

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

Corrie ten Boom

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | January 30, 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 ask 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.)

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

**We invite you to join the over 244 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

Voluntary in G  
David Miller, Organist

William Walond

### Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

### A Message from the Clerk of Session

Lisa Yost

### Introit

*Just As I Am Without One Plea*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

### Call to Worship

Lynn Barger Elliott

Leader: The prophet Jeremiah relates how God says, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

**People: God declares, "When you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me."**

Leader: Come, let us worship.

### + Processional Hymn 477

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

HANOVER

### Invitation to Prayer

"Go where your best prayers take you," observed author Frederick Buechner. Prayer guides us not only towards God, but to the qualities and contours of the spiritual life. Namely, it points us towards faith and hope, love and trust. Let us pray,

**Prayer of Reflection** – adapted from George MacLead, Iona Community

**Almighty God, Sustainer: Sun behind all suns, Soul behind all souls,  
Everlasting reconciler of our whole beings: show to us, we pray,  
in everything we touch and in everyone we meet**

**the continued assurance of your presence beside us:  
 lest ever we should think you are absent from our lives.  
 Reveal to us, we pray, the glory in the grey;  
 The wonder in the horizon.  
 And transform our doubts into faith.  
 Our fears into faith, and our trepidation into trust. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness** – adapted from Isaiah 12:2-3

**Leader:** “Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid,” declares the prophet Isaiah. Scripture reminds us how God seeks our well-being, our restoration, and our salvation.

**People** **When we fall, God is there to catch us. As we stumble, God sets our feet . . . upon a rock; and when our choices lead us into the darkness, God invites us to turn once again towards the light.**

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People:** **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.

**Anthem**

*Lead Me Lord*

S.S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord,  
 Lead me in thy righteousness,  
 Make thy way plain before my face.  
 For it is thou, Lord,  
 Only that makest me dwell in safety.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### First Lesson

Diane Smith

Psalm 37:3-6 (OT, p. 510 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

*Jubilate*

attrib. WA Mozart, arr. Alan Bullard

St Nicholas Choir, Sofia Ardalan, director; Timothy Short, organ

*Jubilate Deo! Praise God with joy!*

### Time for Children

Lynn Barger Elliott

*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.*

### Second Lesson

Proverbs 3:5-8 (OT, p. 586 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

Mark Barger Elliott

*Trust the Catcher*

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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### \*Hymn 310

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

ST. AGNES

**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 Anthem**

*A Glorious Day is Dawning*

Aaron David Miller

A glorious day is dawning,  
And o'er the waking earth  
The heralds of the morning  
Are springing into birth.  
In dark and hidden places  
There shines the blessed light;  
The beam of truth displaces  
The darkness of the night.

It rings from hill and valley,  
It breaks oppression's chain.  
A thousand freemen rally,  
And swell the mighty strain.

The watchword has been spoken,  
The light has broken forth,  
Far shines the blessed token  
Upon the startled earth,  
To hearts and homes benighted,  
The blessed Truth is given,  
And peace and love, united,  
Point upward unto Heav'n.

## + Offertory Response



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and sing the love a-maz-ing that  
songs can - not re - pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at  
bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-fore you and  
wait u-pon your word, we hon - or and a-dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

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

Lynn Barger Elliott

**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.**

## + Recessional Hymn 420

*God Of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

## + Benediction

## Postlude

*Hornpipe in F*

G. F. Handel

## Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Music Associate

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**

**Sunday, January 30 - 9 a.m. - Noon.**

**February 8, 9, 22, and 23 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

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.



### **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 30, 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. Adult Enrichment: Walking with Spirit, Strolling with Soul. Lisa Gidlow Moriarty, artist, spiritual director and professional labyrinth maker, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:30 a.m. Zoom Sunday School
- 7 p.m. The Summit Youth Group, Great Hall & Rooms A&B

## Monday, January 31, 2022

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 6:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Zoom

## Tuesday, February 1, 2022

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Cafe
- 4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Room 1
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Assembly Room and Bridal Room

## Wednesday, February 2, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Library
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, 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, February 3, 2022

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

## Friday, February 4, 2022

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

## Sunday, February 6, 2022

- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, Room 1 and Zoom
- 7 p.m. The Summit Youth Group, Zoom

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## Children and Family Ministry

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



# The HUB

Where Faith and Families Connect

### In-Person Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

- 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.

### Parenting Session: Children's Literature | Sunday, February 13 | 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m. | Room 1 and Zoom

Join us for a monthly Children & Family Ministry education session, as April Greibrok talks about her experience and knowledge of children's literature as an early childhood educator. Learn how to build your child's library to include diversity, justice, social-emotional skills and more. Gain knowledge about where to find book lists and resources.

### Creative Expressions | Sunday, February 13 | 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m. | Rooms 4 & 8

Preschool – Grades 5 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.

## 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 — Sunday | January 30 | 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, February 13 | Snowball Rumpus | 2 p.m.  
Date TBD | Dodgeball | Great Hall

## House of Hope Choir School

Contact Sofia Ardalan: [SofiaA@hohchurch.org](mailto: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

## 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 at the church from 9 - 5 M-Th, and 9 - 3 on Fridays through the month of January. 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](mailto:sharon.k.wagner@gmail.com) for a complete list of items needed and sizes.

### The House of Hope Presbyterian Church

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Online giving allows you to express your faith through generosity. Become a sustainer by setting up a recurring contribution or update your online giving and manage your recurring gifts for 2022.

Go to our church's website - [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org) – and click the words on the home screen that says “My HOH” or “Support House of Hope”

Follow the prompts and enter your email to log into or set up your online account. Go to My Giving Summary and select Manage Scheduled Giving to access your recurring gifts and edit them. If you have any questions or would like assistance in setting up the account, please contact me at [MichelleF@hohchurch.org](mailto:MichelleF@hohchurch.org) or by phone (651) 223-7556.

Thank you for taking a few moments to update your giving information. Your generous support is vital to this ministry.

### **Recommendations for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees**

The Nominating Committee is charged with drawing up a slate of candidates to serve on the church's governing boards: as Elders, Deacons, Trustees, or as members of next year's Nominating Committee.

Please help the committee by nominating members of the congregation to serve in one of these capacities by filling out the form at:

**[hohchurch.org](http://hohchurch.org)>About Us>Governing Bodies, or <https://bit.ly/HOHGoverningBodies>**

The slate of candidates will be presented at a Congregational Meeting in the spring.

Rev. Dr. Mark Barger Elliott and Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott have accepted a call to serve as Co-Senior Pastors at First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich, Connecticut. Revs. Mark and Lynn's last Sunday at the House of Hope will be January 30, 2022. We are deeply grateful to Mark and Lynn for coming to serve as Co Pastors Head of Staff at a time of great uncertainty early in the COVID-19 pandemic, for their ability to meet the demands of a challenging time, and for their tireless creative work for our church. We will not be able to host a gathering due to COVID-19 limitations, but we wish them and their family God's blessings. You are invited to send cards for them to the church at: 797 Summit Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55105.