

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Karl Barth says that at Christmas God remains eternal majesty
but also becomes a child, a brother, a family member here, among us.
He comes to all of us who've ever lived in an imperfect family."

- Matt Fitzgerald

Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 18, 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.

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.

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THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Venite Adoremus
Aaron David Miller, Organist

English Carol

Introit

Our Soul Waiteth for the Lord
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

G. Thalben-Ball

+ Processional Hymn 56, verses 1-4

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**Shepherd of our souls,
we anticipate your coming but do not feel ready.
We have done too much, and not done enough.
We have focused too much on ourselves,
and not enough on others. Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we might be saved.**
(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

Balulalow

Hannah Armstrong, soprano

Matthew Culloton

Lully, lulla, Balulalow...

O my deare hert, young Jesu sweit
Prepare thy creddil in my spreit
And I sall rock thee to my hert
And never mair from thee depart.

But I sall praise thee evermoir
With sanges sweit unto thy gloir.
The knees of my heart sall I bow
And sing that richt Balulalow!

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16 (OT, p. 636 in pew Bible)

Laurel Gamm

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sing Merrily a Song

St Nicholas Choir; Sofia Ardalan, Director; Timothy Short, Piano

Carolyn Jennings

Sing merrily a song, sing today
Come, join the happy throng and sing today,
Bring a bell along and ring today,
For the Savior of all the world is born.

Pipe merrily a tune, play today,
Pipe merrily a tune, and say today,
"Celebrate the love of God today,
For the Savior of all the world is born."

So long ago the angels sang, proclaiming lowly birth
Of God's own son, God's only son,
now sent to live on earth,
That by his life and death we too may know rebirth.

Sing merrily a song, sing today,
Come, bring a friend along and sing today,
Whistle if you can for joy today,
For the Savior of all the world is born.

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Quint Sheldon, 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

Matthew 1:18-25 (NT, p 1 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

What Child is This?

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 53

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

+ Affirmation of Faith — Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

**God expressed love for all humankind through Israel,
whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness.
When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment
and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers.
These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully
and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming
of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose of Israel
and for humanity would be realized.**

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

Alma Redemptoris Mater

G.P. da Palestrina

Alma Redemptoris Mater,
quae pervia caeli porta manes,
et stella maris, succurre cadenti
surgere qui curat populo:
Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante,
tuum sanctum Genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius,
Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave,
peccatorum miserere.

*Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
who remains the gate by which we mortals enter heaven,
and star of the sea, help your fallen people
who strive to rise:
You who gave birth, amazing nature,
to your sacred Creator:
Virgin prior and following,
taking from the mouth of Gabriel that Hail!
have mercy on our sins.*

+ 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 23

Angels, We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

+ Benediction

Postlude

Carol of the Bells

Ukrainian Carol

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 loving memory of Delmar E. Bowers.

The Pulpit Table Flowers are given in celebration of David and Judith Cooper's 60th wedding anniversary on December 18.

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL Irregular with refrain

English carol, 17th century

English carol
Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833

1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star, Three wise men
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west; O'er Beth - le -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay a - keep - ing their
 east be - yond them far, And to the earth it gave great
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in -
 hem it took its rest; And there it did both stop and

*Refrain**

sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. Now - ell, Now -
 stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

What Child Is This

53


GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7 with refrain

English ballad, 16th century

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1871


Arr. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

Em D G D Em Am B




1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep-ing?
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.

Em D G D Em Am B Em^{sus4} Em




Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet While shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en-throne Him.

Bm G D Em Am B



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;

Bm G D Em Am B Em^{sus4} Em



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

This tune can be sung in the original mode by sharpening all C's in the soprano and alto parts.

Angels We Have Heard on High

23

French carol

GLORIA 7.7.7.7 with refrain

French carol

Trans. James Chadwick (1813-1882); alt.

Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth-lè - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain
 Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

December 18 - 25, 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

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.

Upcoming

TODAY: Choir School Christmas Concert
and 40th Anniversary Celebration
11:15 a.m., reception following concert.



Sing, Choirs of Angels

Join us for the annual Choir School Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary after worship. Sofia Ardan, 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.



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.

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.

Upcoming January Adult Enrichment:

January 8: Eric Kruse, HOH's Owners Representative will offer a status report on the progress of the Electrical / HVAC Project.

January 15: Rev. Anna Kendig Flores, PTCA Anti-Racism Coordinator, presents: *Future Dreaming: Revolutionary Visions of the Gospel in the 21st Century*.

January 22: *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, Presentation and Panel Discussion. Books are available for purchase for \$15 in the church office.

New Member Class | Sunday, January 8

HOH Library | 11:15 a.m. Interested in membership or want to know more about HOH? Join us!

SUNDAY SERIES with Heather McGhee | January 15 | Sanctuary / Livestream | 2 p.m.

Heather McGhee is an influential voice in the media and a former NBC contributor. McGhee regularly appears on NBC's *Meet the Press* and MSNBC's *Morning Joe*, *Deadline White House*, and *All In*. Her 2020 TED talk is entitled *Racism Has a Cost for Everyone*. McGhee's book *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* spent 10 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list and was long listed for the National Book Award and Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required for both in person and online viewing. Visit <https://bit.ly/SundaySeriesJan2023> to reserve tickets.

