” It is an ancient spiritual practice that enhances prayer and reflection. The House of Hope portable labyrinth will be set up in the Great Hall. No sign up necessary.



Snowshoeing with Ann and Bill Geery | Fort Snelling State Park | Date: TBA

Enjoy the beauty of winter in the park’s extensive snowshoe trails where generations of Dakota lived along the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers.



HOH Sanctuary Mornings

Come and watch the sun make its way from the East Transept window to the windows in the Chancel and through the Nave. The House of Hope sanctuary is available for quiet reflection and a time away from the world. Bring a devotional or journal and spend some time with God through the beautifully detailed wood carvings and plethora of stained glass. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., press the buzzer at Door 1 on the west end of the Portland side of the building or Door 10 on the Summit circle drive to gain admittance to the building.



Cocoa & Canvas

Saturday, January 22 | 6–7:30 p.m. | Rooms 1 and 4

We invite you to join us for a night of cocoa and canvas creations! Kelsea Gilliland is returning to lead a guided painting process for youth and adults. Kiera Stegall will meet with children, grades 5 and younger, for process art. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org by Sunday, January 9, to ensure we have adequate supplies. Donations welcome to offset the cost of materials.



HOH Little Free Book and Jigsaw Exchange

Whether it’s the weather or virus safety, if you are spending more time at home this winter and you need a good read or new puzzle, check out the book and jigsaw exchange at HOH. Look for the special shelves on wheels in the entryway outside the Elizabeth Chapel Sunday through Wednesday during the day. The shelves will be in room one Thursday through Friday.



HOH Library

Pick a book or a magazine to leaf through. Escape into a work of fiction, comfort your soul with a devotional book or a bit of poetry, read some history or biography. The library will be open daily 9 a.m.—3 p.m., except Wednesday mornings.

This Week at House of Hope

Sunday, January 9, 2022

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Infants - Toddlers, Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Preschool - PreK, Room 2
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-Grade 5, Rooms 4&5
- 11:15 a.m. Creative Expressions, Rooms 4&8
- 11:15 a.m. Race and Education Parenting Session, Room 1
- 11:15 a.m. Feminist Theology, Library
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment: Anne Krisnik, Policy Manager for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 7 p.m. The Summit Youth Group, Zoom

Monday, January 10, 2022

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. AA, Great Hall
- 6 p.m. Membership Development Committee Meeting, Zoom

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Cafe
- 3 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Room 1
- 5:30 p.m. Investment and Audit Committee Meeting, Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Library
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Zoom
- 6:45 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Youth Room
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7 p.m. Confirmation, Zoom

Thursday, January 13, 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
- 5:30 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting, Kirby Lounge
- 7 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting, Zoom

Friday, January 14, 2022

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

Sunday, January 16, 2022

- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 2 p.m. Youth Hope in Winter Ice Skating, Highland Rink
- 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 and Dining Rooms A&B

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 | Rooms 1&4 | 6–7:30 p.m. (See Hope in Winter 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 | Highland Rink | 2 p.m.

