

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"By overturning the world's ideas and expressions of strength, by lifting up the lowly and bowed down, Jesus levels us out. In the words of Nadia Bolz-Weber, '[Jesus] was God's Beatitude — God's blessing to the weak in a world that admires only the strong.' Jesus physically and verbally levels with us in the Beatitudes, and in this leveling out, our lives are never the same." – Lauren Dow Wegner

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany | February 16, 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Clark Dornfeld, child of Rick and Emily Dornfeld. Elder assisting is Leatha Wolter.

We respectfully request that photographs not be taken during the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please help us honor the sacrament and the prayerful attention of the congregation. Photographs may be taken in the sanctuary following the service.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Sunday School:** Following the Baptism, 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!

House of Hope Congregational Meeting TODAY, February 16 | Sanctuary

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 16, following worship for the purpose of calling a Senior Pastor, Head of Staff and approving the Clergy Terms of Call.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Fugue in E-Flat, "St. Anne", BWV 552
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

+Introit

Jubilate Deo
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

+Processional Hymn 478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**We confess what we are afraid to face, Blessing God,
that the seductions of this world gnaw away at our hearts.
We have more and more choices to choose from at the market,
and so we forget those whose only choice is hunger.
Our sense that we are your favorites causes us to make fun of those
we are convinced are not. We are so consumed with saving enough for the future,
we overlook those who have so little this day.
Forgive us, Heartbroken God, for thinking we are the center of your world.
Pour your living water into us, so we might send down roots
deep into your heart and so become those people who are blessings to others,
as we have received the gift of new life from 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



Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

The Heavens are Telling (from *The Creation*)

F.J. Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament;
Today that is coming speaks to the day,
The night that is gone to following night.
In all the lands resounds the word,
never unperceived, ever understood.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Janice Dickinson

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (NT, p. 176 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Bist du bei mir

J.S. Bach

St Nicholas Choir; Sofia Ardalán, Director

Bist du bei mir, geh' ich mit Freuden
Zum Sterben und zu meiner Ruh'

*If you are with me, then I will go gladly
unto death and to my rest.*

Ach wie vergnügt wär so mein Ende:
Es drückten deine schönen Hände
Mir die getreuen Augen zu.

*Ah, how pleasing will be my end,
if your dear hands then
close my faithful eyes!*

The Sacrament of Baptism — Clark Dornfeld

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**All: We welcome you with joy to Christ's church, and to our community,
The House of Hope. We promise to help you feel seen, supported, and loved,
to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with you and to serve the Gospel alongside
you. We promise to be a homeplace for you, and a reminder that you do not
journey alone. God is always with you, and we will be alongside you. Welcome.**

+ Congregational Response Hymn 492 (verses 1 & 3)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

During the baptismal response hymn, 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

Luke 6:17-31 (NT, p. 64 in pew Bible)

Minister: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Senior Pastor Candidate

Our Proclamation

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

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

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.

Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of people.

But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death.

In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor and won the victory over sin and death for all.

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.

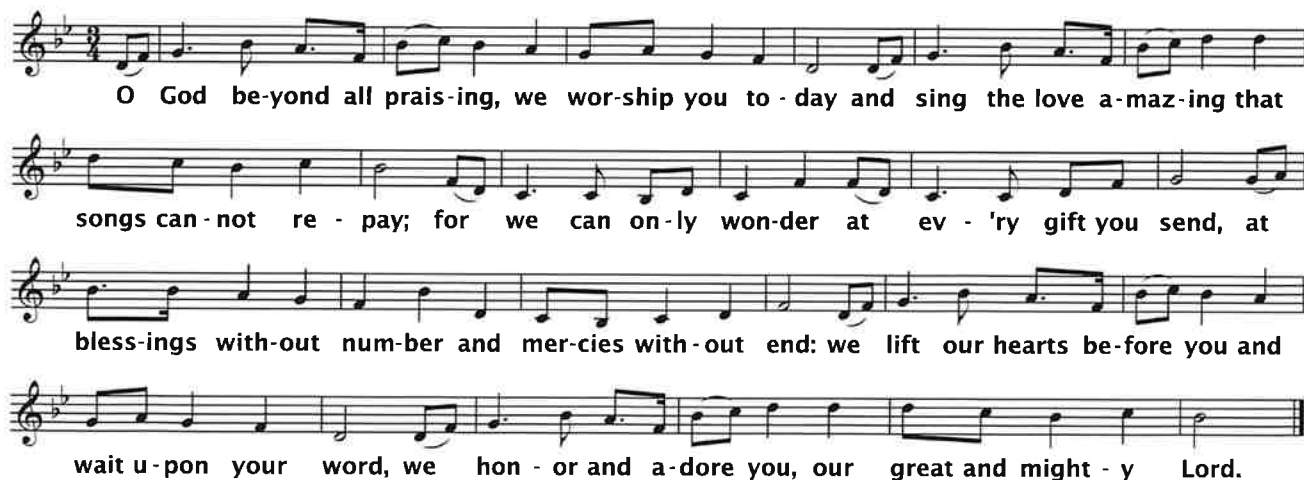
Offertory Anthem

How Lovely Are Thy Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

+ 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 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

+ Benediction

Congregational Meeting

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur Emeritus

The Communion Table Flowers are given in honor of Senior Pastor Candidating Sunday.

