

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"So at the end of this day, we give thanks
For being betrothed to the unknown."

- John O'Donohue

Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 22, 2024 10 a.m.

Welcome!

We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.

Our open and affirming, caring active community welcomes people of all ages & backgrounds.

House of Hope Mission Statement:

Building a loving community for all, House of Hope shares God's grace and presence through music, the arts, reflection, and action. Come join us as we walk through life together.

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, served outside the Kirk Parlour following the service.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Sunday School:** Following the Children's Blessing, children may leave the service to engage in faith formation with adult leaders to the East Wing for Sunday School. Caregivers should pick their children up from the East Wing.
- **Worship:** Children may also engage their faith by remaining in the service.
- **Worship bags** are available in the Narthex with age-appropriate materials to help kids focus as they worship alongside their families. You can ask an usher to help you find the best bag for you!
- A **Wiggle Space** for children needing a little more scope to move is available in the sanctuary entrance way during the service. There are books and toys there for your use. Feel free to come in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.
- A variety of **children's Bibles** are located in the church pews.
- Our **Nursery** is open for infants – toddlers. A parent/guardian must sign children in and out of the nursery. Bring a photo ID with you.
- **Nursing:** At House of Hope, parents are welcome to nurse their children wherever they feel comfortable. Feel free to ask an usher if you would feel more comfortable in a more private area.
- **Need help?** Ask an usher or Children and Family Ministry staff any time!



Christmas Carol Sing-Along - TODAY

Kirk Parlour | 11:15 a.m.

Led by Phil and Lynda Jorgenson, with Linda Smith on the piano.



THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Noel X
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Louis-Claude Daquin

Introit

Jubilate Deo
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

+ Processional Hymn 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Advent Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

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 fourth candle, the candle of love, knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God. There is no power greater than love, and we can dare to love because God first loved us. Amen.

Sung Response

Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo-ple free;
From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

arr. Aaron David Miller

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ.

Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But only His Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give Him, —
Give my heart.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Ann Geery

Luke 1:39-45 (NT, p. 57 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Maria Wiegenlied

Max Reger

Cantamus Trio, Jessica Bandelin, Conductor; Timothy Short, Piano

Maria sitzt im Rosenhag
Und wiegt ihr Jesuskind,
Durch die Blätter leise
Weht der warme Sommerwind.
Zu ihren Füßen singt
Ein buntes Vögelein:
Schlaf, Kindlein, süße,
Schlaf nun ein!

*Maria sits amid the roses
and rocks her Jesus-child
While amid the treetops
sighs the breeze so warm and mild
At her feet sings
a brightly colorful little bird.
Sleep, Baby, Sweet one,
slumber now.*

Hold ist dein Lächeln,
Holder deines Schlummers Lust,
Leg dein müdes Köpfchen
Fest an deiner Mutter Brust!
Schlaf, Kindlein, süße,
Schlaf nun ein!

*Happy is thy laughter,
holy is thy silent rest
Lay down Thy tired head,
fondly on Thy mother's breast.
Sleep, Baby, Sweet one,
slumber now.*

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 Children's Blessing, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk with staff and volunteers to the Narthex to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School.

Second Lesson

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

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Becoming Wild Inside

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 16

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

+ Affirmation of Faith — *Disciple's Prayer* from *Enfleshed*, Rev. M.J. Kaiser Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Mother of us all, who dwells within and beyond, Sacred is your name.

May your holy vision for collective flourishing come to fruition among us.

May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection be enfleshed on earth.

Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart.

Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us.

Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil.

For you are the ultimate source of hope. Your power-with exceeds all power-over.

Your presence incites eternal wonder. All praise to you, our comfort and strength.

Amen.

