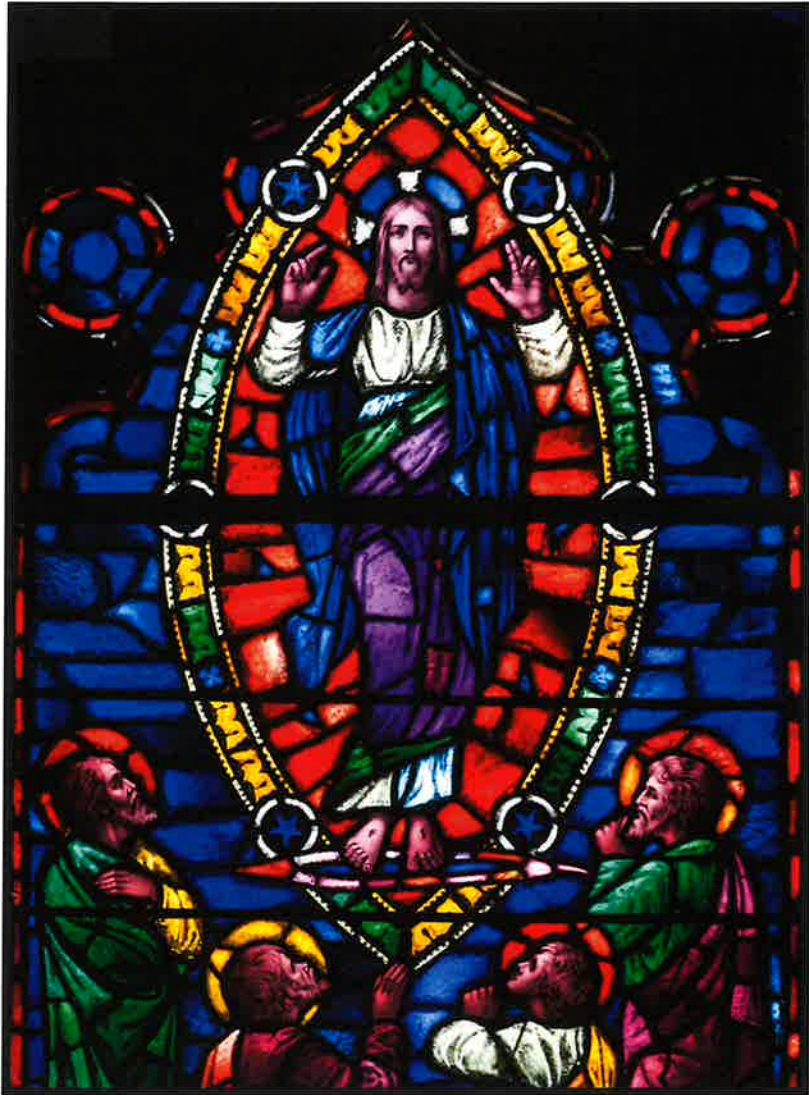


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"We often treat Christmas as an end, as if all the little doors on the Advent calendar lead to the birth of Christ and the opening of presents on Christmas morning. After the living room is trashed, full of ripped wrapping paper, and Santa's cookies have mysteriously disappeared, we've successfully "done" Christmas. But Christmas is a new hope, not an end. Advent, from the Latin *adventus*, means "coming." The church's season of preparation is not just for the birth of Jesus at Christmas but for Christ's second coming." - Teri McDowell Ott

First Sunday of Advent | December 3, 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Elements served are gluten free bread and grape juice.

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.

Christmas Memorials. You may purchase a poinsettia (\$15) or make a donation in any amount in memory of or in honor of loved ones for publication in the December 24, 10 a.m. bulletin. Your donation will support the ministries of House of Hope. Visit or call the church office, or sign up online at: <https://bit.ly/2023ChristmasMemorials>

The deadline for reserving Christmas Memorials is Sunday, December 17.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Advent Prelude
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Jean Langlais

Introit

Keep Awake
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Aaron David Miller

+ Processional Hymn 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Choral Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

Leader: Watch for the light of Christ this Advent.

