

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Faith is not the clinging to a shrine
but an endless pilgrimage of the heart."

- Abraham Joshua Heschel

First Sunday of Advent | November 27, 2022 10 a.m.

Welcome!

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

House of Hope extends the hospitality of Christ to all who gather here. Our church uses traditional worship, progressive values, and intellectual growth to enable people to better serve the neighborhood, community, and the world. Our caring active community welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds.

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m., followed by refreshments, social hour, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our ushers will be glad to help you.

We invite you to join us for refreshments, including fair trade coffee, served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today.

All who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Elements served are gluten free bread and grape juice.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Worship:** Children are invited to join their families in the Sanctuary for worship. Following the anthem, children are invited to join us for the Sunday School Recessional, as we engage in faith formation via story, prayer, and activities.
 - A variety of **children's Bibles** are located in the church pews.
 - **Children's bulletins and crayons** are located at all Sanctuary entrances. (Please return the crayons.)
 - **Nursery** is open for infants – toddlers.
- **Nursing:** At House of Hope, parents are welcome to nurse their children wherever they see fit. For those that require privacy, Room 6 is available.
- **Wiggle Room:** Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary. For those who desire a wiggle break, Room 7 is equipped with toys, books, puzzles, and livestream worship.

The Pulpit Flowers are given in loving memory Chuck and Mary Ellen Stewart.

Christmas Memorials. You may purchase a poinsettia (\$15) or make a donation in any amount to the Mission Outreach Fund in memory or in honor of loved ones for publication in the December 18 bulletin. Visit or call the church office, or sign up online at bit.ly/HOHChristmasMemorials The deadline for reserving Christmas Memorials is Sunday, December 11.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Advent Antiphon
Aaron David Miller, Organist

3rd Century

Introit

Keep Awake
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Aaron David Miller

+ Processional Hymn 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**God of grace and truth,
long ago your prophets told of your promises –
a promise of restoration and salvation.
We confess that we have not believed your promise,
that we have preferred brokenness to restoration,
and have lingered with dis-ease rather than welcome salvation.
We have remained steadfast in the ease of the status quo,
not wanting to face the hard work of repentance and change.
Forgive our stiff necks, and renew our strength,
so that we may receive the fullness of your promise,
and live into that joy.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

This Is the Record of John
Krista Costin, Soloist

Orlando Gibbons

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.
And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not.
Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.
Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Beriete dich, Zion (from *Christmas Oratorio*)
St Nicholas Choir; Sofia Ardalán, Director; Timothy Short, Organ

J.S. Bach

Bereite dich, Zion,	<i>Prepare thyself, Zion,</i>
mit zärtlichen Trieben,	<i>with tender affection,</i>
den Schönsten, den Liebsten	<i>The purest, the fairest</i>
bald bei dir zu sehn!	<i>soon you shall receive!</i>

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Elisabeth Hilton, Kiera Stegall

Following the Advent Wreath lighting, all children Grades 5 and younger are invited to walk down the center aisle with Kiera Stegall to the Education Wing.

Choir School Advent Response

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44 (NT, pp. 27-28 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

What Are We Waiting For?

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn (see insert)

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

MUNICH

+ Affirmation of Faith — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls all peoples to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Offering — There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be available at the sanctuary doors.
- **Website.** On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Make a Gift"
- **Mail.** Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105
- **QR Code.** Please see insert.

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: We offer our thanks and praise, O God, for the glories of creation.... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, 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

Leader: Blessed are you, Holy One.... we are bold to say together the words Jesus taught:

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

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 of grape juice and piece of gluten free bread and return to your seats by the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served in the pew.

