

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The 'today' in Luke 4 of which Jesus speaks is no mere today. This today has the ring of the eschaton about it, for in this today one senses what Thomas Long describes as "God's good future hurtling toward us, bringing the finished work of God to an unfinished world." - Cleophas J. LaRue

Third Sunday after Epiphany | January 26, 2025 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, today served in 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!

TODAY! Ordination Anniversary Reception

Sunday, January 26 | Kirk Parlour | 11:15 a.m.

January 30 marks the 25th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson's ordination. Join us after worship to celebrate Julia's ministry. (There will be cupcakes!)

Affordable and Supportive Housing in the Twin Cities with Emily Goldthwaite

Sunday, January 26 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m. Emily Goldthwaite, Director of Congregational Organizing for Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Emily has served in both local churches and nonprofit service agencies in the Midwest, and in Palestine and Israel. She will provide an update on Beacon's work to provide housing in the Twin Cities.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Fantasy in G Minor, BWV 542
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

Introit

With Gladness We Worship
Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

George J. Elvey

+Processional Hymn 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Do we make you laugh or weep, Gracious God?

We sing that we are one in your Spirit but cannot tolerate those who disagree with us.

We talk of being one Body but fight over music or Bible versions or carpet colors.

We affirm the giftedness of each person, but we heap honor on just a special few.

Forgive us, Creative God, that we dismember your Body so easily.

May the words of our mouths speak peace to the brokenness in our world;

may the hopes of our hearts bring wonder to those in despair;

and may our love embrace all who are around us,

even as we have been welcomed by your grace in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(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

Ann Geery

Psalms 19 (OT, p. 498-499 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Geistliches Lied

Johannes Brahms

Sung in German

*Do not be sorrowful or regretful;
Be calm, as God has ordained,
and thus my will shall be content.*

*What do you want to worry about from day to day?
There is One who stands above all
who gives you, too, what is yours.*

*Only be steadfast in all you do,
stand firm; what God has decided,
that is and must be the best.
Amen.*

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 4:14-21 (NT, p. 61 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Fierce Urgency of ... Today

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 327

O Word of God Incarnate

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+ Affirmation of Faith — adapted from The Confession of 1967

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**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.

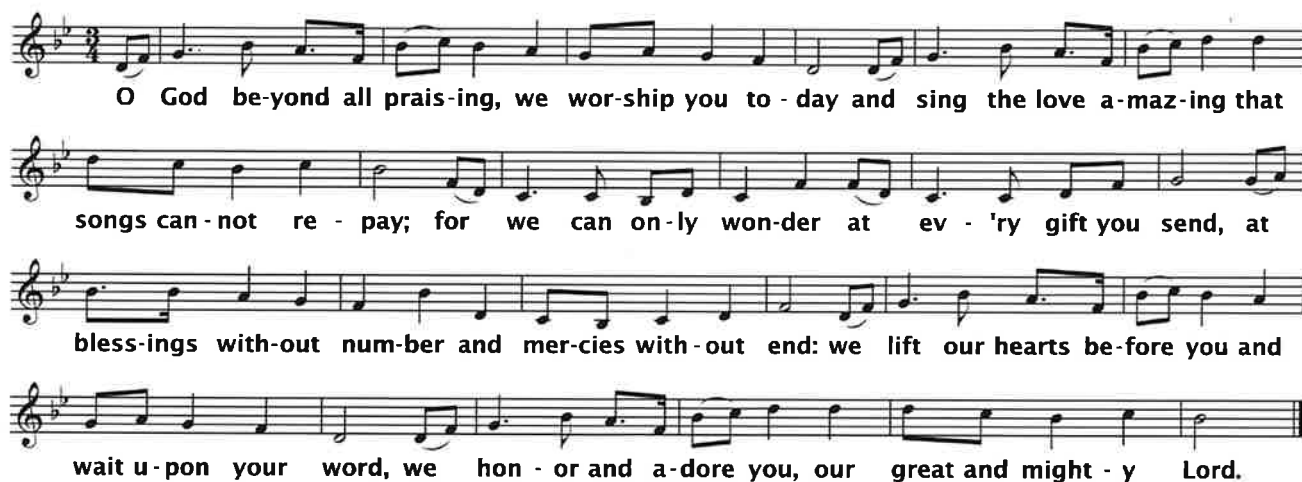
Offertory Anthem

Haste Thee, O Lord

Adrian Batten

Haste thee, O God, to deliver me, make haste to help me.
Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul.
Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame
That cry over me "There, there, there."
But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee,
And let all such delight in thy salvation say alway,
"The Lord be praised." Amen.