The Pulpit Flowers are given in loving memory of David J. Larson.

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 Cameraman” with Aaron David Miller

Today, February 16 at 3 p.m., organist Aaron David Miller will be accompanying the silent film “The Cameraman” by Buster Keaton at Northrop Auditorium at the University of Minnesota. This 1928 slapstick comedy is considered one of Buster Keaton’s best films and one of the last silent films made before “talking” pictures. Aaron will be improvising a live accompaniment on Northrop Auditorium’s historic Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ.

More information and tickets can be purchased through Northrop’s website at: <https://www.northrop.umn.edu/events/the-cameraman-silent-film-aaron-david-miller-organist-2025>

478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt.

John Goss, 1869



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet thy
 2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
 3. Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
 4. An - gels, help us to a - dore Him: Ye be - hold Him




trib - ute - bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
 frame He knows; In His hands He gen - tly bears us,
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,




Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dwell - ers all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!




Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.



Baptized in Water

492

BUNESSAN 5.5.8.5.5.9

Michael A. Saward, 1981

Gaelic melody
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

C Am Dm G F G C

1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the

Em Am Em G C Am F C/G

blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing the
 tomb with Christ, our King; One with His ris - ing, Freed and for -
 sign of Christ, our King; Born of the Spir - it, We are God's

Am G C G/B Am G7 C

prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, Thank-ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

399 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986


1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
 4. That, when our life of faith is done, In

gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.
 we re - jice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"
 You are near And seek where You are found:
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

210

ST. ANNE CM

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.



News & Opportunities

February 16 – 23, 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

Youth Group

Sundays, February 16
Youth Room | 6-8 p.m.
Snacks, chat, games and more.

Sledding & Hot Cocoa for Tweens and Youth

Saturday, February 22 | 2 - 4 p.m.

Deming Heights Park, Minneapolis (Pastor Phil's House). Bring your own sled and enjoy the giant hill just outside Pastor Phil's house. And when you need a break, come in and enjoy some hot cocoa!

Music Sunday: Mozart!

Next Sunday, February 23

Featuring Mozart's *Te Deum*, and the Kyrie and Agnus Dei from *Missa Brevis in F*. The Motet Choir and House of Hope Chamber Orchestra; Matthew Culloton, Director.

House of Hope Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 23 | Sanctuary

The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation following worship for the purpose of approving installed Clergy Terms of Call and presenting the Session approved 2025 Budget.

Upcoming Save the Dates and Sign-ups:

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, February 25 | Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner and conversation. Annie McMillan will be our speaker. Annie grew up at HOH and now sings in the Motet Choir. Her memoir, *We Chose Each Other*, is a mother's story of survival, laughter, and love on the North Shore. Register by Thursday, February 20 at: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

Mardi Gras Celebration & Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, March 2. Join us in the Great Hall for a Mardi Gras Celebration after worship. This congregational event is filled with fun, fellowship, and delicious chili. Suggested donation is \$5. One talented chef will win a prize!

Chili Cook-Off Sign-up by February 26:

<https://bit.ly/HOHChili2025>

Bring your favorite chili in a slow-cooker. Contact Jimmy with questions: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

2025 Women's Retreat April 25-April 27,

Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse, Collegeville, MN. Watch for registration details.

2025 Men's Retreat March 21-22

House of Hope. We will gather on Friday from 6-9 p.m. with dinner included. Saturday will be 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with light breakfast and lunch included. Cost will be \$50 for both days' participation, or \$20 for Friday and \$30 for Saturday.

Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/HOHMensRetreat2025>

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



Earth Care - A Winter Walk

Winter's gray days and bone-chilling temperatures can make it tempting to stay indoors rather than venturing out for a walk. But, as the days grow incrementally longer and temperatures a bit milder, February beckons you outdoors to enjoy the quiet of the season and glimpse its spare beauty.

Deciduous trees stand bare-boned like living sculptures; the color, texture, and variety of their bark now more evident. Evergreens sway in myriad shades of green, silver, gold, and blue. Red berries, gold branches, even orange tassels on shrubs can catch your attention and delight you. After a storm, hedges, fences, and yard ornaments are outlined in snow. So, bundle up and let the surprises of winter's landscape warm your spirit.

Week Beginning February 16, 2025

Sunday, February 16, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 9:15 a.m. Choir School Rehearsal
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, February 17, 2025

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 2:45 p.m. Loaves & Fishes, St. Matthew's Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Kirk Parlour

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Room/Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 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, February 20, 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, February 21, 2025

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

Saturday, February 22, 2025

- 12 p.m. Tweens/Youth Sledding, Off Site

Music Sunday, February 23, 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. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday Enrichment, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

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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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