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

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

arr. Matthew Culloton

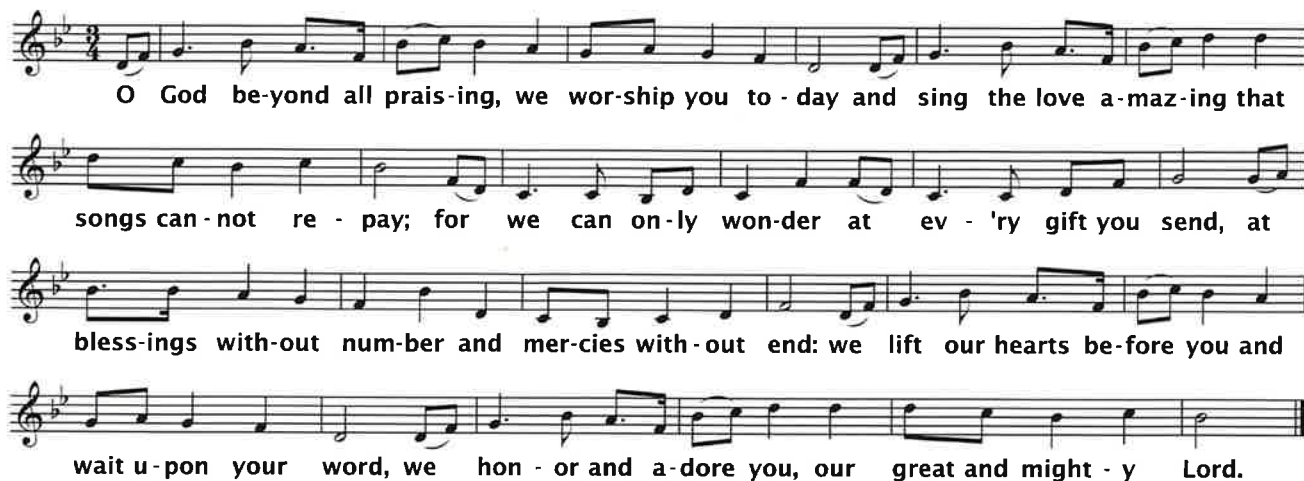
(commissioned in 2016 by Gordon and Dorothea Anderson)

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heaven's all-gracious King" –
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on
By prophet seers foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When Peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

+ 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

Toccata

Théodore Dubois

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.

The Communion Table flowers are given in loving memory of Delmar E. Bowers.

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.

Angels We Have Heard on High

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French carol

GLORIA 7.7.7.7 with refrain

French carol

Trans. James Chadwick (1813-1882); alt.

Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth-lè - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.


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!

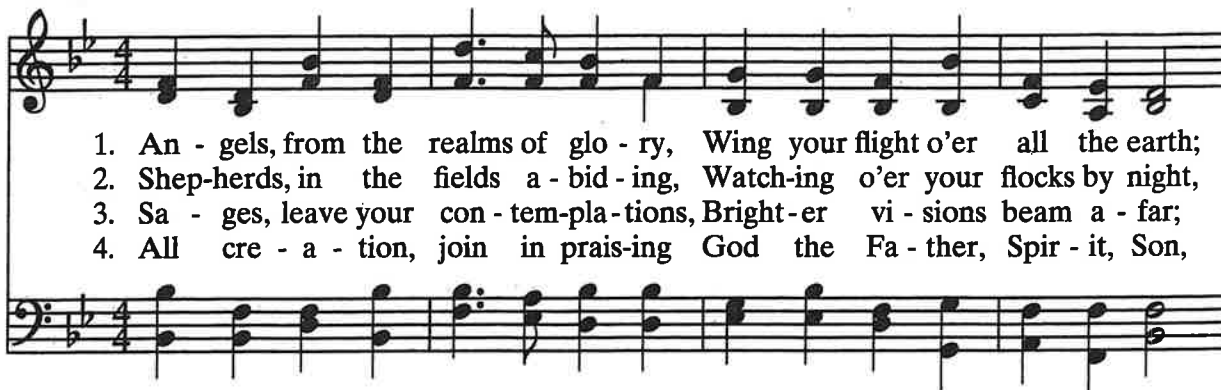
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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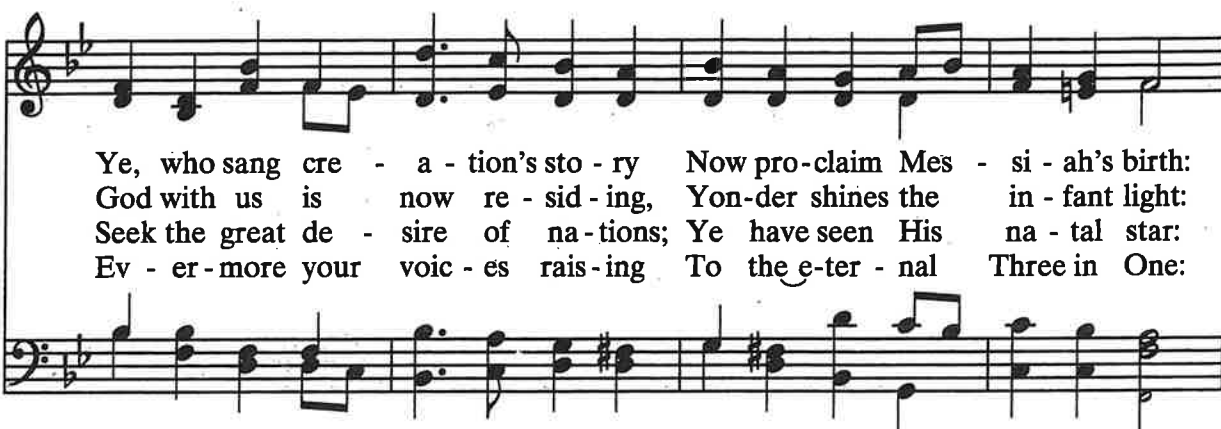
Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

