

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“For both rich and poor, Mary’s song is good news. Though the reversal of power might seem fearful to some, perhaps we can imagine that in Mary’s prophesy lies a better way of life. The coming of the Messiah means we are no longer ruled by the things that so readily divide. We are free to become children of God, and thus kin to one another. We are invited to live into the promise now.” - Katie Hines-Shah

Third Sunday of Advent | December 17, 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 TODAY, Sunday, December 17.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
In Dulci Jubilo
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach
Johann Michael Bach

Introit

He is Coming Soon
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

+ Processional Hymn 49

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Choral Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

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 third candle, the candle of joy, and in this time of waiting, we dare to express our joy even in the midst of our fear and uncertainty. 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness
David Lower, Tenor

William McKie

We wait for thy loving kindness,
O God: In the midst of thy temple. Alleluia, Alleluia.
O God, according to thy Name,
So is thy praise unto the world's end.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluia, Alleluia.
We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: In the midst of thy temple.
O Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (OT, pp. 691-692 in pew Bible)

Katie Anderson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Sans Day Carol
Cantamus Quartet, Sofia Ardalan, Director; Timothy Short, Piano

English Carol, arr. Stroope

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus who was wrapped up in silk:
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,
And Mary bore Jesus who died for us all:
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry as blood it is red,
Then trust we our Savior who rose from the dead.
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

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

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

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mary's Song

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 16

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

+ **Affirmation of Faith** — Adapted from the *PC(USA) Declaration of Faith* Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with God's people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, God's just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Creator, Christ, and Spirit. That story is still unfolding, and in faith, we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

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

The Best of Rooms

Gerald Near

Christ, he requires still,
 Where so ever he comes
 to feed or lodge,
 to have the best of rooms.

Give him the choice;
 Grant him the nobler part
 of all the house:
 the best of all's the heart.

-Robert Herrick

+ 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 22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

+ Benediction

Postlude

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 or by using this link:**
<https://bit.ly/HOHALanPage>



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 lower right predella of the John the Baptist window on the west side of the sanctuary. The scene is depicting Mary, expecting the birth of Jesus, visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was expecting the birth of John. Photo credit: Dick Crone.

Once in Royal David's City

49

IRBY 8.7.8.7.7

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848; alt.

Henry John Gauntlett, 1849
Harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and
 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by day like
 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re -

cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by
 Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble,
 us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak and help - less,
 deem - ing love, For that Child so dear and gen - tle.

In a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry was that moth - er
 And His cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, op - pressed, and
 Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feels for all our
 Is our Lord in heaven a - bove; And He leads His chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 on To the place where He is gone.

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came 16

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE 10.10.12.10

Basque carol

Para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Arr. by Edgar Pettman and John Wickham

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2. "For know a bless - ed moth - er you shall be, All
 3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, "To
 4. Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born In

wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
 gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, Your
 me be as it pleas - es God," she said, "My
 Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And

hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,"
 Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told." Most
 soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:

high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!

CHRISTMAS

22 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

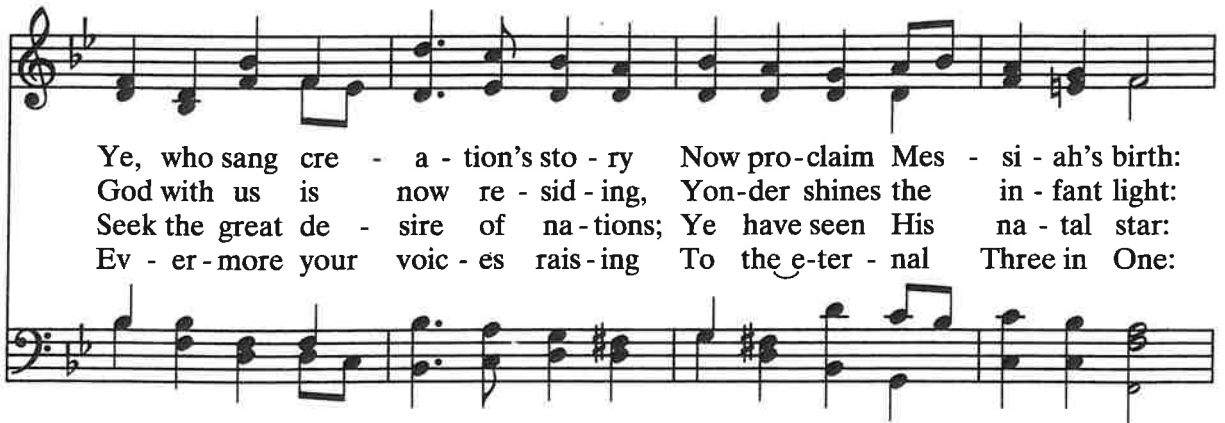
Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

