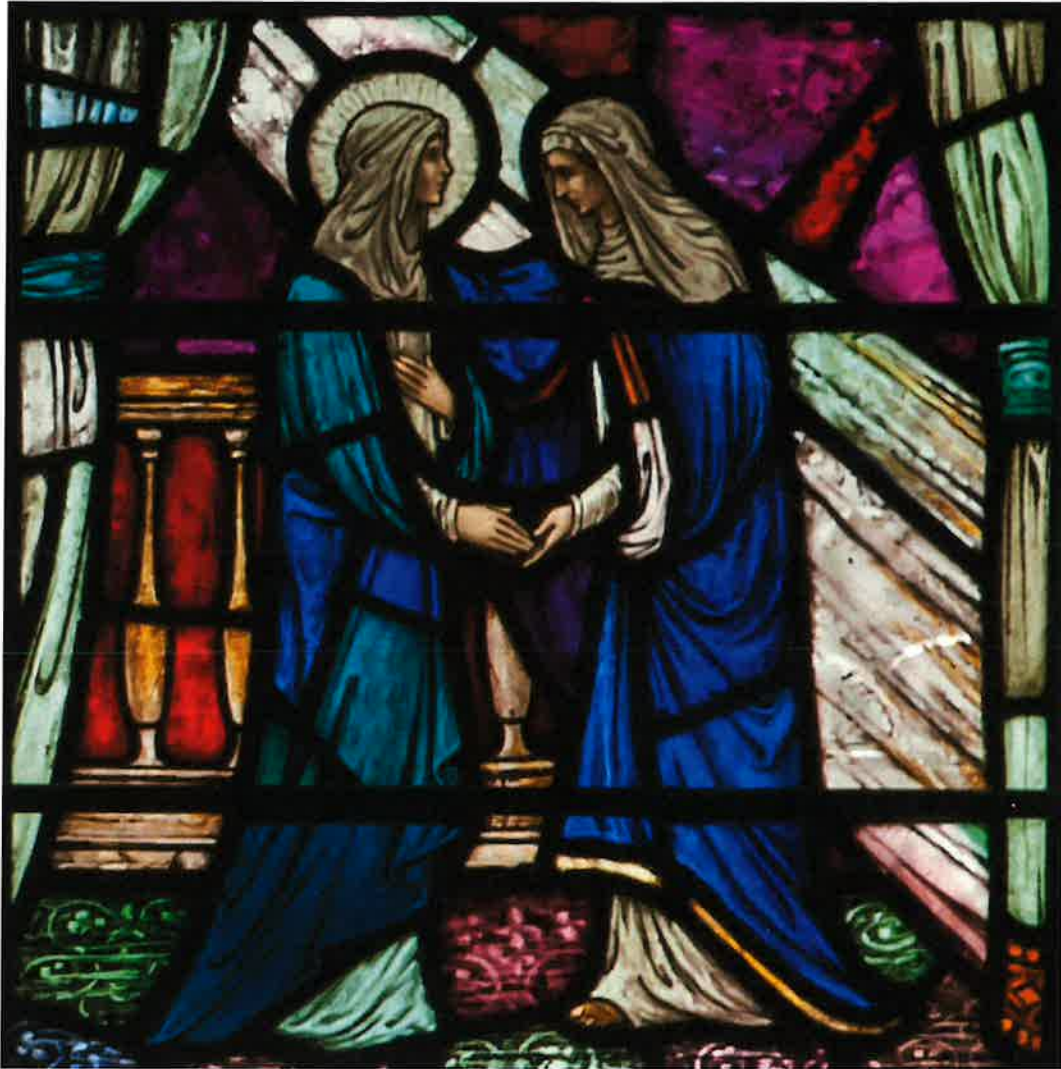


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"We are all meant to be mothers of God. What good is it to me if this eternal birth of the divine Son takes place unceasingly, but does not take place within myself? And, what good is it to me if Mary is full of grace if I am not also full of grace? What good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to his Son if I do not also give birth to him in my time and my culture? This, then, is the fullness of time: When the Son of Man is begotten in us." –Meister Eckhart

Third Sunday of Advent | December 11, 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 TODAY, Sunday, December 11.

