

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"In the New Testament, Jesus repeatedly exercises his own special power of authority through love. With no political clout, no military at his command, no particular social prestige, and no wealth to his name, he reserves the authority of power for special occasions. We do not see him positioning himself to make others do what he commands. Instead, other people have to want the life he proposes."  
- Peter W. Marty

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | January 28, 2024 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 **Kirk Parlour** 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.

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## **Upcoming Sunday Events and Enrichment Hours | 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary:**

**January 28: *Being Mortal, Continuing the Conversation.*** Please join us after the HOH Annual Meeting 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, February 4: Director of Children and Family Ministry Dr. Jimmy Hoke.** Curious to learn more about Dr. Jimmy Hoke, their work teaching Biblical Studies, and how they approach faith formation with House of Hope's children and families? Stay for an interactive Adult Enrichment hour to get a peek into our Sunday School classrooms, some changes we are making in our approach to education and worship for children and families, and how everyone in the congregation can learn together by reading the Bible with a childish curiosity!

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

Two Little Preludes and Fugues, BWV 553  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

### Introit

*Give Ear, O Lord*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

### + Processional Hymn 229

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

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### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. J. Michael Anderson

**You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you.  
Forgive us when we fail; open our hearts and minds to your teachings.  
You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ,  
but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends.  
You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit,  
but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God.  
You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise,  
but we consider no creatures but ourselves and wound your earth by our sin.  
Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness,  
show us how to share it with one another.**

*(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



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

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### First Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 (OT, p. 174 in pew Bible)

Ann Geery

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Anthem

*Come Ye that Love the Lord*

Alice Parker (1925-2023)

Come, ye that love the Lord and let your love be known;  
Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

The sorrows of the mind be banished from this place;  
religion never was designed to make our pleasures less.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but favorites of the heavenly king may speak their joys abroad.

#### 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 out with their guardians to the Narthex to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School.*

#### Second Lesson

Mark 1:21-28 (NT, p. 35 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

*The Secret of Authority*

### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

#### + Hymn 454

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

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

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving all people.  
The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer  
is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

### **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**

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

Alice Parker

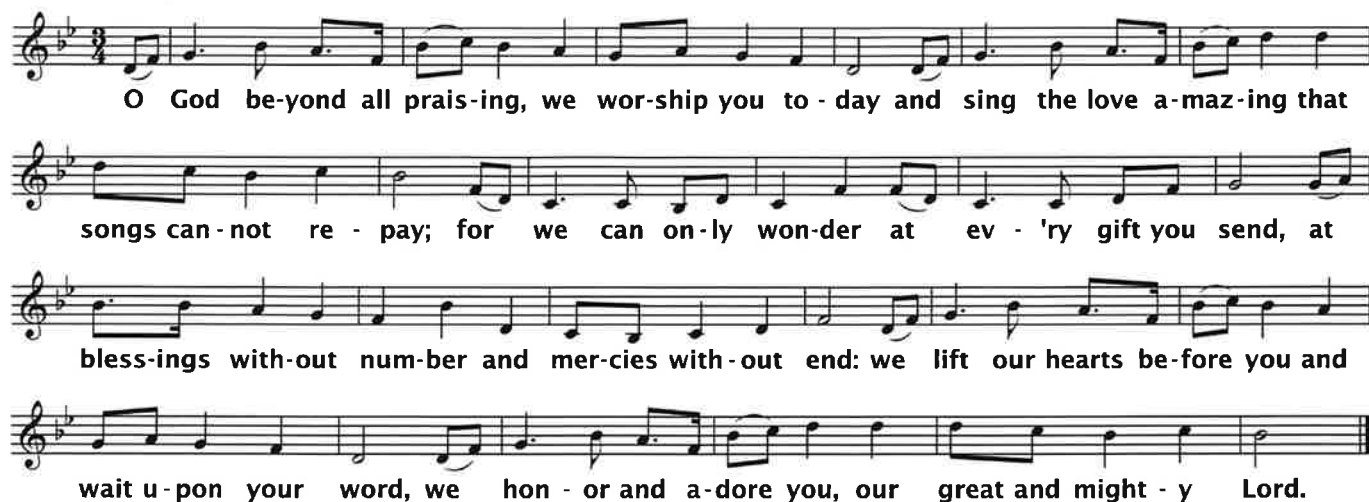
Come, O Thou Traveler unknown,  
Whom still I hold, but cannot see;  
My company before is gone,  
And I am left alone with Thee;  
With Thee all night I mean to stay,  
And wrestle till the break of day.

