

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Each person, human or no, is bound to every other in a reciprocal relationship. Just as all beings have a duty to me, I have a duty to them. If an animal gives its life to feed me, I am in turn bound to support its life. If I receive a stream's gift of pure water, then I am responsible for returning a gift in kind. An integral part of a human's education is to know those duties and how to perform them."

– Robin Wall Kimmer, *Braiding Sweetgrass*

Youth Sunday and First Sunday in Lent | March 9, 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:

- **Worship:** Children may 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's Enrichment:

Children's Book Author and Illustrator Nancy Carlson for Adults and Children

Today, Sunday, March 9 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

Nancy Carlson has written and illustrated more than 60 children's books since 1979. Her latest book comes out in March called *A Swing for Samara*. Over 15 years ago Nancy began drawing a daily doodle and posting it online. She will share where she got some of her ideas for her books and her experiences of over 40 years in the publishing industry. Nancy will also draw some of her characters for the children in the audience.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Canticle of Hope
A Morning Prelude
The Bells of Hope; Timothy Short, Director

Cynthia Dobrinski
Jerry Westenkuhler

Introit

Praise be unto You Cora Cummings (member of HOH Choir School)
Heavenly Father we sing on this day: Praise be unto You!
Singing out ev'ry day "Glory to God!" Praise be unto You!

+Processional Hymn 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
Aaron David Miller, Organist

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elisabeth Hilton

God, we confess that too often we want the world to do the changing for us, to leave us with comfort and familiarity. We know we are called to act in hope, to live into our faith; but we become so used to the tracks we have made for ourselves that we struggle to imagine a new way of being. We fail to see the image of God in nature and on other humans. Forgive us. Remind us that we, along with the rest of creation, were made to support, trust and rely on one another. Give us passion and energy to build the communities of connection, thriving and wholeness for which you created us.

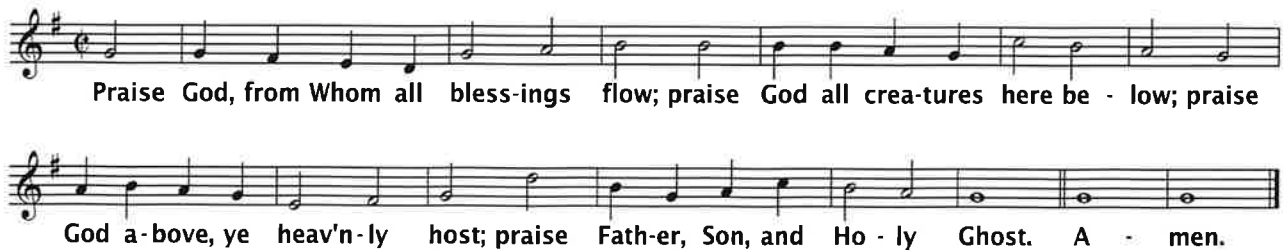
(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

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 blessings flow; praise God all creatures here be low; praise
God a-bove, ye heav'nly host; praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Welcome and Announcements

Elsa Kendig

Officer Nominating Committee

Andrew Karre

————— **THE WORD OF GOD** —————

First Lesson

Proverbs 11:23-30 (OT, p. 594 in pew Bible)

Graham Kim

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Thank You for the World So Sweet

Betty Bertaux

St Cecilia and St Nicholas Choirs; Jessica Bandelin, Conductor

Thank you for the world so sweet;

Thank you for the food we eat.

Thank you for the birds that sing;

Thank you, God, for ev'rything.

Second Lesson

Leo Mayer

Galatians 6:1-10 (NT, p. 191 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditations

Ava Mayer and Clara Thompson

————— **THE RESPONSE TO GOD** —————

+ **Hymn 85**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

+ **Affirmation of Faith** — Adapted from Rev. M. Jade Kaiser, *enfleshed*

Isla Kim

We believe God is Love and from Love, all things are born.