People: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**People: The light of Christ is always coming to us,
entering our broken world and troubled hearts.
So we light the first candle, the candle of hope,
and dare to express our longing, our hope,
for a deeper faith and a just world. Amen**

+ 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

O Thou the Central Orb

Charles Wood

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine;
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin:
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming ray
To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Oh, How Beautiful The Sky

Danish Carol, arr. Carolyn Jennings

St Cecilia and St Nicholas Choirs, Sofia Ardalan, Director; Timothy Short, Organ

Oh, how beautiful the sky
With the sparkling stars on high
How they glitter, brightly gleaming
How they twinkle gladsome beaming
As they draw our hearts to heaven.

In the midst of Christmas night,
While the stars were shining bright,
Of a sudden, clear and radiant,
One appeared and shone resplendent
With the luster of the sun!

Long ago it was foretold
By God's chosen men of old
When at midnight such a wonder
Did appear in heaven up yonder,
Born should be our Savior King.

-Nicolai Grundtvig

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, every day 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.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 13:24-37 (NT, pp. 50-51 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Expecting the Unexpected

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 61

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

+ Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

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.

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.

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

Postlude on "Veni Emmanuel"

A. D. Miller

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, 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.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain

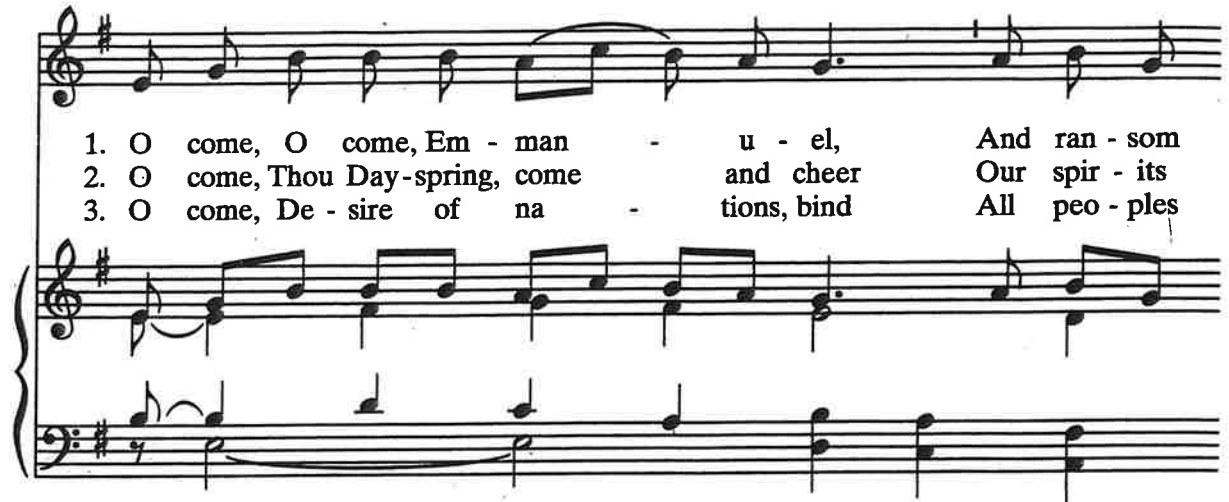
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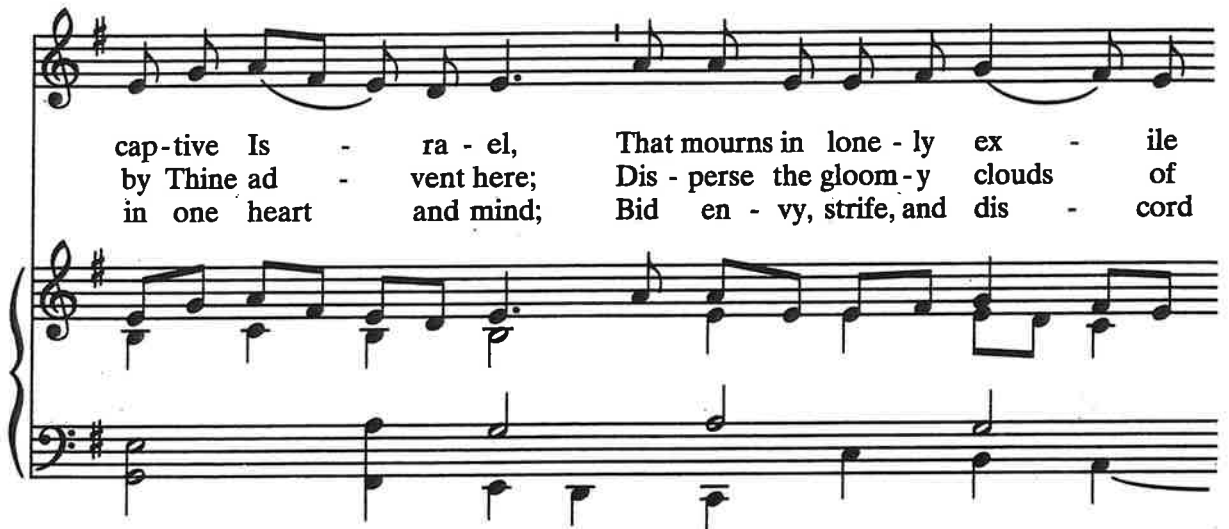
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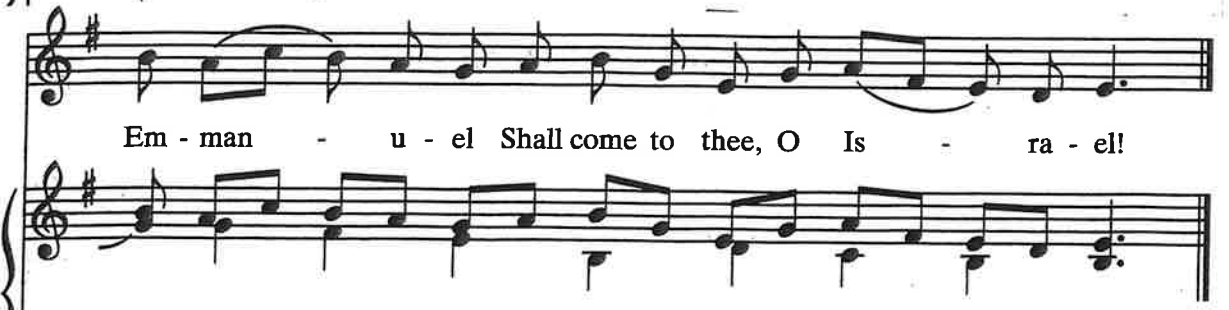
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples



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 fight. 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!

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'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

UNE JEUNE PUCELLE 8.6.8.6.8.8 with refrain

Native American (Huron)

Jean de Brébeuf, c. 1641

English text: Jesse Edgar Middleton, 1926

French carol, 16th century

Gm Dm Gm Dm Gm Dm Gm

1. 'Twas in the moon of win-ter-time, When all the birds had fled,
 2. With - in a lodge of bro-ken bark The ten-der Babe was found;
 3. O chil-dren of the for-est free, O you of Man - i - tou,

Dm Gm Dm Gm Dm

That might - y Gitch - i Man - i - tou Sent an - gel choirs in -
 A rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin En - wrapped His beau - ty
 The Ho - ly Child of earth and heaven Is born to - day for

Gm Eb C Cm6 Gm

stead. Be - fore their light the stars grew dim And won - dering
 round. The chiefs from far be - fore Him knelt With gifts of
 you. Come kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy Who brings you

Dm Gm Dm Gm

hunt - ers heard the hymn:
fox and bea - ver pelt: Je - sus, your King, is born,
beau - ty, peace, and joy.