In vain Thou strugglest to get free;  
I never will unloose my hold.  
Art thou the Man that died for me?  
The secret of Thy love unfold:  
Wrestling, I will not let Thee go,  
Till I Thy name, Thy nature know.

Yield to me now, for I am weak,  
But confident in self-despair;  
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak,  
Be conquered by my instant prayer.  
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move,  
And tell me if Thy name is Love!

'Tis Love, 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me!  
I hear Thy whisper in my heart!  
The morning breaks, the shadows flee;  
Pure universal Love Thou art:  
To me, to all, Thy mercies move;  
Thy nature and Thy name is Love.

### + 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 416

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

### + Benediction

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

### Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

**The Communion Table Flowers** are given in loving memory of Dr. Benjamin S. and Margaret Pomeroy, and Benjamin A. Pomeroy.

**The Pulpit Table Flowers** are given in loving memory of Delmar E. Bowers and Tom Bowers.

**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.

**Cover Art:** The Rose Window from the Elizabeth Chapel. Photo credit: Dick Crone.



The Session of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church has called the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation for today, Sunday, January 28**, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to approve clergy terms of call for Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson.



## SUNDAY SERIES

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



### **Community Sing with The Singers**

#### ***The Justice Choir Songbook***

**TODAY, 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.



### **Heather Cox Richardson**

**Sunday, March 10 | 2 p.m.**

***Registration for this event will open on February 1 at:***

<https://bit.ly/HOHHeatherCoxRichardson>

Heather Cox Richardson is Professor of History at Boston College and an expert on American political and economic history. She is the author of seven books on American politics. Her most recent book is *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*.

Heather is a leading #Twitterstorian, explaining the historical background of modern political issues through Twitter threads, the co-editor of *We're History*, a web magazine of popular history, and the author of *Letters from an American*, a chronicle of American politics.

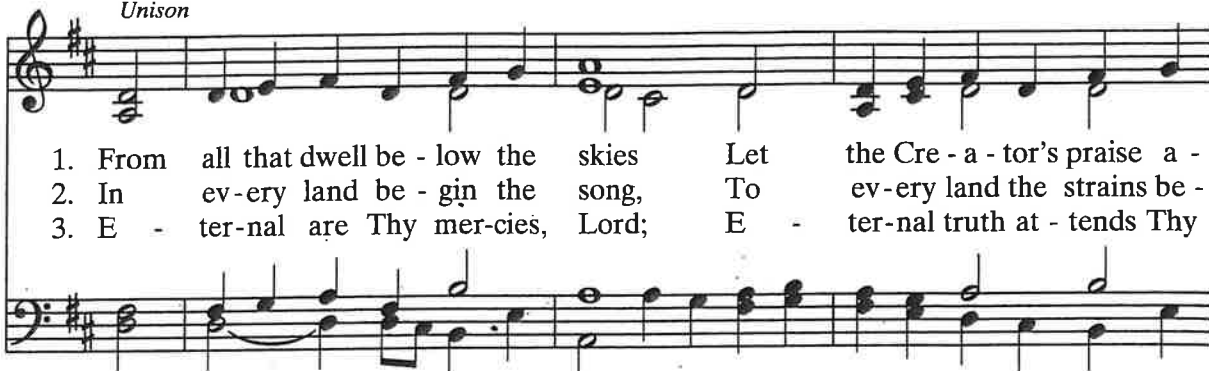
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*Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.*  
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Isaac Watts, 1719