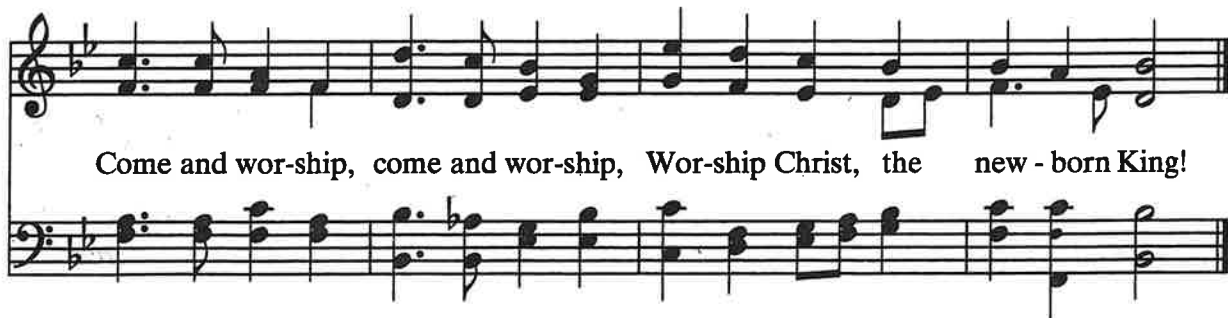
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



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!

December 22 – 29, 2024

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8
Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. | Rooms 2 & 4

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Upcoming January Enrichments:

Scotland Pilgrimage Highlights

Sunday, January 5 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

In his poem "Twice Blessed," David Whyte wrote these words, "... And I allowed myself to be astonished by the great everywhere calling to me like an old and unspoken invitation ...". Twenty-seven members and friends of House of Hope answered that calling by traveling together through Scotland in September. We look forward to sharing our journey with the congregation following the worship service.

Capturing Your Family Stories with Brenda Hudson

Sunday, January 12 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

Family stories help us understand who we are, where we've come from, and where we're going. Sharing our stories also strengthens family bonds across generations and remind us that we will be remembered. In this interactive presentation, author and teacher Brenda Hudson will show you how to quickly and easily capture your family stories using her "story project" method. She'll share three principles for effective storytelling so even reluctant writers can have fun gathering their stories. Come prepared to write as Brenda will guide you through a quick story project or two! Brenda is author of Story by Story, 15 Project to Write Your Family Legacy.

Make a Year-End Gift to our Capital Campaign



As we approach year end, we invite you to make a pledge or special gift to the recently completed HVAC/electrical panel project. All gifts, regardless of size, are important. Our goal is to repay the bridge loan from

Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program, restore funds to our endowment, and minimize the debt from the project. Contact Michelle Freyholtz with questions about gifts.

Welcoming Class – Sunday January 12 | Library

11:15 a.m. Whether you're new to House of Hope, or just want to know more about how our community works, join our Welcoming Class. This takes the place of our previous New Members Class, and provides information about church membership, as well as other ways to connect to community life at House of Hope. We'll get to know each other, learn about shared congregational values, and connect to opportunities to live out those values through our church life. Join us!

Renewal of Baptism – Sunday, January 12

Each year, as we come out of Christmas, we have a Sunday to celebrate that Jesus went out into the wilderness to be baptized by John. Because he took this action, we also baptize as a sign that we and our children belong to God. A person can be baptized at any time in their life; in the PCUSA we have become accustomed to baptizing infants. We then invite our young people to confirm their faith following year of education and discussion. As the years pass, it is important to revisit our will to belong to God and reaffirm our will to serve God. On January 12, we will offer a liturgy of baptismal renewal and anointing during the service.

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

Stewardship 2025 and Year-End Gifts — CONNECT

Thank you to all who pledged on Commitment Sunday November 10. Approximately half a million dollars have been pledged, and we are grateful for the strong start to our 2025 pledge goal of \$1.15 million. If you have not yet pledged to support House of Hope's ministries and mission, we ask that you consider making a pledge for 2025. Pledge cards are available at our entrances, or you can pledge online at: <https://bit.ly/HOH2025Pledge> -and/or- make a one-time gift or become a sustainer with recurring gifts: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving>

We welcome your gifts in many ways, including check, credit card, appreciated stock or mutual funds, among others.

For payments toward your 2025 pledge in calendar year 2024, please note "Prepaid 2025 Pledge" in the memo line of your check.

Your support of our **CONNECT** Stewardship Campaign is truly appreciated.

