

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The American obsession with the second coming of Jesus — especially with distorted interpretations of it — continues unabated. Seen from my side of the Atlantic, the phenomenal success of the *Left Behind* books appears puzzling, even bizarre.... This pseudo-theological version of *Home Alone* has reportedly frightened many children into some kind of (distorted) faith.” - N.T. Wright

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 19, 2023 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 open and affirming, 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 **Cloister Gallery** following the service.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- *New Children & Family Ministry Policy: A parent or guardian is required to sign in children for nursery before or during worship. Parents and guardians must sign out children from nursery after worship. Bring a photo ID with you.*
- **Worship:** Children are invited to join their families in the Sanctuary for worship. Following the Children's Blessing, children are invited to join us for Sunday School, 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 feel comfortable.

TODAY's Enrichment: Veterans and Houselessness with Charles Stephens and Laurel

Gamm, Sunday, November 19 | Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m. Come learn about personal experience with Y-HELP, the YardHomes Home Expansion Lease Project, and connecting veterans to sustainable housing in the Twin Cities. As landowners, Charles and Laurel have a partnership with YardHomes, a company selling compact homes, and Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, an organization with a mission to end veteran houselessness.

NEXT WEEK, Sunday, November 26 at 11:15 a.m. Sue Zumberge, from Subtext Books, will provide our annual preview of books to give and receive this Christmas season. Hear her recommendations on fiction and non-fiction, cookbooks and coffee table books, gifts for young readers and young adults, and suggestions of books written by local authors. This is a good chance to get started on your Christmas shopping, or just to indulge yourself in a good read!

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Fugue in C
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Johann Pachelbel

Introit

Forever, O Lord
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Max Reger

+Processional Hymn 253

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

You are the God of all people, O Lord, the creator of all things good.

Forgive us when we fail to see the good.

Forgive us when we refuse to see the "all."

**We are searching for your presence and grasping for your grace,
unable to believe that we cannot be separated from your love.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy, and through Christ our redeemer,
free us to try again.**

(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

Kyrie

Cantamus Quartet; Sofia Ardalán, Director

John Leavitt

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (OT, pp. 874-875 in pew Bible)

Katie Anderson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

For Everything There Is a Season

Stephen Paulus

For everything there is a season,
And a time for every purpose under heaven:
A time to be born and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to uproot.
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather the,
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time for peace and a time for love!
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn and a time to dance,
A time to dance, a time to laugh,
A time to heal and a time to build up,
A time for every purpose under heaven;
A time to be silent and a time to speak out,
A time to weep and a time to mourn;
For everything there is a season,
And a time for every purpose under heaven.

Children's Blessing (unison)

Here in worship, or going out, we promise to nurture your faith, support your gifts and listen to your voices among us. Remember: God is with you always, everyday and everywhere.

Following the blessing, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk with their guardians to the front of the sanctuary and out the West Transept doors (Pulpit Side) to be led to the Assembly Room for Sunday School.

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NT, p. 205 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Jesus is Coming: Look Busy

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 560

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

NYLAND

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

Leader: God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life.

All: It is the will of God that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

Leader: Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

All: With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.

Leader: It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

All: In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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 passed throughout the congregation at this time.
- **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

These are they which follow the Lamb

John Goss

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.
These were redeemed from among men,
being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.
And in their mouth was found no guile:
For they are without fault before the throne of God.

+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.

+Prayer of Dedication

+Recessional Hymn 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

+Benediction

Postlude

Toccatà

Gason Bélièr

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur Emeritus

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 Michael Price and Doug Anderson.

The Pulpit Flowers are given in loving memory of Robert D. Bland and Marina S. Anderson.

The Bells of Hope at Randolph Heights

As part of their ongoing Music in Mission projects, the ringers of The Bells of Hope are offering music today for the morning worship service at Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church. The Bells of Hope also partner with Keystone Communities in providing 2024 calendars, all types of greeting and note cards (including Christmas), note pads, and cloth bags for use by individuals and families to improve their quality of life. Donations are received anytime, and a collection box is in the main office. Your support is appreciated.

Updated House of Hope Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Special Note: The Office and Building will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23-24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

I'll Praise My Maker

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OLD 113TH 8.8.8.8.8

Isaac Watts
Adapt. John Wesley, 1736; alt. 1988

Attr. Matthäus Greiter (c. 1500-1552)
Harm. V. Earle Copes, 1964

1. I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; And when my voice
2. How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly On Is - rael's God,
3. The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; The Lord sup - ports
4. I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; And when my voice

is lost in death, Praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
who made the sky And earth and seas with all their train;
the faint - ing mind And sends the la - boring con - science peace.
is lost in death, Praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past While life and thought
Whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, Who saves the op - pressed
God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, The wid - owed and
My days of praise shall ne'er be past While life and thought

and be - ing last, Or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
and feeds the poor, And none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
the par - ent - less, And grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
and be - ing last, Or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

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We Plow the Fields and Scatter