Today's Cover Art is a predella (lower right) from the John the Baptist Window. Pictured is Mary, expecting the birth of Jesus, visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was expecting the birth of John. Photo Credit: Dick Crone.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Canticle of Hope

Prelude on "Veni, Emmanuel"

The Bells of Hope; Timothy Short, Director; Julian Simpson, Violin

Cynthia Dobrinski

Valerie Stephenson

Introit

He is Coming Soon

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

+ Processional Hymn 12

People, Look East

Aaron David Miller, Organist

BESANÇON

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

O Holy God, our very waiting in Advent is itself a confession:

If we are waiting for Emmanuel, we are not yet with you; if we are waiting for Jesus, we need a Savior; if we are waiting for a Messiah, the proud are still powerful, the mighty are still exalted, the hungry stand unheard at the door; if we are waiting for your incarnation in human form, we confess that we have not known you in our sister, we have not loved you in our brother, we have not served you in our neighbor.

In this time of great meaning in the stillness of Advent love and light, hear our deepest confession; heal us and make us new through the good tidings of your presence in our lives. *(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



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

He Watching Over Israel (from Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

He watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10 (OT, p. 663 in pew Bible)

Katie Anderson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Antiphonal Carol

Bavarian Carol and *Von Himmel Hoch*, arr. Paul Manz

St Cecilia and St Nicholas Choirs; Sofia Ardan, Director

Julian Simpson and Henry Stein, soloists

Listen children, hear the music
Of the angels up above,
Singing to our newborn Savior,
Jesus Christ, Gloria!

*From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:*

In Bethlehem of David,
In a manger so small,
Sleeps the Child, the Son of Mary,
And Redeemer of all,
*To you this night is born a Child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little Child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the earth.*

Happy hearts now join in singing,
Let your lips no silence keep.
For the Lord, the Son of Heaven,
Saved us from deaths dark sleep.
*Glory to God in highest heaven
Who unto us his Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth!*

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Barrett Fox, Kiera Stegall

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

Choir School Advent Response

Second Lesson

Luke 1:46b-55 (NT, p. 57 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

The Future That's Already Present

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 36

In The Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

+ Affirmation of Faith — from the Iona Community

**We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all and whose love,
defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore,
though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust;
and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth
and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,
for the glory of God. Amen**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

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

Gaudete

Traditional English Carol, arr. Matthew Culloton

Gaudete, Gaudete!
Christus et natus
Ex maria virgine,
Gaudete!

*Rejoice, Rejoice!
Christ is born
Of the virgin Mary,
Rejoice!*

Tempus ad est gratiae,
Hoc quod optabamus;
Carmina laetitiae,
Devote redamus.

*It is now the time of grace
That we have desired;
Let us sing songs of joy,
Let us give devotion.*

Deus homo factus est,
Natura mirante;
Mundus renovatus est
A Christo regnante.

*God was made man,
And nature marvels;
The world was renewed
By Christ who is King.*

Ezechiellis porta
Clausula pertransitur;
Unde lux est orta
Salus invenitur.

*The closed gate of Ezechiel
Has been passed through;
From where the light rises
Salvation is found.*

+ 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 3

Comfort, Comfort You My People

PSALM 42

+ Benediction

Postlude

And the Glory of the Lord

G. F. Handel

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.

The Communion Table Flowers are given in a sure fond memory of Wendell Fleming.

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.

People, Look East

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Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)
As in *Oxford Book of Carols*, 1964

BESANÇON 8.7.9.8.8.7

French folk melody
Harm. Martin Shaw (1875–1958)

1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near Of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is plant-ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall

year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, Trim the
 there: Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, That in
 filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for
 brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, Bright as

Peo-ple, look east and sing to - day:

hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo-ple, look east:
 course the flower may flour - ish.
 fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo-ple, look east:

Love the guest is on the way.
 Love the rose is on the way.
 Love the bird is on the way.
 Love the star is on the way.
 Love is on the way.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
 Christ who brings new life to earth.
 Set every peak and valley humming

With the word, the Lord is coming.
 People, look east and sing today:
 Love the Lord is on the way.

In the Bleak Midwinter

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CRANHAM Irregular

Christina Rossetti, c. 1872; alt.

Gustav Theodore Holst, 1906

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, Frost - y wind made moan,
 2. Our God, heaven can - not hold Him, Nor earth sus - tain;
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels May have gath - ered there,
 4. What can I give Him, Poor as I am?