No creature or creation falls outside of God's eternal embrace.

**We believe forces of domination and destruction, control and greed,
prejudice and violence, pervade our lives, seeking to turn us against one another,
against the earth, and against the Spirit of the Liberating Christ.**

**We believe we depend on God, and that God created us to depend on one another,
on the remembrance of our ancestors, the courage of the prophets,
and the wisdom that can only flow from the margins, so that we may grow in Love.
We believe in the power of God, to help us remake our world
to make what seems impossible possible.
We proclaim these truths in aspiration that we might learn to live them in full.
We pray we may continue to grow in understanding, in love for all our neighbors,
in hunger for justice, and in the steadfast practice of our faith.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sam Hilton

**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.**

Remembering the Cycle of Blessings

Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing?
Cantamus Trio

Robert Lowry, arr. John Scott

My life goes on in endless song, above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing,
it sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth,
and though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging,
since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
When tyrants tremble in their fear and hear their death knell ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile, our thoughts to thee are winging,
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

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

I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills

Paul Bouman

St Nicholas Choir; Sofia Ardalan, Director

I lift up my eyes to the hills; From where is my help to come?
 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
 He will not let your foot be moved;
 And he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
 Behold he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;
 The Lord himself watches over you; The Lord is your shade at your right hand
 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night
 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil, it is he who shall keep you safe.
 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in
 from this time forth for evermore.

-Psalm 121

+ 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 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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+ Benediction

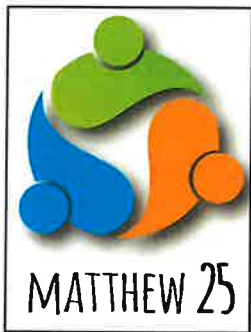
All: Go out into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold on to what is good. Return to no person evil for evil. Support those in need of comfort. Stand with those who seek justice. Collaborate in caring for our communities and all the earth. Honor the dignity of all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Postlude

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.



Wednesday Lenten Series: *Living into Matthew 25* **Wednesdays, March 12 - April 9 | Dinner: 5:15 - 6 p.m.** **Presentation and Conversation: 6 - 7 p.m.**

Join us in the Assembly Room for a soup and pizza supper followed by a program about Matthew 25.

Register for meals at <https://bit.ly/WednesdayLent> to ensure we have plenty of food for everyone. You can access this link on the website under **Things to Know**. All are welcome to join us for the meal.

Donations appreciated to cover the meal cost.

For more than a year, House of Hope has been designated as a Matthew 25 congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Matthew 25 congregations commit to eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism, and building congregational vitality. And bold visions require concrete actions! Come learn from leaders inside and outside our congregation more about this movement, and lend your voice to the direction House of Hope begins to take as we live out our unique calling to be a place of God's peace by working for God's justice.

Schedule:

March 12: Eradicating systemic poverty, Sara Liegl

March 19: Building Congregational Vitality, Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake and Rev. Emily Meyer

March 26: Dismantling structural racism, Elder Elona Street-Stewart

April 2: Putting the pieces together, Rev. Anna Kendig Flores

April 9: Moving forward together

Cover Art: *Water & Spirit*, an original painting by Robyn Sand Anderson, that was commissioned by the Arts Committee after her exhibit in the gallery during the spring of 2022. The original hangs in the Portland Ave. entrance hallway.

285 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D

Jane Parker Huber, 1978

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

1. God, You spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
 2. You have called us to be faith-ful In our life and min - is - try.
 3. God, Your word is still cre - at - ing, Call - ing us to life made new.

Mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, Call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.
 We re-pond in grate-ful wor-ship Joined in one com - mu - ni - ty.
 Now re-veal to us fresh vis - tas Where there's work to dare and do.

We, cre - at - ed in Your im - age, Would a true re - lec - tion be
 When we blur Your gra-cious im - age, Fo - cus us and make us whole.
 Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion. Pol - ish us with lov - ing care.

