

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Here is a helpful reminder to all who fear the dark. Darkness does not come from a different place than light; it is not presided over by a different God. The long nights of Advent and the early mornings of Easter both point us toward the God for whom darkness and light are alike. Both are fertile seasons for those who walk by faith and not by sight."

- Barbara Brown Taylor

Second Sunday of Advent | December 4, 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.

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.

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.

Today's Cover Art is from the John the Baptist Window. Left is Zechariah the priest, father of John the Baptist; center is John the Baptist, holding aloft the Agnus Dei; and right is Elizabeth, John's mother. Photo Credit: Dick Crone.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Pastorella, BWV 590

J. S. Bach

Aaron David Miller, Organist

Introit

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Eric Thiman

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

+ Processional Hymn 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**God of all creation,
your vision of peace is beyond our knowing.
We have been hurt and we have seen destruction,
so we turn around and hurt others,
destroying what you have called good.
Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge,
so we may help bring forth your peaceful kingdom.**

(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

+ Doxology



Anthem

They That Wait Upon the Lord

Gerald Near

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT, pp. 640-641 in pew Bible)

Richard Langer

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Magnificat

George Dyson

St Nicholas Choir; Sofia Ardalan, Director

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm.
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things.
And the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel
as he promised to our forefathers Abraham, and his seed forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Jaxen Owens, 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

Second Lesson

Matthew 3:1-12 (NT, pp. 2-3 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

The Message of the Messenger

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 13

Prepare the Way

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

+ Affirmation of Faith — from *An Affirmation of Faith for the Season of Advent*

We believe that God has come to us;

that God brought us into being,

that this God gave us breath and purpose,

that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,

that we have fallen short of this commandment

but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.

We believe that God is coming to us;

that God is not happy to leave us alone,

that this God will come to us as a particular human being,

that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,

that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,

that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.

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We believe that God will come to us;

that God will have the final word and that Word will be good,

that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,

that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,

that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,

and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"

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.

Offertory Anthem

We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness


William McKie

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:
In the midst of thy temple.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

O God, according to thy Name,
So is thy praise unto the world's end.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness:
Alleluia, Alleluia.

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:
In the midst of thy temple.
O Lord send us now prosperity.
Amen.

+ 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.

+ **Recessional Hymn (see insert)**

Our King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

EASTERN SKY

+ **Benediction**

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL

A. D. Miller

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.

Tableaux Service Setup and Strike. The Tableaux setup will be done in two steps this year. On Monday December 19 at 1 p.m. we'll bring all the Tableaux parts up to the sanctuary. Then on Tuesday, December 20 at 3 p.m., we'll assemble and set up the Tableaux. Take down will be as usual right after the Tableaux service on Friday, December 23. Many hands make light work. No experience necessary.

House of Hope Pandemic Response Plan

Based upon shared and guiding values of caring compassion, wearing a mask at House of Hope will be optional with the following provisions:

- Those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue wearing a mask.
- For our youth and children, we trust parents and our staff to make appropriate decisions for the nursery, Sunday School and Youth Group.
- If warranted, wearing a mask may become required again based on future COVID-19 conditions and guidelines from the CDC and the City of Saint Paul. This would be communicated to the congregation in a timely manner.



Drawing by John A. Goodding



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Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson, Associate Pastor
Spiritual Life and Care



The House of Hope
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain

Latin, c. 12th century

Stanzas 1-2 trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1854

Stanza 3 trans. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916

Adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854

Accomp. John Weaver, 1988

1. O come, O come, Em - man u - el, And ran - som
2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples


cap-tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord

here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re-joice! Re-joice!
cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.


Em - man u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Prepare the Way



BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

Frans Mikael Franzen (1771-1847)
Adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980; alt. 1989Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697
Arr. American Lutheran Hymnal, 1930



1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, Your Christ is draw - ing near!
2. Christ brings God's rule, O Zi - on; He comes from heaven a - bove.
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; Your Sav - ior's rule em - brace.




Let ev - ery hill and val - ley A lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, And jus - tice, truth, and love.
And tid - ings of sal - va - tion Pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, For grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow re - joic - ing, Their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



Refrain

ADVENT

O blest is Christ that came In God's most ho - ly name.