Anthem

Christ in the Stranger's Guise

David Ashley White

I saw a stranger yestre'en, I put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place,
and in the sacred name of the Triune,
He blessed me and my house,
my cattle and my dear ones.
And the lark said in her song: "Often, Often,
Often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

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:

**Through this meal we have shared as a family of faith,
help us O Lord, we pray, to become pilgrims this Advent,
opening our heart, soul and mind to following signs
that will lead us to a manger and that holy place on the horizon
where our love for you and one another will overflow in abundance.
Amen.**

+ Recessional Hymn 6

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

+ Benediction

Postlude

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

Peace Candle. The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle, lighted as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayer for peace in the world.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

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

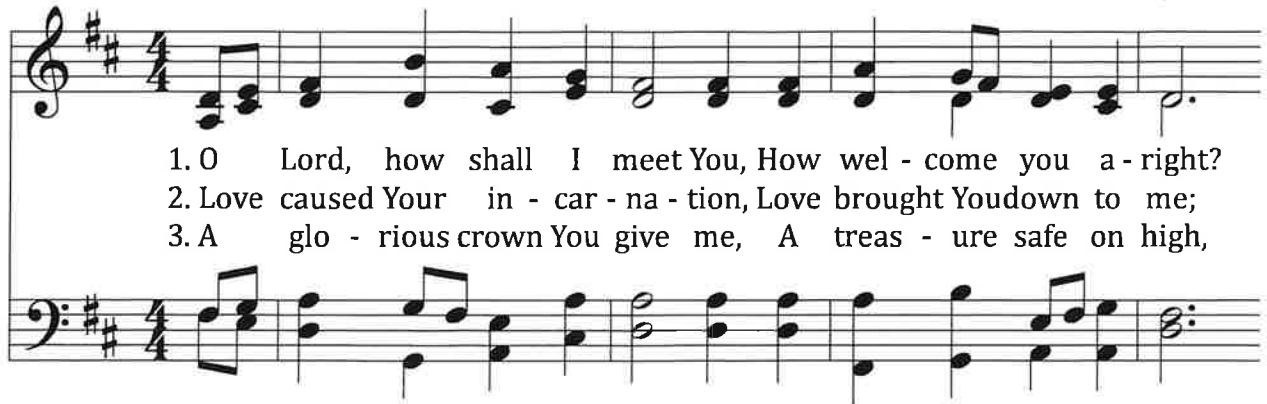
peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

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

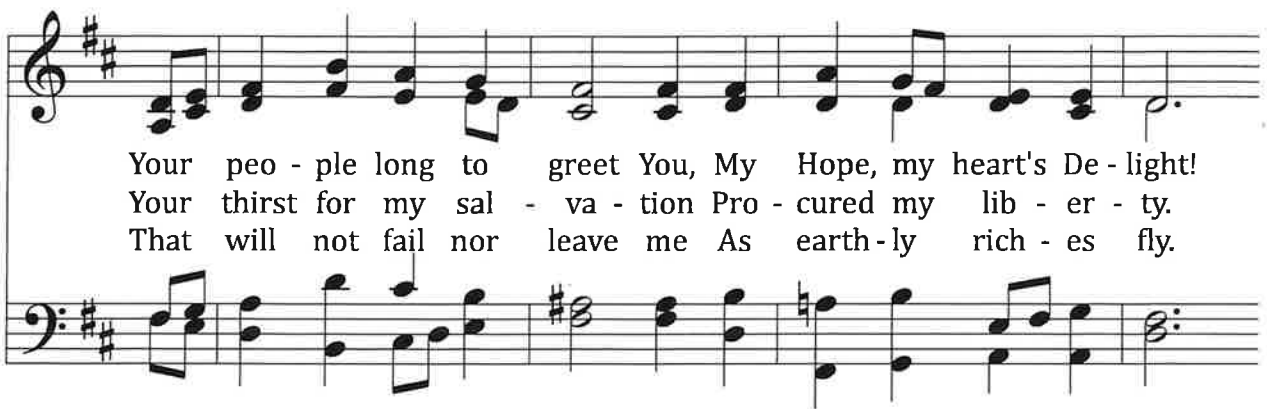
la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
 Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