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

Date TBD | Dodgeball | Great Hall

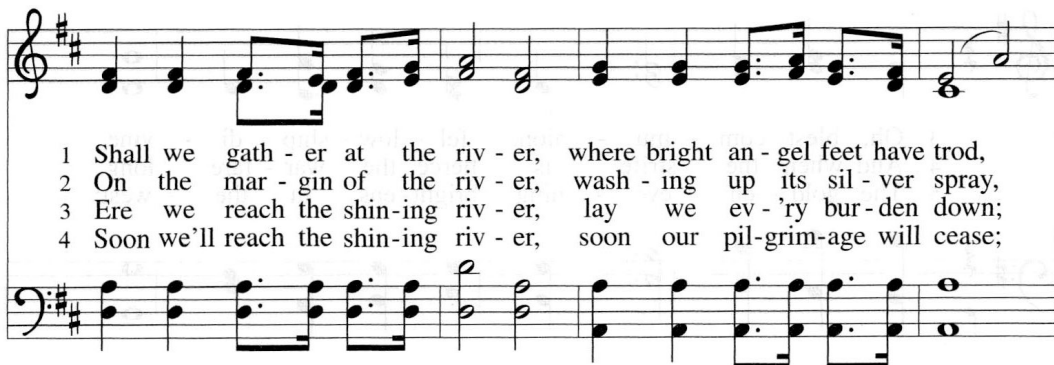
House of Hope Choir School

Contact Sofia Ardalan: SofiaA@hohchurch.org

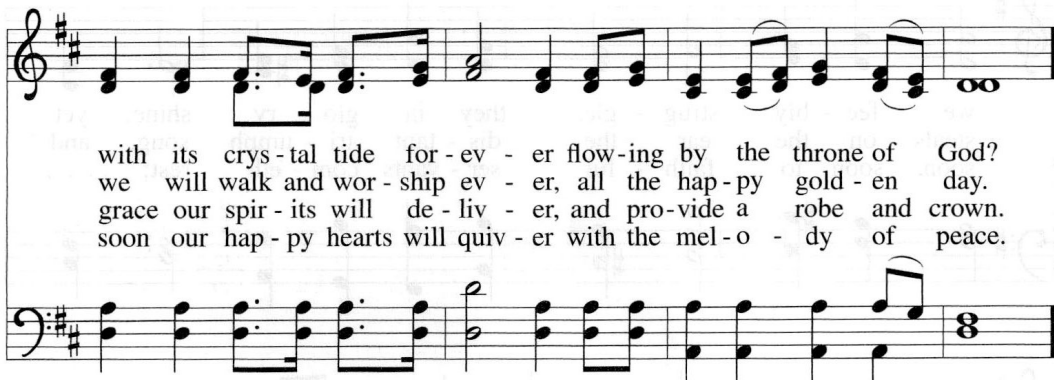
The Choir School offers outstanding music education for all children ages 4-18.

Contact Sofia Ardalan, Choir School Director, for more information and to register.

Spring Session I: January 12-March 9

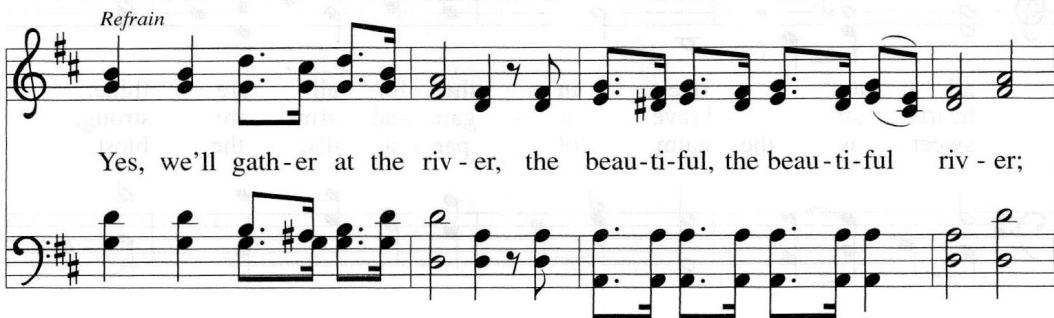


1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Clothing Drive

The House of Hope Children and their families and the House of Hope Beacon Housing team invite all members of House of Hope to participate in the Beacon of Hope Clothing Drive. There will be a drop off on Sunday, January 9th between 10 AM and 12 PM in the Children's Library and also at the church 9 - 5 M-Th, and 9 - 3 on Fridays through the month of January at the church. There is a great need for every type of clothing for children to adults: everyday clothes, underwear (new), pj's, and all clothing for our MN winters. We request that these items be new or like new. This clothing will be donated to the YMCA, Ain Dah Yung Center, Ujamaa Place, and Prior Crossing. For more details, write to Shana Wagner at sharon.k.wagner@gmail.com for a complete list of items needed and sizes.

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In Memoriam

Catherine (Kitty) Wolff Hartzell joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on April 2, 1944. She entered the Church Triumphant on January 3, 2022. A memorial service is being planned for July.

"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