+ 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 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

+ Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542

J. S. Bach

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

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



SUNDAY SERIES

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SING and CONCERT: Save the Dates!



Community Sing: Gwyneth Walker - An American Icon

Thursday, February 6 | 7 p.m. | Sanctuary

Featuring The Singers and the House of Hope Motet Choir as musical leads, the community is welcome to come meet American composer Gwyneth Walker, and join voices together, learning and sharing a handful of Dr. Walker's most popular choral works. Musical scores will be provided free of charge.

The Singers: Celebrating Gwyneth Walker

Saturday, February 8 | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Gwyneth Walker so often captures the zeitgeist of the moment through her musical works and selection of texts. A proud New Englander, Dr. Walker has over 400 commissions to her credit and has been honored with two Lifetime Achievement Awards and an Alumni Award from the Hartt School of Music. Generations of choristers have found inspiration and humanity lodged between the pages of her sheet music – we're thrilled to host her for this special event.

Tickets are now available to the House of Hope Community in advance of the concert to pick up in the Church office. Please note, they will not be available at the door.

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.

483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

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1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -
4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of
keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch-ful
tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and
prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -

our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And
eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!
joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:
all is just and all is right:
gent-ly leads the cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
soul and bod - y take your part:

*May be sung in unison.

This tune in a lower key, 7

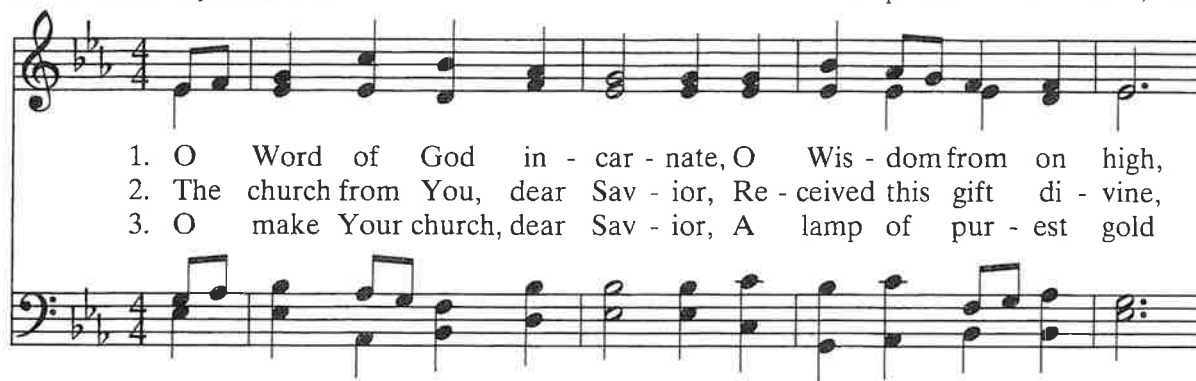
O Word of God Incarnate

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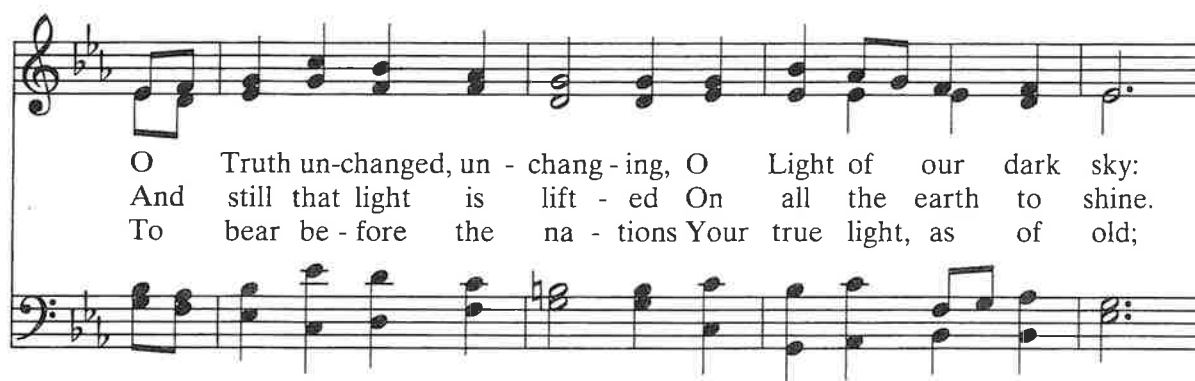
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William Walsham How, 1867
As in *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987

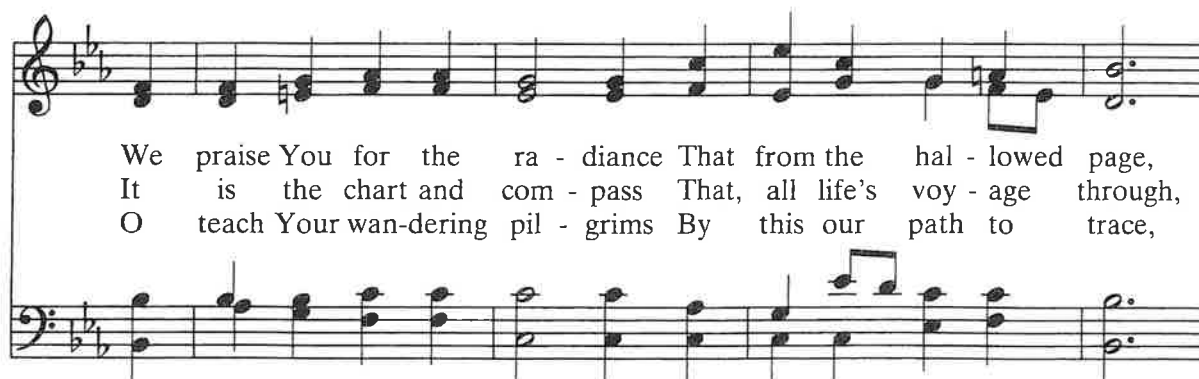
Neuvermehrtes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847



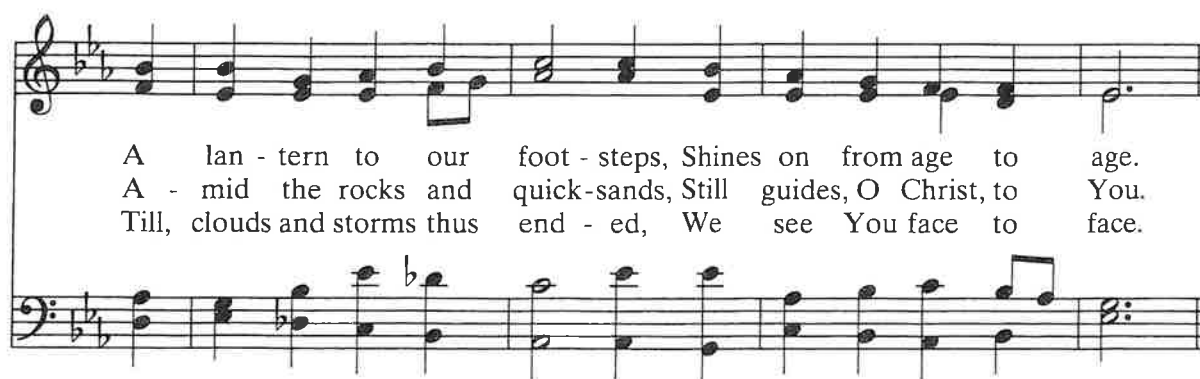
1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from You, dear Sav - ior, Re - ceived this gift di - vine,
3. O make Your church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed On all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - dering pil - grims By this our path to trace,



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
A - mid the rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, We see You face to face.