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

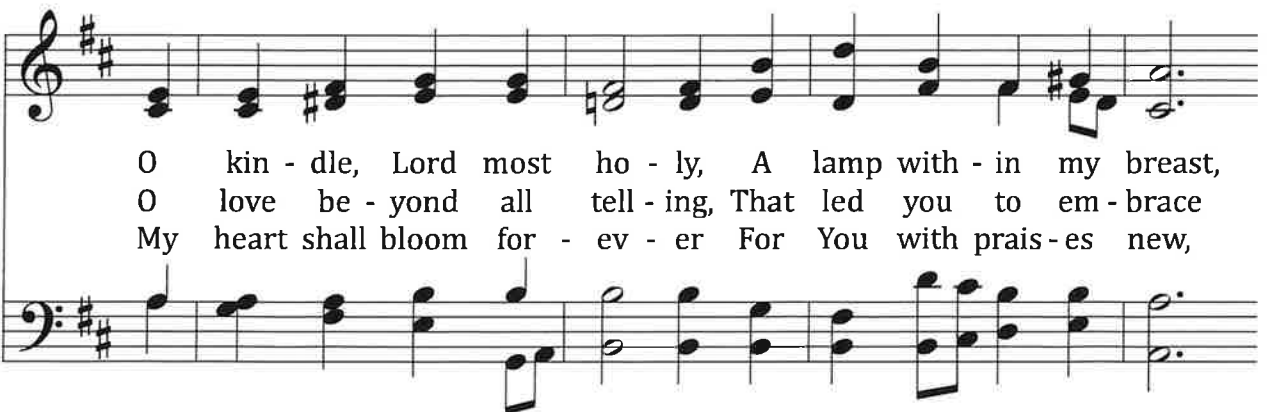
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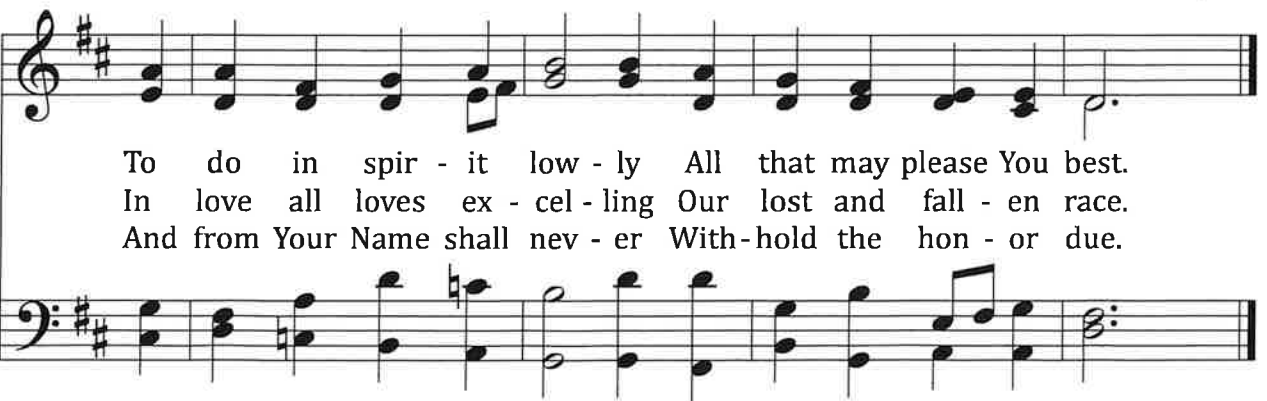
1. O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come you a - right?
2. Love caused Your in - car - na - tion, Love brought You down to me;
3. A glo - rious crown You give me, A treas - ure safe on high,



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My Hope, my heart's De - light!
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
That will not fail nor leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, A lamp with - in my breast,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, That led you to em - brace
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new,



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
In love all loves ex - cel - ling Our lost and fall - en race.
And from Your Name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.


Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY 8.7.8.7.4.4.4.7

Thomas Olivers, 1763

Charles Wesley, 1758; alt.