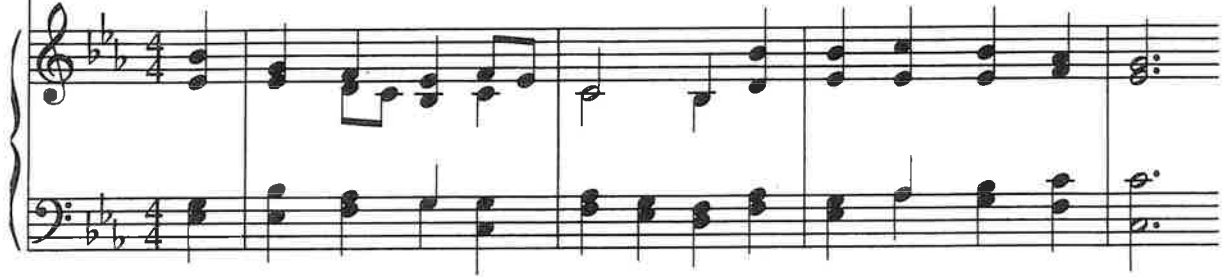
NYLAND 7.6.7.6 D

Matthias Claudius, 1782
 Trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell, 1861; alt.

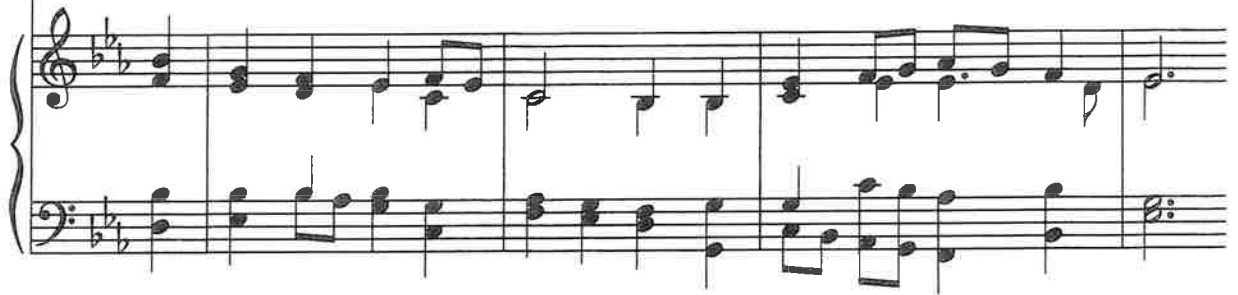
Finnish folk melody
 Adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927



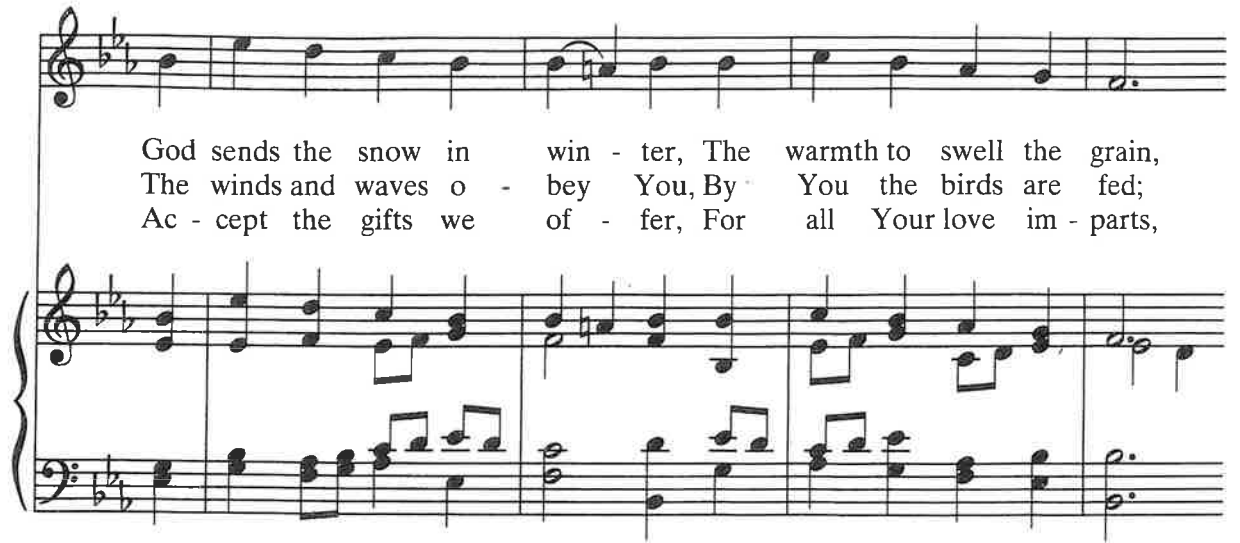
1. We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
 2. You on - ly are the Mak - er Of all things near and far;
 3. We thank You, then, Cre - a - tor, For all things bright and good,



- But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand;
 You paint the way - side flow - er, You light the eve - ning star;
 The seed-time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food;



Music: Adaptation and harmonization from the *Revised Church Hymnary 1927*. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.



God sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,
 The winds and waves o - bey You, By You the birds are fed;
 Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer, For all Your love im - parts,



The breez-es and the sun - shine, And soft, re - fresh-ing rain.
 Much more to us, Your chil - dren, You give our dai - ly bread.
 And what You most would wel - come, Our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

551 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7 D

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

George Job Elvey, 1859

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home:
 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to God's praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take the har - vest home;
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 From each field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied:
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear:
 Give the an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

November 19 - 26, 2023

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Children@hohchurch.org

In the Assembly Room:

Nursery-Preschool | 9:45 a.m. Assembly Room
Elementary Sunday Schl. | 10:10 a.m. Assembly Rm.

Today:

Creative Play, Grades 2-5 | 11:15 a.m.
HOH Park, Assembly Room

Alleluia Choir | 11 a.m. | Library
PreK-Grade 1 can register for Alleluia Choir by contacting Choir School Director Sofia Ardalan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Pre-Worship Gathering
9:40 a.m. in the Skylight Room

Youth Ed. Hour
11 a.m. in the Skylight Room

Upcoming

Special Music in Worship, November 26:
Haydn's *Little Organ Mass* - Motet Choir and Chamber Strings

Choir School Holiday Wreath and Plant Pickup

Wednesday, November 29
Portland Entrance | 3:30-6 p.m.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 22
7 p.m.

All are invited to join us in worship and giving thanks. You are invited to bring non-perishable food items that will be shared with the food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown

Community Center and Neighborhood House. You may also make a financial donation to the food pantries.

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.

Christmas Sponsor A-Family

Our faith reminds us what the Christmas season is all about, by sharing with those most in need. We're planning to spread Christmas joy by providing gifts for approximately 70 families in partnership with some of our Mission Partners. **Visit the church website under "Things to Know" to find the SignUpGenius link for information on families.** A family wish list with instructions will be emailed to you. For assistance in signing up, please contact the church office. Drop off gifts at the church by December 10.

Don't like to shop? Donations are welcome to provide a grocery gift card for each family. Mail or drop off donations in the church office noted **Family Sponsor.**

Coordinator Stacy Paleen will be in the Cloister Gallery following the service to assist with signing up more volunteers and answering questions.

House of Hope is a Matthew 25 Church. At its October meeting, the Session approved a motion from the Peace and Justice Committee to designate House of Hope a Matthew 25 church. The Matthew 25 movement is a program of the PC(USA) and has three areas of focus: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Initially, HOH will be focused on building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism.

Ways to get involved:

- Join the implementation team: The Peace & Justice Committee is seeking creative people, youth and adults, who would like to be a part of this initiative. Be a part of creating this exciting new program for House of Hope!
- Participate in the first National Matthew 25 Summit, January 16-18, 2024 in Atlanta, Georgia. "An Invitation for Innovation" is the banner under which participants will explore the Matthew 25 vision.

For more information, contact Mary Cardinal Peterson, PeteCardFive@outlook.com or Bill Johnston, [wbjohnston1@gmail.com](mailto:wjohnston1@gmail.com), co-chairs of the HOH Peace & Justice Committee. You can learn more at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/ Matthew 25 initiatives may be in the form of workshops and Sunday Enrichment sessions. Over time, the program could grow into collaborations with other area Matthew 25 churches or neighborhood involvement.

Week Beginning November 19, 2023

Sunday, November 19, 2023

9 a.m. Motet Choir, Kirby Lounge
9:15 a.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Library
9:40 a.m. Youth Gathering, Skylight Room
9:45 a.m. Nursery, Assembly Room
10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Assembly Room
11 a.m. Social Hour, Cloister Gallery
11 a.m. Youth Education Hour, Skylight Room
11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Library
11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Creative Play for Kids, Assembly Room/HOH Park

Monday, November 20, 2023

11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
6 p.m. AA, Sanctuary
6 p.m. Al-Anon, Library

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
5:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Assembly Room

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Library/Zoom
7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Office and Building closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24, 2023

Office and Building closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2023

9 a.m. Motet Choir, Kirby Lounge
9:40 a.m. Youth Gathering, Skylight Room
9:45 a.m. Nursery, Assembly Room
10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Assembly Room
11 a.m. Social Hour, Cloister Gallery
11 a.m. Youth Education Hour, Skylight Room
11:15 a.m. College Age Coffee Hour, Offsite
6 p.m. Youth Group, Kirby Lounge

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

In Memoriam

Charles Fox Field, Sr. (Chuck) joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on December 9, 1955. Charles entered the Church Triumphant in November 1, 2023. A private interment will take place on November 16 in the Memorial Garden.

Mary Bancroft Field joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on April 11, 1949. Mary entered the Church Triumphant in November 7, 2023. A private interment will take place on November 16 in the Memorial Garden.

"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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Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson,
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Stephen Ministry Church.

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