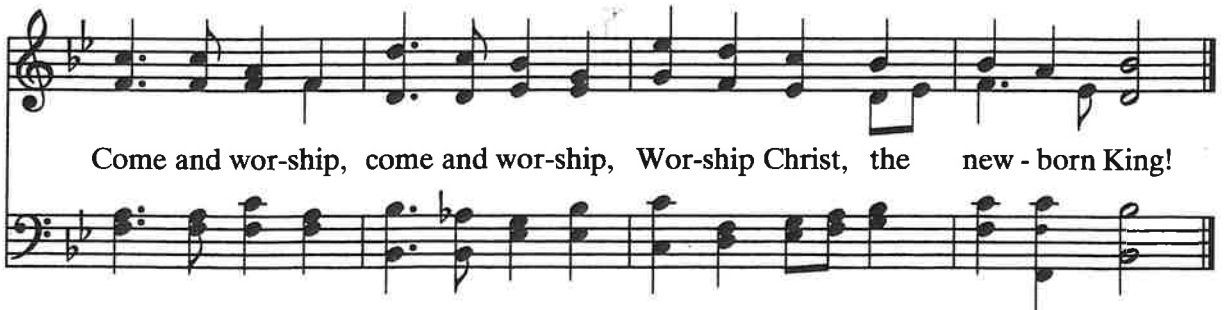
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla - tions, Bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry Now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, Yon-der shines the in - fant light:
Seek the great de - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen His na - tal star:
Ev - er-more your voic - es rais - ing To the e - ter - nal Three in One:



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new - born King!



News & Opportunities

December 17 - 24, 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.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Pre-Worship Gathering

9:40 a.m. in the Skylight Room



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

Join us in the sanctuary after worship as our children share the story of the birth of Jesus.

Upcoming

Volunteer for Loaves and Fishes

Monday, December 18 | 2:45-6:30 p.m.

Help set up, cook, serve, and clean up after meals at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Saint Paul. Meal preparation begins at 2:45 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. the meal serving crew begins packaging the meals for distribution, and clean up should be completed by 6:30 p.m. Contact Norma Herther 651-493-0752 or Kevin Loney 612-356-7203 for more information or to volunteer.

STEWARDSHIP 2024 — Abundant Hope.

To date, 172 individuals and families have made a 2024 financial pledge to the church for a total of \$764,840 — over 56% 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.

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

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 17, 2023

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

Monday, December 18, 2023

11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
2:45 p.m. Loaves and Fishes, St. Matthew's Catholic Church
6 p.m. AA, Sanctuary
6 p.m. Al-Anon, Library

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
1 p.m. Tableaux Set-up Step 1
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Assembly Room

Wednesday December 20, 2023

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Library/Zoom
1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
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 21, 2023

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
10 a.m. Library Committee, Library
1 p.m. Tableaux Set-up Step 2
5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Sanctuary

Friday, December 22, 2023

9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom

Saturday, December 23, 2023

4 p.m. Nursery, Assembly Room
5:30 p.m. Tableaux Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 24, 2023

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
4 p.m. Nursery, Assembly Room
5 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
7 p.m. Candlelight Service, 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

(No Nursery or Sunday School at the 10 a.m. service)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Carillon Recitals
by David Johnson and 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 both 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 Nursery or 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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