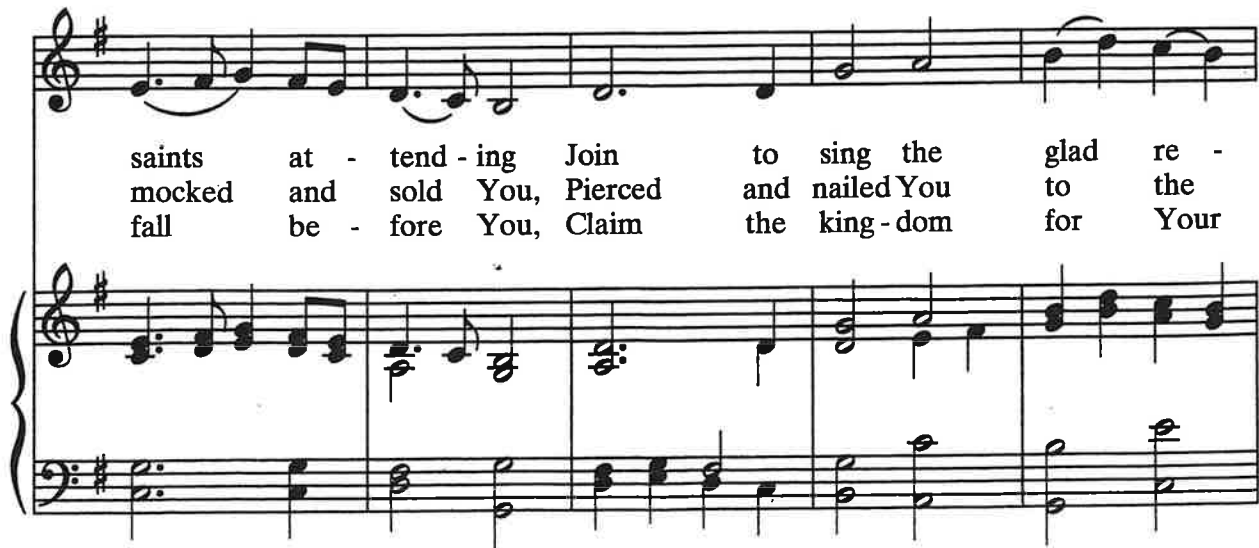
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



1. Je - sus comes with clouds de - scend-ing; See the
2. Ev - ery eye shall then be - hold You Robed in
3. Yes, A - men! Let all a - dore You High on



Lamb for sin - ners slain! Thou - sand, thou - sand
awe - some ma - jes - ty; Those who jeered and
your e - ter - nal throne; Crowns and em - pires



saints at - tend - ing Join to sing the glad re -
mocked and sold You, Pierced and nailed You to the
fall be - fore You, Claim the king - dom for Your

frain: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, Shamed and griev - ing, Shamed and griev - ing,
 own: Come, Lord Je - sus, Come, Lord Je - sus,

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign!
 Shamed and griev - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 Come, Lord Je - sus, Ev - er - last - ing Christ, come down!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday, November 27

The First Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Advent Celebration

& The Red Balloon Bookshop gift ideas,
Assembly Room

Sunday, December 4

The Second Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

Sunday, December 11

The Third Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant,
East Wing

11:15 a.m. Christmas Carol Sing-Along,
Assembly Room

Sunday, December 18

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Choir School
Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

*Choir School 40th Anniversary Reception
following the concert in the Kirk Parlour.*

Friday, December 23

7:30 p.m. Traditional Tableaux Service

Childcare available for children under 6.

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4 p.m. Intergenerational
Candlelight Service

7 and 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recitals
by David W. Johnson

7:30 and 10 p.m. Candlelight Services

The Motet Choir and Orchestra

Special Music (10 p.m. only):

J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Part 3

Both later Candlelight Services
include Christmas Anthems

*Childcare available at the 4 p.m.
& 7:30 p.m. services.*

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

10 a.m. Worship

(No childcare or Sunday School)



Visit hohchurch.org for livestreaming of the Advent and Candlelight Services.



News & Opportunities

November 27 - December 4, 2022

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Kiera Stegall: KieraS@hohchurch.org

Nursery: Infants-Toddlers | 9:45 a.m. | Room 8

Sunday School: Presch.-Gr.5 | 10:10 a.m. | Rms 4&5

Sunday School Pageant Creations: Sundays
November 6 – December 4 | 10:10 a.m.