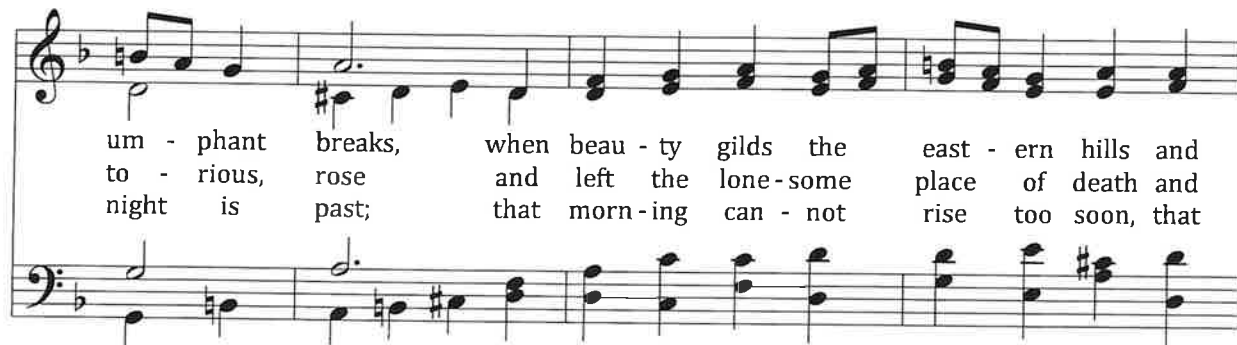
The musical score is written for a single melodic line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The lyrics are printed below the melody.

♩ = 63-69

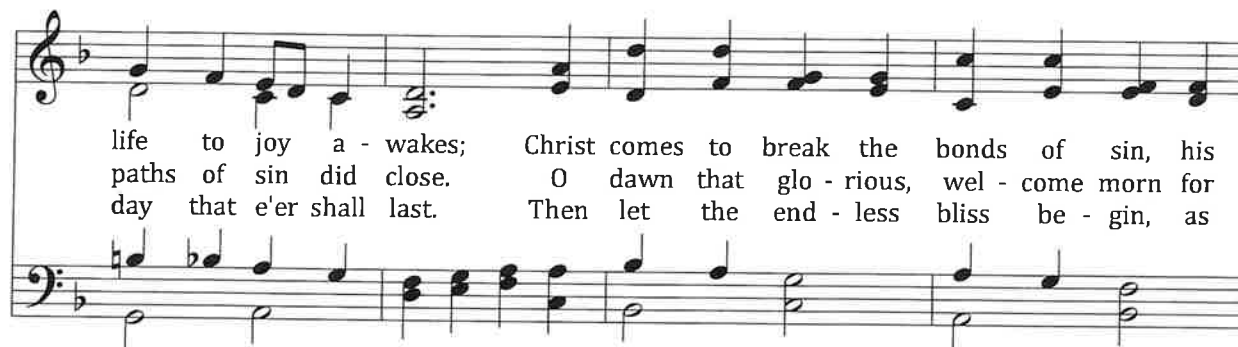
Our King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



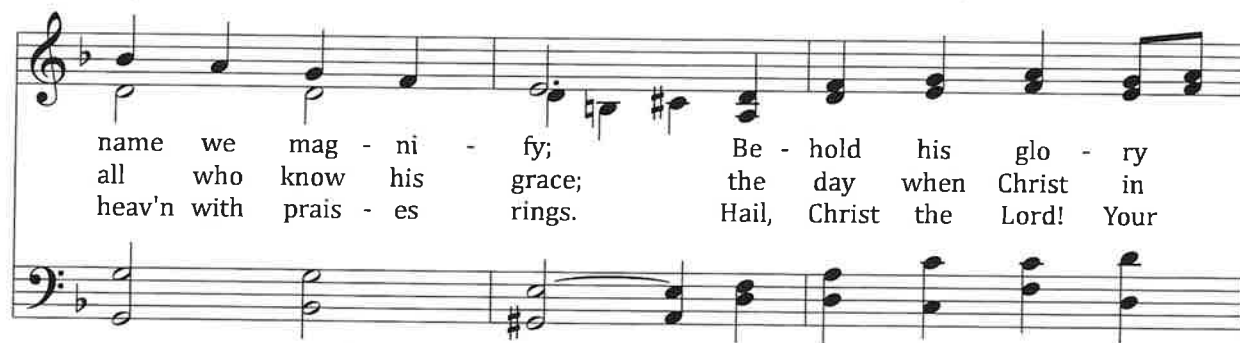
1. Our King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light tri -
 2. Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic -
 3. Our King shall come when morn - ing dawns and earth's dark