*Unison*



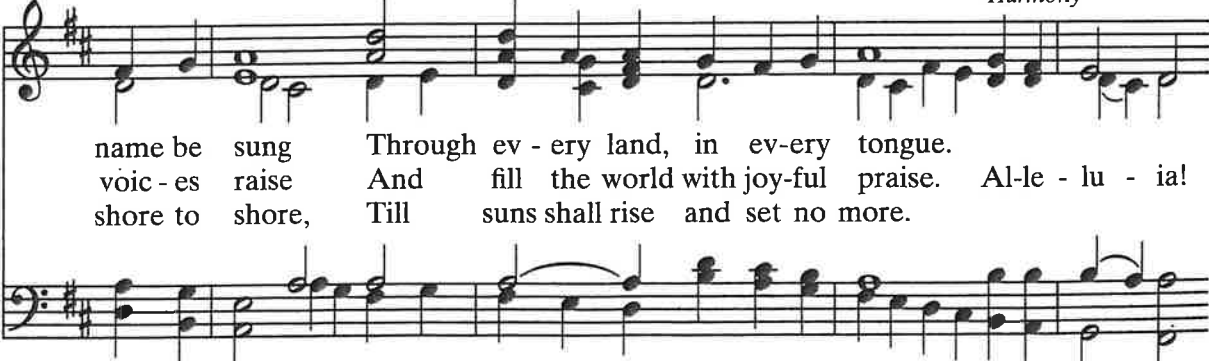
1. From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -  
2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song, To ev - ery land the strains be -  
3. E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at - tends Thy

*Harmony* *Unison*



rise: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's  
long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all  
word: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thy praise shall sound from

*Harmony*



name be sung Through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.  
voic - es raise And fill the world with joy - ful praise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

*Unison*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



# Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt. 1972

Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664

Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); alt.

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your word We are gath - ered  
2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3. Glo - rious Lord, Your - self im - part! Light of light, from

all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed, Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our ears and heart,

Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teach - ings  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing; Hear the cry that

true and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us, You must work all good with - in us.  
we are rais - ing; Hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.7

7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.



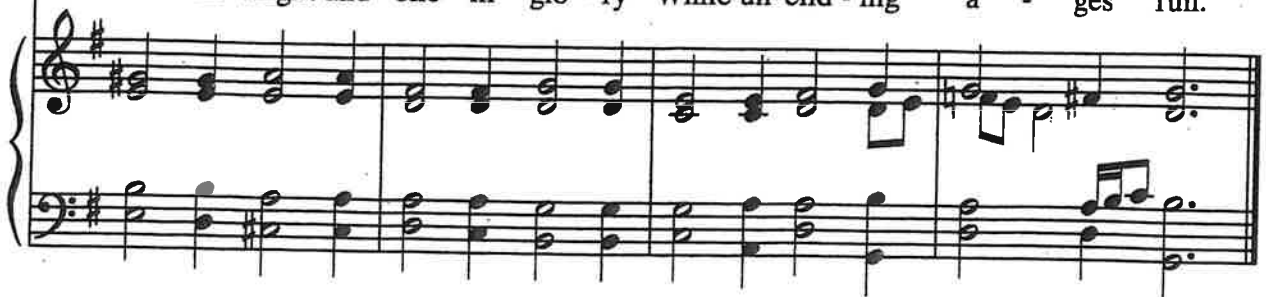
1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
2. To this tem-ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;
3. Here be-stow on all Your ser-vants What they ask of You to gain,
4. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, Laud and hon-or to the Son,



Cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, Bind-ing all the church in one;  
 With Your wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness Hear Your peo-ple as they pray,  
 What they gain from You for-ev-er With the bless-ed to re-tain,  
 Laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, Ev-er three and ev-er one;



Ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, And our con-fi-dence a-lone.  
 And Your full-est ben-e-dic-tion Shed with-in its walls al-way.  
 And here-af-ter in Your glo-ry Ev-er-more with You to reign.  
 One in might and one in glo-ry While un-end-ing a-ges run.