The first system of music features a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line consists of quarter and eighth notes. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

Gm Dm Gm Dm Gm

Je - sus is born. In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.

The second system continues the musical piece. It features a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff. The key signature remains two flats. The vocal line includes a dotted quarter note and a half note. The piano accompaniment continues with harmonic support.

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!



News & Opportunities

December 3 - 10, 2023

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

In the Assembly Room:

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

Today:

Advent Celebration & Carol Sing-Along | 11:15,
Sanctuary

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Pre-Worship Gathering

9:40 a.m. in the Skylight Room

Confirmation, December 6

6:30 p.m. | Library

Upcoming

Welcome Reception for Dr. Jimmy Hoke and Rev. Phillip Romine. Today, December 3, we will officially welcome our new Director of Children and Family Ministry, Dr. Jimmy Hoke; and our new Transitional Associate Pastor for Faith Formation and Lifelong Learning, Rev. Phillip Romine, at a reception in the Cloister Gallery following the service. Please stop by for a cupcake and welcome them to House of Hope, and stay for the Advent Celebration and Carol Sing-Along!

Christmas Sponsor A-Family

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. 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**. Drop off gifts at the church by December 10.

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

Sunday Offertory Volunteers Needed

The Deacons resumed passing the offering plates throughout the congregation during worship. They are asking for congregational volunteers to assist during Sunday worship and other special services. No experience is necessary. Visit <https://bit.ly/HOHOfferory> to sign up, and you will be contacted with additional information.

STEWARDSHIP 2024 — Abundant Hope.

To date, 143 individuals and families have made a 2024 financial pledge to the church for a total of \$676,542 — nearly 50% of our budgeted goal of \$1,350,000. Reaching our goal will enable us to fully fund our mission and ministries. Make your commitment today. Pledge cards can be found at our church welcome centers or church office, or you can go to www.hohchurch.org/donate-online to make your commitment online. Thank you!

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

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 December 3, 2023

Sunday, December 3, 2023

9 a.m. Motet Choir, Kirby Lounge
 9:30 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
 11:15 a.m. Advent Celebration and Sing-Along, Sanctuary
 11:15 a.m. Welcome Reception for Dr. Jimmy Hoke and Rev. Phillip Romine, Gallery

Monday, December 4, 2023

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

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

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

Wednesday December 6, 2023

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

Thursday, December 7, 2023

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Cloister Gallery
 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Sanctuary

Friday, December 8, 2023

8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
 9 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom

Sunday, December 10, 2023

9 a.m. Motet Choir, Kirby Lounge
 9:30 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. Choir School Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
 11 a.m. Social Hour, Cloister Gallery

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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 3

The First Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Advent Celebration and
Christmas Carol Sing-Along,
Sanctuary

Sunday, December 10

The Second Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

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

Sunday, December 17

The Third Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

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

Saturday, December 23

5:30 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.*



Sunday, December 24

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Carillon Recitals
by Timothy Short

NEW TIMES:

5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Candlelight Services

The Motet Choir and Orchestra

Special Music (7 p.m. only):

Gerald Finzi's: *In Terra Pax*

Both Candlelight Services
include Christmas Anthems.

Childcare available at all services.

There is no service on Christmas Day.

Christmas Day Carillon Concert

Monday, December 25 | 3 p.m.

Carillonner Tim Short, will present
a concert of Christmas music. Email
requests: TimS@hohchurch.org

Sunday, December 31

First Sunday of Christmas

10 a.m. Worship

(No Sunday School on December 31)

The season of Christmas is celebrated
by The Bells of Hope with the annual
"Carols for Handbells and Harp."

The prelude begins at 9:45 am.

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



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Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Transitional Pastor
 Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson,
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