Week Beginning December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2024

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 9:15 a.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Hallway Outside Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Christmas Carol Sing-along, Kirk Parlour

Monday, December 23, 2024

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 4:30 p.m. Carillon Prelude
- 5 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Carillon Prelude
- 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

Christmas Day, December 25, 2024

Office and Building are closed in Observance of Christmas

- 3 p.m. Christmas Carillon Recital, Church Grounds

Thursday, December 26, 2024

Office and Building are closed in Observance of Christmas

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom

Friday, December 27, 2024

Office and Building are closed in Observance of Christmas

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom

Saturday, December 28, 2024

Emerging Adults Retreat, Off site through Sunday

Sunday, December 29, 2024

- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour

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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 AT HOH

Sunday, December 1

The First Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship with
Holy Communion

Sunday, December 8

The Second Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Great Advent Bake-Off,
Great Hall

Sunday, December 15

The Third Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas
Concert: *Around the Manger*, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 21

5 p.m. Traditional Tableaux Service

(Note the time change from previous years)

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 22

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Christmas Carol
Sing-Along, Kirk Parlour



Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Carillon Recitals
by Timothy Short

5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Services

The Motet Choir and Orchestra

Aaron David Miller, Organ

Hymns, Anthems, and Carols with Organ
and Orchestra

Vivaldi's *Magnificat* (7:30 service only)

(Childcare available at both services)

There is no service on Christmas Day.

Christmas Day Carillon Concert

Wednesday, December 25 | 3 p.m.

Carillonneur Tim Short, will present a concert
of Christmas music. Email requests:
TimS@hohchurch.org

Sunday, December 29

The First Sunday of Christmas

10 a.m. Worship

(No Nursery or Sunday School on December 29)

Sunday, January 5

The Second Sunday of Christmas

10 a.m. Worship

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 a.m.

Visit hohchurch.org for livestreaming of the Advent and Candlelight Services.

Christmas Memorials

Christmas Tributes in memory or in honor of loved ones have been donated by friends and family of those named below. These gifts have been designated as benevolence gifts for the ministry of the church or for poinsettias used for decoration throughout the church.

James Patrick Adams	Martha J. Fulton	Mary and Dr. Harold Pomeroy
Sara Mcl. and George F. Amend	Kelly A. Fulton	Margaret L. and Dr. Benjamin S. Pomeroy
Marina Anderson	Esther Hewitt	Benjamin A. Pomeroy
Margaret Ann Atmore	V. Albert and Ruth Johnson	Pedro García Pozo
Gunar Bielke	Jerry Kenefake	Al and Polly Quilling
Robert Bland	Donna and Chuck Klein	John and Lydia Riedel
Del and Marge Bowers	Lindsay Jean Knutson	John E. Riedel
Tom Bowers	Thomas J. and Marian A. Koeck	Rosa Fernández de la Rosa
Adeline Brouillard	Barbara Kuhn	Albert A. Rosner
Elizabeth Campbell	Christian and Alta Larson	Thomas and Phyllis Schluter
Cyndi Caughron	Jean and Gunnar Ljungkull	Edward and Lorraine Schneider
Margaret and Ray Charlton	Jon Ljungkull	William F. Schubert
Miles and Olive Cooper	Ann, Ruth, and Robert Lyon	Robert Sherrill
Mae and Mort Cravath	Lottie and Roscoe Lyon	Phyllis and Jack F. Sjöholm, Sr.
Glen and Gerry Dahl	Winston Mahar	Don and Loretta Smith
Carol L. Damberg	Mai-Dinh-Thanh	William (Bill) Smith
Andrew Dickinson	Harriet E. McCloskey	Manville D. Smith, Jr.
Dinh-Quang-Vinh	Frank and Hazel Munson	Ron and Sue Stanford
Frances W. and Roy J. Dunlap, Jr.	Catherine and Roy Nienhauser	Chuck and Mary Ellen Stewart
Robert Elliott, Jr. Family	John and Jo Ann Noland	Scott Torgerson
Sara Engelbert	John I. Norton III	Martha and Arie Verhagen
Elmer Eugene and Carol Slocum Engelbert	Mary Jacqueline O'Keefe	James and Margaret Wall
Arnold and Adele Erickson	Leonard and Louise Pearson	Jean and Bob Wardin
George Flad Family	Vern and Beatrice Pearson	Peter Mark Westra
Lee Morgan Fleming	Daniel R. Pearson	Glenda Wheelock
Wendell and Jeanette Fleming	Justin V. Pearson	Christine Campbell Yaeger
Evelyn Floyd	Sharon Sullvin Pearson	All those no longer with us
Terry E. Freyholtz	Molly Ann Pearson	In Honor of:
Alfred M. and Lua B. Fulton	Lisa M. Pearson	HOH Staff
Donald B. and Sara A. Fulton	Florence and Dr. Benjamin A. Pomeroy	45th Anniversary of Bells of Hope
	June and Dr. James Pomeroy	



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