

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Anything worth thinking about is worth singing about."

-Bob Dylan

First Sunday of Christmas | December 31, 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.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Worship:** Children are invited to join their families in the Sanctuary for worship.
 - 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.)
- **Nursing:** At House of Hope, parents are welcome to nurse their children wherever they feel comfortable.

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, January 1.

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

7 a.m. Tuesday Men's Breakfast Group, Day by Day/Zoom

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

9 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Zoom only
1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom

Thursday, January 4, 2024

10 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast Group, Day by Day/Zoom

Friday, January 5, 2024

8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
9:30 a.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom

Sunday, January 7, 2024

9:45 a.m. Youth Pre-Worship Gathering
9:45 a.m. Nursery, Assembly Room
10 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Assembly Room
11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Youth Parent Group Lunch, offsite

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Still, Still, Still
Silent Night

The Bells of Hope, Timothy Short, Director; Rhonda Grobe, Harp

Timothy Waugh
Betty Garee

+ Opening Hymn 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Aaron David Miller, Organist

MENDELSSOHN

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**Healer of the Nations, in sovereign love you created the world good,
making everyone equally in your image, to live as one community.**

But we have rebelled against you. We have turned away from your presence.

**We have ignored your commandments by diminishing the image of God
in others and ourselves.**

**We have accepted lies as truth, exploited neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to ourselves and our planet.**

Ancient of Days, come to us, here and now, in our quiet search for your truth.

(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.**

+ Sung Response: Hymn 23 (Verse 1)

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high,

Sweetly singing o'er the plains,

And the mountains in reply

Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Welcome and Announcements

Bell Anthem

Pastoral on *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Dale Wood

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Sherwood Pomeroy

Psalm 148 (OT, pp. 582-583 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Time for Children

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

Second Lesson

Luke 2:22-40 (NT, p. 59 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Old Tune, New Words

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 458

Earth and All Stars

DEXTER

+ Affirmation of Faith — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people

to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs

to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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 Bell Anthem

What is This Lovely Fragrance

Timothy Waugh

+ 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

+ Closing Hymn 28

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

+ Benediction

Postlude

Sing We Now of Christmas

Kevin McChesney

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 Handbell programs at the House of Hope:

The Bells of Hope, now ringing for 44 years, is the second oldest musical ensemble at the House of Hope. The ensemble rehearses weekly and is comprised of congregants and community friends. This is the ensemble's fifth *Carols for Handbells and Harp* and their association with harpist, Rhonda Grobe. The Bells of Hope offer monthly musical offerings for worship. In addition, the ringers periodically collaborate with instrumentalists and vocalists as an extension to their repertoire, and for the purpose of expanding the art of handbell ringing. The ensemble participates throughout the year with Music in Mission projects in partnership with Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church and Keystone Community Services.

Sacred Bells is a newly formed bell ensemble which was designed for interested ringers (with or without ringing experience; congregants or community) who cannot commit to a weekly rehearsal schedule. Sacred Bells ring 4-5 times annually in worship to support hymn-singing or as a complement to prayer.

Anyone interested in learning more about bell ringing or becoming involved in a handbell choir, contact Tim Short, music associate: TimS@hohchurch.org

A special thank you to our neighbor congregations, Randolph Heights Presbyterian, St. Clement's Episcopal, Central Lutheran, and Good Shepherd Catholic for loaning handbells used in today's service.

Upcoming Sunday Enrichment Hours | 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary:

January 7: Retired Justice Paul Anderson will give an update on the Minnesota State Capitol, its history, the results of its renovation, the significance of its art and architecture, and it's continuing iconic status as a symbol of our democracy.

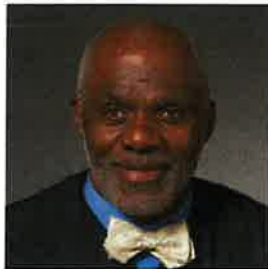
January 21: A Return to the Parlour Celebration. Join us in the Kirk Parlour for a special social hour to celebrate being able to use our gathering space following the HVAC and electrical upgrades. Aaron Miller will provide some musical entertainment.

January 28: *Being Mortal*, continuing the conversation. Please join us again for a time of conversation and reflection about the challenges of aging and death. House of Hope member Kathi Koehn, RN, will join us as we continue the conversation we started last January using Atul Gawande's book *Being Mortal*. There will be time for questions and conversation following the presentation.



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.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7 D with refrain

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King.
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 *3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
 Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man-u - el.
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec-ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Earth and All Stars

458

DEXTER 4.5.7 D with refrain

Herbert Frederick Brokering, 1964

David N. Johnson, 1968

Ab Cm Bbm Ab Fm Eb Bb Eb Fm Db

1. Earth and all stars, Loud rush - ing plan - ets Sing to the
 2. Steel and ma - chines, Loud pound - ing ham - mers Sing to the
 3. Class - rooms and labs, Loud boil - ing test tubes Sing to the
 4. Knowl - edge and truth, Loud sound - ing wis - dom Sing to the

Ab Bbm Fm Eb Db Eb Ab Eb Db Ab Eb Cm Fm Ab Bb Eb

Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain, Loud blow - ing snow - storm
 Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams, Loud build - ing work - ers
 Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band, Loud cheer - ing peo - ple
 Lord a new song! Daugh - ter and son, Loud pray - ing mem - bers

Fm Fm Db Cm Bbm Fm Eb Db Eb Ab Eb

Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

Eb Ab Db Ab Db Ab Eb Ab Fm Db Ab Fm Bbm Eb Ab

mar - vel - ous things. We will sing prais - es with a new song!

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.7.8.5.5

Medieval Latin

Trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.

German folk tune, 14th century
Harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953

1. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
2. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all To gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



Drawing by John A. Goodding

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church

797 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105
 (651) 227-6311 | hohchurch.org



Clergy

- 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 for Faith Formation and Lifelong Learning



The House of Hope Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Church.

Program, Administrative, and Facility Staff

- Sofia Ardalan, Choir School Director SofiaA@hohchurch.org
- Shelley Baumgart, Facility Lead ShelleyB@hohchurch.org
- Jim Brzezinski, Facility Manager..... JimB@hohchurch.org
- Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster MatthewC@hohchurch.org
- Janice Dickinson, Wedding Coordinator..... hoh@hohchurch.org
- Michelle Freyholtz, Director of Administration..... MichelleF@hohchurch.org
- David Goudzwaard-Vaught, Executive Assistant DavidGV@hohchurch.org
- Jimmy Hoke, Director of Children and Family Ministry JimmyH@hohchurch.org
- Malinda Johnson, Communications Coordinator MalindaJ@hohchurch.org
- Elsa Kendig, Director of Youth and Family Ministry ElsaK@hohchurch.org
- Aaron David Miller, Director of Music/Organist AaronM@hohchurch.org
- Mark Schwister, Administrative Assistant MarkS@hohchurch.org
- Timothy Short, Music Associate, Carillonist TimS@hohchurch.org
- Julie Stanley, Facility Staff..... JulieS@hohchurch.org
- Michelle Theisen, Facility Staff MichelleT@hohchurch.org