Preschool-Grade 5 will meet in Room 5 to play a game, wonder about the stories of Jesus's birth, and pray. Children will design costumes, build sets, and create vignettes populated with their creations to retell these stories. All children are welcome, regardless of participation in the pageant on December 11.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Sigrid VanDemark: sfeldbrugge@gmail.com

Conversation and Confections for Youth
Sundays beginning at 10:10 a.m. | Room 9
Youth Grades 6-12 are invited to meet for community and conversation.

Youth Group/Summit | Sundays Dec. 4 & 11
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Great Hall (Grades 6-12)

Confirmation | Sundays | 6:15 p.m.
Kirby Lounge. lynngstein@gmail.com.

Upcoming

Choir School Wreath and Holiday Plant
Curbside Pick Up Wednesday, November
30 | 3:30-6 p.m. Can't stop by? Your order will be
labeled and available during office hours
December 1 and 2 and on Sunday, December 4.

Advent Celebration

Today, November 27 | 11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room
Join us following worship for a multi-generational morning of fellowship, as we create art, make Advent wreaths, sing carols, decorate cookies, and more. Red Balloon Bookstore will be there with books and gift ideas. All ages welcome!

Labyrinth Days in the Great Hall

Sunday, November 27 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

ADULT ENRICHMENT | 11:15 a.m. | Assembly Rm

Today: Advent Celebration in the Assembly Room

December 4: Dr. Catherine Guisan presents:
Europe in Turmoil: Thinking Through War and Peace
After the Russian Invasion of Ukraine. Catherine Guisan, PhD, is Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota, and she is the author of two books on the European Union and many articles related to ethics in international relations, democratization, and Transatlantic relations. She taught and lectured in Russian universities as a Fulbright Scholar in 2013, and on behalf of the U.S. State Department Speaker's Bureau in 2016; and also in French and Dutch universities. Currently, she is working on a book on peacemaking practices that changed Europe since WWII, and their potential relevance to the current war between Russia and Ukraine.

Help Decorate the Church for Christmas

Tuesday, November 29 | 9:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help decorate rooms in the church for Christmas including the Kirk Parlour and Assembly Room. For more information, contact the church office.

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift. It's that easy.

Christmas Sponsor-A-Family

The HOH community reminds us what the Christmas season is all about, by sharing with those most in need. We are pleased to announce all 70 families have been sponsored! If you are sponsoring one of the families for Christmas, please drop off your gifts by **December 12** in the Assembly Room.

Donations are still welcome to provide a grocery store gift card for each family. Mail or drop off donations in the church office with the notation *Family Sponsor*.

Week Beginning November 27, 2022

Sunday, November 27, 2022

- 9 a.m. Motet Choir, Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. Choir School, Room 16
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Room 5
- 10:10 a.m. Middle and High School Youth, Room 9
- 11 a.m. Social Hour in the Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Advent Celebration, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Cantamus Choir, Room 16

Monday, November 28, 2022

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Library and Zoom
- 6 p.m. Adult Ministry, Kirby Lounge
- 6 p.m. AA, Great Hall and A&B
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Youth Room

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 6 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Library (Zoom if inclement weather)

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Library
- 3:30 p.m. Choir School plant pick-up, Porte Cochere
- 1:45 p.m. Didier Seminar Committee, Room 1
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, East Wing
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Youth Room

Thursday, December 1, 2022

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining A & B
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour

Friday, December 2, 2022

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Developing for the Future Task Force Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom

Sunday, December 4, 2022

- 9 a.m. Motet Choir, Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. Choir School, Room 16
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Room 5
- 10:10 a.m. Middle and High School Youth, Room 9
- 11 a.m. Social Hour in the Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Pageant Practice, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Cantamus Choir, Room 16
- 11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed., Room 1 and Zoom
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class, Kirby Lounge
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Group/Summit, Great Hall

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The cover photo is a portion of the Apocalypse Window located in the balcony, behind the Fisk Organ.
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