Week Beginning December 18, 2022

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, Rooms 4&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

Monday, December 19, 2022

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour/Zoom
- 1 p.m. Tableaux Set-up - Part 1, Sanctuary
- 5 p.m. Nominating Committee, Kirby Lounge
- 6 p.m. AA, Great Hall and A&B
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Youth Room

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Tableaux Set-up - Part 2, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

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

Thursday, December 22, 2022

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. Tableaux Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, December 23, 2022

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 7 p.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 7:30 p.m. Tableaux Service, Sanctuary

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2022

- 3:30 p.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 4 p.m. Intergenerational Service, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
- 10 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
(no childcare at 10 p.m. service)

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2022

- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. No Social Hour in the Kirk Parlour
(No Childcare on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1)

Monday, December 26, 2022

Office and Building Closed

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

Office and Building Closed

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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,
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

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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.

Christmas Memorials

Christmas Tributes in memory or in honor of loved ones have been donated by friends and family of those named below. These gifts have been designated for the mission outreach of the church or for poinsettias used for decoration throughout the church.

James Patrick Adams
Teddy Altman
Marina Anderson
Navonne Nicholls Andre
Behrouz Ardalan
Margaret Ann Atmore
Marian Bailey
Fred Bailey
Mary Bailey
Rev. Dr. James Barge
Phillip Beedon
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Peter and Flora Borenz
Tom Bowers
Marge and Del Bowers
John and Andrea Brainard
Bonnie Brenengen
Herman and Anna Brooks
Adeline Brouillard
Bill and Kit Burch
Marion Calph
Jean Campbell
Elizabeth Campbell
Greg and Patty Cardinal
Margaret and Ray Charlton
Ray Lawrence Clark, Jr.
Miles and Olive Cooper
Mae and Mort Cravath
Dr. Joy Davis
Dr. John Davis
Mai-Dinh-Thanh
Evelyn and Howard Floyd
Harry and Dorothy Fogelberg
Faith Franken
Ruth S. Freeburg
James Freeburg
Terry E. Freyholtz
Gloria Freyholtz
Alfred M. and Lua B. Fulton
Alfred M. and Ruth R. Fulton, Jr.
Donald B. and Sara A. Fulton
Kelly Angus Fulton
Martha J. Fulton

Ellen Goudzwaard
Francis and Elizabeth Gruber
Wally and Jean Hansen
Gottlieb and Ingeborg Heidmann
Bob and Marjorie Hennesy
David Herr
Esther Hewitt
Phil, Helen and Ardis Hill
David Hopper
William and Mabel Jarvis
Norm and Betty Jensen
Percy and Myrtle Jensen
Alisandra Johnson
Jeffrey David Johnson
John King
Donna R. Klein
Charles (Chip) Klein
Lindsay Jean Knutson
Thomas and Marian Koeck
Herb and Ruth Kueck
Cindy Kueck
Barbara Kuhn
Laura Lamb
Christian and Alta Larson
Alison Lewis
Jon Ljungkull
Gunnar Ljungkull
Loren L. Lundeen
Ann, Ruth and Robert Lyon
Lottie and Roscoe Lyon
Bob Mairs
Harriet E. McCloskey
George F. and Sara Mcl Amend
Molly McMillan
Libby Monson
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mosbrucker
Rudy and Norma Nelson
Joyce and Harold Nicholls
Catherine and Roy Nienhauser
JoAnn Noland
Mary Jacqueline O'Keefe
Mardell and Leonard Opitz
Kayton and Marilyn Palmer
James and Lois Parkman
Jan Patton
Justin V. Pearson
Leonard and Louise Pearson
Lisa M. Pearson

Molly Ann Pearson
Sharon Sullivan Pearson
Vern and Beatrice Pearson
Howard and Judith Peterson
Florence and Dr. Benjamin A. Pomeroy
June and Dr. James Pomeroy
Dr. Harold Pomeroy
Margaret L. and Dr. Benjamin S. Pomeroy
Benjamin A. Pomeroy
Dinh-Quang-Vinh
Calvin and Annabel Randolph
Albert A. Rosner
Phyllis and Tom Schluter
Lorraine and Edward Schneider
John Gavin Scott
Jack and Phyllis Sjöholm, Sr.
Robert L. Smith Family
Manville D. Smith, Jr.
Don and Loretta Smith
Edward and Mary Snyder
William and Marion Snyder
Peter Snyder
Darlene and Ken Stensby
Chuck and Mary Ellen Stewart
Tyler and Roberta Sturdevant
Henry Sylvester
Mark W. Thomas
Lowell Thornber
Kari Lynn Thorsen
Wyle and Dorothy Van
Coleen Vaught
Martha and Arie Verhagen
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Wendy White
Edgar and Valerie White
William and Evelyn Widmann
Mary Snyder Wilson
Christine Campbell Yaeger
Ann Yuska

In Honor:

Julia Carlson
Scott Kenefake
Kiera Stegall

In Memoriam

Marilyn E. Lentz joined the House of Hope Presbyterian Church on October 14, 1973.
Marilyn entered the Church Triumphant on December 13, 2022.

*"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*



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