Earth stood hard as i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone;
 Heaven and earth shall flee a - way When He comes to reign:
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim Thronged the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
 In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 But His moth - er on - ly, In her maid - en bliss,
 If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

In the bleak mid - win - ter, Long a - go.
 The Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 Wor - shiped the be - lov - ed With a kiss.
 Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

Comfort, Comfort You My People


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PSALM 42 8.7.8.7.7.8.8



Johannes Olearius, 1671

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.



Genevan Psalter, 1551



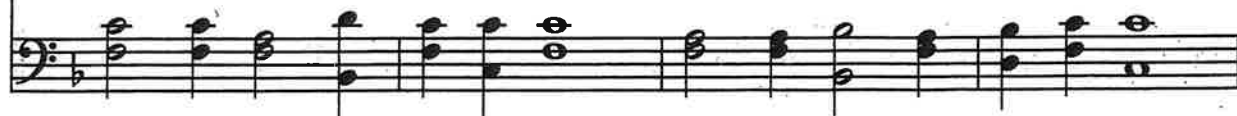

1. Com-fort, com - fort you my peo - ple, Tell of peace, thus says our God;
 2. For the her - ald's voice is call - ing In the des - ert far and near,
 3. Make you straight what long was crook-ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;


Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness Bowed be-neath op - pres-sion's load.
 Bid - ding us to make re-pent-ance Since the king-dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way;
 For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

Tell them that their sins I cov - er, And their war-fare now is o - ver.
 Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing And the hills bow down in greet-ing.
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken That God's word is nev - er bro - ken.





News & Opportunities

December 11 - 18, 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

Children's Christmas Pageant - TODAY

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

Join us for a unique retelling of the nativity story! Meet us in the sanctuary as we creatively explore the stories of Jesus' birth. Our time will conclude with an invitation to join Phil and Lynda Jorgenson for caroling in the Assembly Room.

Christmas Carol Sing-Along - TODAY

Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m. led by Phil and Lynda Jorgenson, with Linda Smith on the piano.

Upcoming

Choir School Christmas Concert and 40th Anniversary Celebration | December 18

11:15 a.m. | *Sing, Choirs of Angels*

Join us for the annual Choir School Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary after worship. Sofia Ardalan, conductor, and Tim Short, accompanist. Following the program, all are invited to the Kirk Parlour for a light lunch reception honoring the 40th Anniversary of the Choir School.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Sigrid VanDemark: sfeldbrugge@gmail.com

Save the Date: Badlands Snow Park

Friday, December 30 | 5 - 8 p.m.

25 Acres, 7 complete hills with 5 rope tows. Chaperones are needed. Contact Sigrid VanDemark to sign up.

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 - Arcade Games!

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Great Hall (Grades 6-12)

Help Christmas Sponsor-A-Family

Saturday, December 17 | 8:45 a.m.

Many hands make light work! Sign up to help load all the wonderful Sponsor-A-Family gifts, and stay afterward for cocoa, coffee and donuts! Contact Sigrid VanDemark to sign up.

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.

Traditional Tableaux Service

Friday, December 23 | Sanctuary | 7:30 p.m.

A House of Hope tradition for over 100 years, this is the Christmas story as told through Scriptures, through lovely carols and anthems, and in the adaptation in tableaux, or "living pictures," of well-known paintings and familiar scenes of the nativity. Childcare available for ages 5 and under.

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.

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 December 11, 2022

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

Monday, December 12, 2022

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

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Library
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, East Wing
- Choir School Christmas Party, Kirk Parlour
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Youth Room

Thursday, December 15, 2022

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

Friday, December 16, 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 18, 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. Choir School Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m. Choir School 40th Anniversary Reception, Kirk Parlour

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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, December 11

The Third Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

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

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

The Christmas story as told through
Scriptures, through lovely carols and
anthems, and in the adaptation in
tableaux, or "living pictures," of well-
known paintings and familiar
scenes of the nativity.

*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)

Sunday, January 1, 2023

New Year's Day

10 a.m. Worship

The Bells of Hope lead worship
celebrating the 8th Day of Christmas
through carols for handbells and harp.

(No childcare or Sunday School)

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



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