423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET LM

John Hatton (d. 1793)

Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1959

Descant

5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -

1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue Dwell on His
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - oners

cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with

ces - sive jour - neys run, His king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown His head; His name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, And in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, The wea - ry find e -

songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud A - men!

shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
 Honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again,
 And earth repeat the loud Amen!

January 26 - February 2, 2025

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

Unplugged Dress Rehearsal | Friday, January 31
5:30-8:30pm | Great Hall - Our one chance to run
through the show and get all the issues ironed out
before the big show!

HOH Unplugged! | Sunday, February 2, Noon - 1:30
p.m. Great Hall - The Big Show! There will be a light
lunch served and then a delightful and funny skit
show - conceived of, written, and performed by the
youth. All are welcome!

**Summit Sinfonietta - Today, Sunday, January
26 | 2 p.m.** Summit Sinfonietta, directed by Dr.
Donald Lovejoy, will present a free concert of
music for winds at HOH. The repertoire includes
Serenades by Richard Strauss and Wilhelm Berger,
along with Jan Koetsier's Variations on an aria from
Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.



Choir School Wednesday
rehearsals for St Cecilia,
St Nicholas, and Cantamus Choirs began January 8.
Alleluia Choir starts February 2.

New choristers welcome!

Register online at:
www.hohchurch.org/choir-school

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, January 28 | Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner and conversation. Shana
Wagner will be our speaker. Shana has been
coming to House of Hope since she was eight
years old. She became a member in the mid
1970's. Like many of us, she became more active
a bit later in life. She lives in Maple Grove, and
thankfully, she likes to drive! **Please RSVP using
this link:** <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

MACALESTER SUNDAY

February 2 | 10 a.m. Celebrating House of Hope's
connection to Macalester College. *Joined by:*
Macalester Bagpipe and Drum Ensemble, and the
Macalester College Concert Choir led by Michael
McGaghie. Come enjoy shortbread provided by the
college.

Upcoming Enrichment - Danielle Nolan- Eickholt: Let's Talk about Death

Sunday, February 2 | Assembly Room

11:15 a.m. Death is a very important part of life
and better understanding will lead to a more
fully-lived life. Join us in a presentation given
by Death and Mourning Doula, Danielle Nolan-
Eickholt, as she talks about death, dying, and
preparedness. Following the presentation will
be time for questions and discussion. All are
welcome.



**Souper Bowl of Caring | Sunday,
February 9.** During February, HOH
will participate in **Souper Bowl of
Caring**, a financial collection to support food pan-
tries. Watch for our Youth as you leave the sanctu-
ary holding stock pots for your donations.

An Eco-Resolution

January beckons us with the possibility of new beginnings as we look ahead to the coming year and consider what we might do differently to make the world a better place. What can we do to reduce our impact on our already stressed planet?

If you haven't already done so, this is a great time to sign up for renewable energy with Xcel Energy's Renewable* Connect® Flex program. As one of the nation's largest voluntary renewable energy programs, Renewable* Connect® Flex allows Xcel customers an easy way to subscribe to up to 100% affordable and clean wind and solar energy. A renewable energy subscription offers various options, flexible enrollment and requires no equipment installation. For more information visit mn.my.xcelenergy.com/s/renewable

Week Beginning January 26, 2025

Sunday, January 26, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
- 2 p.m. Summit Sinfonietta Concert, Sanctuary

Monday, January 27, 2025

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Eco-Event Planning Meeting, Room 1
- 5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday-Weekday Connections, Kirk Parlour

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Room/Kirk Parlour
- 6:30 p.m. Sounds of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, January 30, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Library Committee, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour/Chapel/Bridal Room

Friday, January 31, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Men's Retreat Meeting, Room 1
- 10:30 a.m. Developing for the Future, Room 1/Zoom

Saturday, February 1, 2025

- 9 a.m. Youth Unplugged Rehearsal, Great Hall

Macalester Sunday, February 2, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 8:45 a.m. Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed, Room 1/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
- 12 p.m. HOH Unplugged, Great Hall

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For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website www.hohchurch.org.



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