# News & Opportunities

January 28 - February 4, 2024

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: [JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org)

Nursery-Preschool | 9:45 a.m. Nursery Room  
Elementary Sunday Schl. | 10:10 a.m. Room 4 & 7

**February + March Sunday School Teachers & Helpers.** We are in need for volunteer helpers on Sundays. Moving back to the East Wing (hooray!), we have space to create a classes for pre-K - grade 2 and grades 3-5. Please sign up to help—I am creating an easy-to-implement curriculum that will also help teachers and helpers feel equipped to discuss faith with our kiddos! [JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org)

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: [ElsaK@hohchurch.org](mailto:ElsaK@hohchurch.org)

**Winter Retreat | Clearwater Forest**  
Friday, January 26 | 6 p.m.

### Upcoming

## Mardi Gras Celebration and Chili Cook-Off Sunday, February 11

Join us in the Great Hall for a Mardi Gras celebration after worship. This multi-generational event is filled with fun, fellowship, and delicious chili. Everyone is welcome. Suggested donation is \$5. One talented chef will win a prize!

**Chili Cook-Off Submission: Sign-up by Monday, February 6 at <https://bit.ly/HOHChili2024>  
Spaces are limited.**

Bring your favorite chili in a slow-cooker. Label your submission and note vegetarian or not. To learn more, email Phil Romine at [PhillipR@hohchurch.org](mailto:PhillipR@hohchurch.org).

## MACALESTER SUNDAY

**February 4 | 10 a.m.** Celebrating House of Hope's connection to Macalester College. Joined by: College Chaplain Rev. Kelly J. Stone, Macalester Bagpipe and Drum Ensemble, and the Macalester College Concert Choir led by Michael McGaghie. Come enjoy shortbread provided by the college.

**Nominating Committee 2024.** Nomination forms are available for open positions on our Deacons, Trustees, and Session boards. *The Nominating Committee asks you to prayerfully consider the strengths of your fellow congregants and nominate people you think would be good additions to our church leadership.* You may nominate yourself. Please ask individuals you'd like to nominate for permission to submit their name. The **Congregational Meeting to approve the slate will be on Sunday, May 5, 2024.**

Use the online form on the church website at [hohchurch.org](http://hohchurch.org) under *Things to Know*. Paper versions of the form are available at the church kiosks. *The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 8, 2024.* If you have any questions, please contact Nominating Chair Lynn Stein: [lynnstein@gmail.com](mailto:lynnstein@gmail.com).

**Sign Up for HOH's Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, February 27**  
**Dining Rooms A and B | 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Register to donate: [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give) and enter Sponsor Code: *houseofhope* or call the church office. Contact Deb James at [dsjames96@gmail.com](mailto:dsjames96@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer.

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



The House of Hope Choir School offers exceptional musical experiences and education to all. Registration for choir ensembles for Grades 2-12 is open now! **Look for adult group classes this spring!**

New singers of all ages can register online at: <https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration> or email Choir School Director Sofia Ardalan at [SofiaA@hohchurch.org](mailto:SofiaA@hohchurch.org) for more information or to be added to a wait list for Alleluia Choir or voice lessons.

## Week Beginning January 28, 2024

### Sunday, January 28, 2024

- 9:45 a.m. Nursery, Nursery Room
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 4 and 7
- 11 a.m. Annual Meeting, Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Chapel
- 2 p.m. Sunday Series: Community Sing, Sanctuary

### Monday, January 29, 2024

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Linda Lane's Home/Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 11

### Tuesday, January 30, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 3:30 p.m. Choir School Voice, Choir School Room

### Wednesday, January 31, 2024

- 7 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Rm
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation, Youth Room
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5

### Thursday, February 1, 2024

- 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/Cloister Gallery

### Friday, February 2, 2024

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 10 a.m. Developing for the Future Committee Meeting, Room 1

### Macalester Sunday, February 4, 2024

- 9:40 a.m. Youth Gathering, Youth Room
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery, Nursery Room
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 4 and 7
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed, TBD/Zoom
- 11:15 a.m. Youth Ed Hour, Youth Room
- 11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15

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For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org).



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### 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  
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