

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Epiphanies come to us in all shapes and sizes: angels, stars, babies, water. They come in all sorts of moments: ordinary, simple, humble...sometimes, unexpected, and bright. They come to us to show us how we might be changed deeply; they come to show us another road.” - Mihee Kim Court

Baptism of the Lord | January 7, 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 **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.

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

**TODAY, 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 its 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.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Morning Star"  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

James Proctor Harding

### Introit

*Deo Gracias*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

William Byrd

### + Processional Hymn 63

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

DIX

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

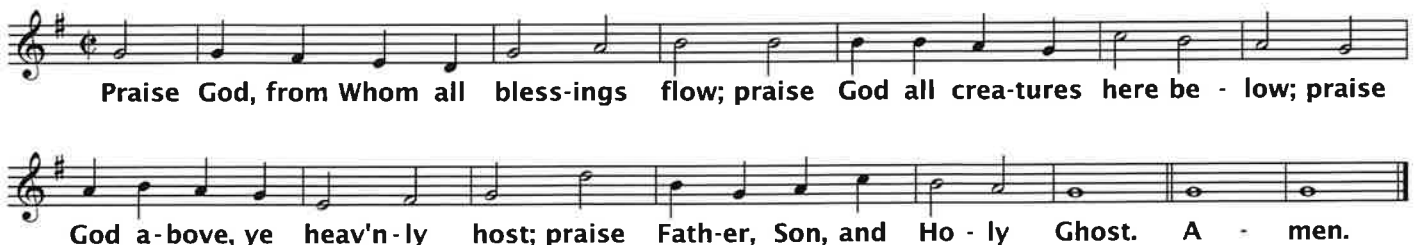
**God of wonder, God of night, you are holy light in dark places;  
you are holy darkness when all is too bright. Forgive us, O God,  
when we turn away from your light: when we follow our own ambitions  
instead of your call, when we respond to your presence with fear rather than joy.  
Forgive us, O God, when we do not comprehend the depth of your Christmas love,  
the meaning of your powerful story, or the call you place on each of our lives.  
Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, empower us to follow the star once  
more. (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

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### Anthem

*No Small Wonder*

Paul Edwards

Small wonder the star, small wonder the light,  
The angels in chorus, the shepherds in fright;  
But stable and manger for God – no small wonder!

Small wonder the kings, small wonder they bore  
The gold and the incense, the myrrh to adore;  
But God gives his life on a cross – no small wonder!

Small wonder the love, small wonder the grace,  
The power, the glory, the light of his face;  
But all to redeem my poor heart – no small wonder!

### 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 2:1-12 (NT, p. 36 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*Astrologers Among Us*

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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### + Hymn 67

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

MORNING STAR

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**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.**

**Offering** — There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates are available at the sanctuary doors.
- **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**

*Grant Us Thy Peace*

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us thy peace, almighty Lord,  
Thou source of every blessing!  
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word,  
All things in Thee possessing.  
In Thee is our hope and safety.

## **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: It is truly right and our greatest joy... 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:

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ **Recessional Hymn 29**  
*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

+ **Benediction**

**Postlude**

Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

J. S. Bach

**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.

**Cover Art:** This depiction is from the bottom center predella of the John the Baptist window on the west side of the sanctuary. In this depiction John baptizes Jesus in the River Jordan. Photo credit: Dick Crone.



## 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. **Register on our website under "Things to Know". Registration closes on Friday, January 12.**



### **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.

Am Dm Gm C C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

praise to the Spir - it And praise to Christ Je - sus our King.

♩=112-120

## As with Gladness Men of Old

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DIX 7.7.7.7

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1858

Conrad Kocher, 1838  
 Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861  
 Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be - hold;  
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly man-ger bed,  
 3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare;  
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day Keep us in the nar - row way;

As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
 There to bend the knee be - fore Him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
 So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure, and free from sin's al - loy,  
 And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last

So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er-more be led to Thee.  
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.  
 All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heaven-ly King.  
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.



## 67 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

MORNING STAR 11.10.11.10

Reginald Heber, 1811; alt.

James Proctor Harding, 1892

1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2. Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
 3. Shall we then yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 O - dors of E - dom and of - ferings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure;

Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all!  
 Myrrh from the for - est, or gold from the mine?  
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.\*

\*Repeat stanza 1.

## Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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GO TELL IT 7.6.7.6 with refrain

African-American spiritual  
Arr. John W. Work III, 1940

Stanzas, John W. Work II (1872-1925)

Harm. and adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987

*Refrain*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain O-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

*Fine*

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo! a - bove the earth,  
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

*D.C.*

Be - hold through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.



# News & Opportunities

January 7 - 14, 2024

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

### *In the Assembly Room:*

Nursery-Preschool | 9:45 a.m. Assembly Room

Elementary Sunday Schl. | 10:10 a.m. Assembly Rm.

### **Tween Event: Movie Night at House of Hope**

Friday, January 12 | Tween Room, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Adult volunteers are needed. No experience necessary.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

### **Pre-Worship Gathering**

9:40 a.m. in the Skylight Room

### **Parent Group Lunch: Sunday, January 7, Offsite**

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Youth Education Hour: Sundays, January 7 and 21**  
Skylight Room | 11:15 a.m.

**Sunday Night Youth Group: Sunday, January 14**  
Room 1 | 6-8 p.m.

**Confirmation: Wednesdays, January 10, 17, and 24**  
Youth Room | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

### Upcoming

**Sunday-Weekday Connections with Marybeth Dorn. Tuesday, January 23 | Kirk Parlour 5:30 p.m.** Join fellow women of the church to hear Marybeth Dorn talk about her early religious training and experiences and how they influenced her life; her education and work as a social worker and then a lawyer and judge; and a few glimpses into her experiences as a wife and mother. Register at: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

### **STEWARDSHIP 2024 — Abundant Hope.**

To date, 199 individuals and families have made a 2024 financial pledge to the church for a total of \$852,820 — over 63% 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](http://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:**

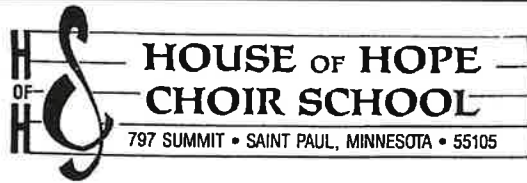
**January 8 - 10: Closed for set-up; open for AA and AI Anon**

**January 11: Open**

### **New Member Class | Sunday, January 14**

**Room 1 | 11: 15 a.m.** Interested in membership or want to know more about HOH? Please join us!

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 individual lessons and choir ensembles is open now! **Look for adult group classes this spring!**

New singers of all ages can register online at:

[www.hohchurch.org/choir-school](http://www.hohchurch.org/choir-school) or email Choir School Director Sofia Ardan at [SofiaA@hohchurch.org](mailto:SofiaA@hohchurch.org) for more information.

### 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.

## Week Beginning January 7, 2024

### Sunday, January 7, 2024

9 a.m. Motet Choir, Kirby Lounge  
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. Youth Parent Group Lunch, Offsite  
11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Sanctuary

### Monday, January 8, 2024

The Office and Building is closed.  
11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom  
5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Zoom  
5:15 p.m. Peace and Justice Committee, Zoom  
6 p.m. AA, Sanctuary  
6 p.m. Al-Anon, Library

### Tuesday, January 9, 2024

The Office and Building is closed.  
7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Zoom  
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting, Zoom  
7 p.m. Personnel Committee, Zoom

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

The Office and Building is closed.  
7 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Zoom  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation, Youth Room  
7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room/  
Sanctuary

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

The Office and Building is Closed.  
7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Sanctuary/  
Cloister Gallery  
5:30 p.m. Budget Committee, Zoom

### Friday, January 12, 2024

The Office and Building is closed.  
8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom  
9 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Zoom  
9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom  
5:30pm Tween Event, Tween Room

### Saturday, January 13, 2024

9 a.m. Officer Retreat, Assembly Room

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

9:40 a.m. Youth Gathering, Skylight Room  
9:45 a.m. Nursery, TBD  
10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School, TBD  
11 a.m. Social Hour, Cloister Gallery  
11:15 a.m. New Member Class, Room 1  
11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Sanctuary  
2 p.m. Sunday Series with Justice Alan Page,  
Sanctuary  
6 p.m. Youth Group, Room 1

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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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