

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Advent is about hope, not just waiting. "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is a cry for salvation, a pleading for God to come and save us and a belief that we can rejoice because liberation is just around the corner. We look at how things used to be, the old glory days, and wonder if God has left us. Isaiah and Mark remind us that God is bringing down mountains and lifting up valleys. God is always there and always faithful." - Dennis Sanders

Second Sunday of Advent | December 10, 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.

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

Chorale Prelude on "Wachet Auf," BWV 645
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

Introit

They that wait upon the Lord
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

G. Thalben-Ball

+ Processional Hymn 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Choral Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

Leader: Watch for the light of Christ this Advent.

All: 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.

All: The light of Christ is always coming to us, entering our broken world and troubled hearts. So we light the second candle, the candle of peace, and in this world of strife and war, we dare to seek the path to peace in our homes, in our church and in the world. Amen.

+ Doxology



Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission - Stewardship

Sarah Walbert

Anthem

Christ in the Stranger's Guise

David Ashley White

I saw a stranger yestre'en, I put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place,
and in the sacred name of the Triune,
He blessed me and my house,
my cattle and my dear ones.
And the lark said in her song: "Often, Often,
Often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11 (OT, pp. 667-668 in pew Bible)

Janice Dickinson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

In Dulci Jubilo

14th century German Carol, arr. Snyder

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

In dulci jubilo,
Nun singet und seid froh.
Unseres Herzens Wonne
leigt in praesepio
und leuchtet als die Sonne
matris in gremio.
Alpha es et O.

*In sweet jubilation
Now sing and be joyful!
Our hearts bliss
rests in a manger
and shines like the sun
in his mother's lap.
The Alpha and the Omega.*

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.

Second Lesson

Mark 1:1-8 (NT, p. 34 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Comfort and Hope

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 48

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS'

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**God expressed love for all humankind through Israel,
whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve God 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 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

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:
And I shall keep it unto the end.

+ 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 13

Prepare the Way

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

+ Benediction

Postlude

A Light in the City from Sonata for a Sacred Space

A. D. Miller

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

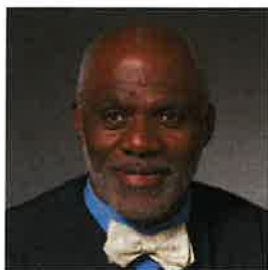
Peace Candle. The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle, lighted as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayer for peace in the world.



SUNDAY SERIES

Inviting well-known speakers to discuss key issues of our day and artists to share their artistic engagement with life and faith.

Retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan C. Page Sunday, January 14 | 2 p.m.



Justice Alan Page received his BA in political science from the University of Notre Dame in 1967 and his JD from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978 while playing for the Minnesota Vikings. After retiring from the NFL in 1981, Justice Page practiced law full-time before winning a seat on the Minnesota Supreme Court in 1992, becoming the first African American on the court. Page and his late wife Diane founded the Page Education Foundation assisting Minnesota students of color pursuing post-secondary education, awarding \$16 million to date to more than 8,000 students. **Register on our website beginning Thursday, December 14.**



Community Sing with The Singers *The Justice Choir Songbook* Sunday, January 28 | 2 p.m.

The Justice Choir organization builds awareness of social, environmental, and racial justice and elevates these topics through singing. Join The Singers for a sharing of the *Justice Choir Songbook*, including stirring songs by Melanie DeMore, Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, and Abbie Betinis.

Cover Art: This depiction is from the John the Baptist window on the west side of the sanctuary. In the center is John the Baptist, holding aloft the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God); the left figure is Zechariah the priest, father of John the Baptist; and the right figure is Elizabeth, John's mother. Photo credit: Dick Crone.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS' 7.6.7.6.6.7.6

German carol, 15th century
 Trans. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)
 Alt. *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

*Alte Catholische Geistliche
 Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1599
 Arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath sprung,
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in mind,

Of Jes-se's lin-eage com - ing, By faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er kind.

It came a flower - et bright, A - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right She bore for us a

win - ter, When half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
 was the

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. 1989

Then 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.



December 10 - 17, 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.

NEXT WEEK:

Children's Christmas Pageant | 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 13

6:30 p.m. | Library

White Elephant Gift Exchange Christmas Party

Saturday, December 16 | Skylight Room | 6 p.m.

Upcoming



TODAY:

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

***Rise Up, Shepherd,
And Follow***

Join us for the annual
Choir School Christmas
Concert in the sanctuary

with all choristers ages 3-18, Sofia Ardalan,
conductor, and Timothy Short, accompanist.

STEWARDSHIP 2024 — Abundant Hope.

To date, 162 individuals and families have made a 2024 financial pledge to the church for a total of \$740,615 — nearly 55% 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!

HVAC//Electrical Project Transitions to

Phase 2. Major changes are ahead for HOH as we upgrade our HVAC and electrical infrastructure. Earlier this year, we vacated the eastern part of the property as Terra Construction and other contractors began their work. Planning is underway to vacate the western part of the building and move church staff offices and operations to the East Wing. We will regain use of the Kirk Parlour, Chapel, Great Hall, and Rooms A & B. We will not have access to the Kirby Lounge, Assembly Room, Library and church office. Watch for updates in the Enews.

In order to prepare for and navigate the process of moving, the church building will be closed and open as follows in January:

January 3 - 6: Closed to pack

January 7: Open for worship

January 8 - 10: Closed for set-up; open for AA and AI Anon

January 11: Open

Christmas and New Year Office Schedule

The church office and building will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26 as well as Monday, January 1.

Tableaux Set-up and take down. The Tableaux setup will be done in two steps this year. On Tuesday December 19 at 1 p.m., we'll bring all the Tableaux parts up to the sanctuary. Then on Thursday, December 21 at 1 p.m., we'll assemble and set up the Tableaux. Take down will be as usual right after the Tableaux service on Saturday, December 23. Many hands make light work. No experience necessary. Questions? Email Bill Geery at william.geery@gmail.com

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.

For more information, contact Mary Cardinal Peterson, PeteCardFive@outlook.com or Bill Johnston, wjohnston1@gmail.com, co-chairs of the HOH Peace & Justice Committee.

Week Beginning December 10, 2023

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. Social Hour, Cloister Gallery
11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

Monday, December 11, 2023

11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
5:15 p.m. Peace and Justice Committee Meeting, Kirby Lounge
5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Janice Dickinson's/Zoom
6 p.m. AA, Sanctuary
6 p.m. Al-Anon, Library

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
4 p.m. Choir School Voice, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Library/Zoom
7 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday December 13, 2023

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Library/Zoom
11 a.m. Didier Seminar Committee Meeting, Kirby Lounge
4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals and Dinner, Assembly Room/Sanctuary
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 14, 2023

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Budget Committee, Zoom

Friday, December 15, 2023

8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
6 p.m. Tweens Event. SkyZone

Saturday, December 16, 2023

6 p.m. Youth Party, Skylight Room

Sunday, December 17, 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. Children's Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary

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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.

Carillonneur 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, Senior Associate Pastor
for Spiritual Life and Care
- Rev. Phillip J. Romine, Transitional Associate Pastor
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The House of Hope
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