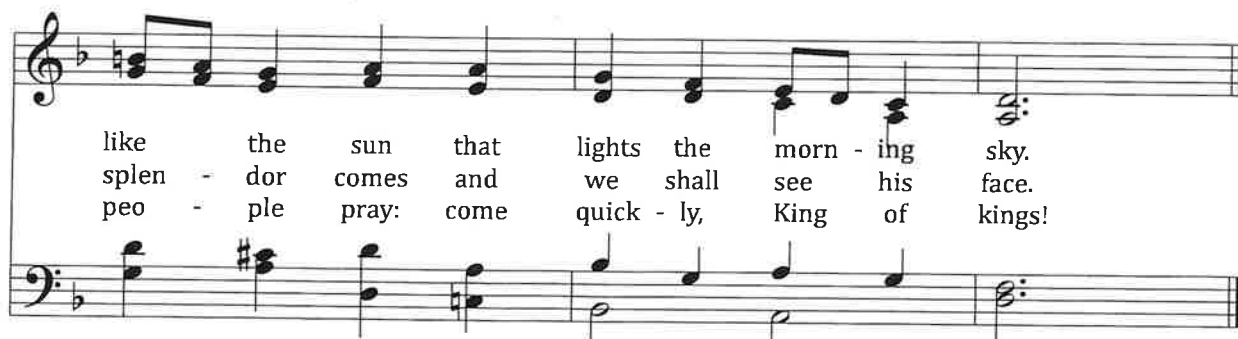
um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and
 to - rious, rose and left the lone - some place of death and
 night is past; that morn - ing can - not rise too soon, that



life to joy a - wakes; Christ comes to break the bonds of sin, his
 paths of sin did close. O dawn that glo - rious, wel - come morn for
 day that e'er shall last. Then let the end - less bliss be - gin, as



name we mag - ni - fy; Be - hold his glo - ry
 all who know his grace; the day when Christ in
 heav'n with prais - es rings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your



like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 splen - dor comes and we shall see his face.
 peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings!

December 4 - 11, 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

Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 4 | 11:15 a.m. | Sanctuary

Preschool – Grade 5 are invited to meet us in the Sanctuary after worship to participate in a Christmas Pageant dress rehearsal. This rehearsal is mandatory for all pageant participants.

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

Tweens Arcade Christmas Party

Friday, December 9 | 6-8 p.m. | Great Hall

Grades 4-5 and their friends are invited to join us for a night of arcade fun! Enjoy dinner, play arcade games (provided by Nick Erickson), and participate in a \$5 gift card exchange. Cost for this event is \$5 for dinner and a \$5 gift card for our gift exchange. Chaperones are needed.

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

Today: Dr. Catherine Guisan presents: *Europe in Turmoil: Thinking Through War and Peace After the Russian Invasion of Ukraine*. Catherine Guisan, Ph.D., is Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota and is the author of two books on the European Union and many articles related to ethics in international relations, democratization, and Transatlantic relations. Currently, she is working on a book on peacemaking practices that changed Europe since World War II, and their potential relevance to the current war between Russia and Ukraine.

Cloister Gallery Exhibit:

Choir School 40th Anniversary Retrospective

Throughout December, photos and items from 40 years of the HOH Choir School will be on display. Take a journey down memory lane and see pictures from rehearsals, concerts, worship, and tours, and read reflections from alumni and former directors.

Open Arms Minnesota is an organization that plans, cooks and delivers medically tailored meals and nutrition support to clients who have medical conditions that make it difficult to cook for themselves. Open Arms is opening a new kitchen in St. Paul to serve local clients and caregivers. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer in this important work, visit the sign-up table outside the Kirk Parlour after the service.

All Church Book Read: *Being Mortal*
Presentation and Panel Discussion | Sunday, January 22 Join us for *Being Mortal*, *Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. Books are available for purchase for \$15 in the church office.

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 December 4, 2022

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 Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Cantamus Choir, Room 16
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class, Kirby Lounge
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Group/Summit, Great Hall

Monday, December 5, 2022

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Peace and Justice Meeting, Kirby Lounge
- 6 p.m. AA, Great Hall and A&B
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Youth Room

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Library
- 1 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, East Wing
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Youth Room

Thursday, December 8, 2022

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour
- 7 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting, Zoom

Friday, December 9, 2022

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Developing for the Future Task Force Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
- 6 p.m. Tweens Arcade Party, Great Hall/A&B

Sunday, December 11, 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. Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Carol Sing-Along, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Cantamus Choir, Room 16
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Group/Summit, Great Hall

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For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website www.hohchurch.org.

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.