Of Your jus - tice, grace, and mer-cy And the truth that makes us free.
 Healed and strength-ened as Your peo-ple, We move on - ward toward Your goal.
 Thus, new crea - tures in Your im - age, We'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

LENT

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What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDRIOUS LOVE 12.9.12.9

American folk hymn, c. 1811

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. *Cantate Domino*, 1980

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won-drous love is this, O my soul!
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy-ful be,

To bear the *heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

To bear the *heav - y cross for my soul!
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

*Or "dreadful curse" (as original text).

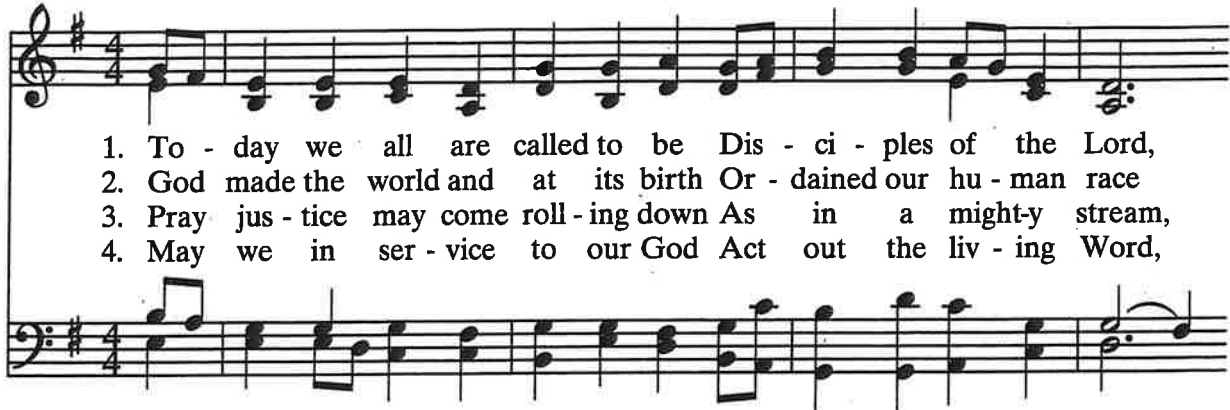
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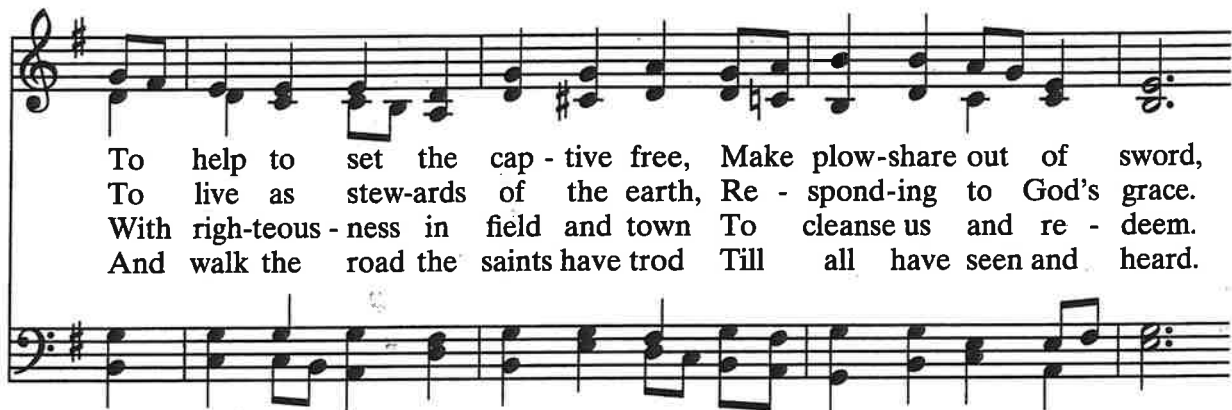
English Country Songs, 1893

H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985

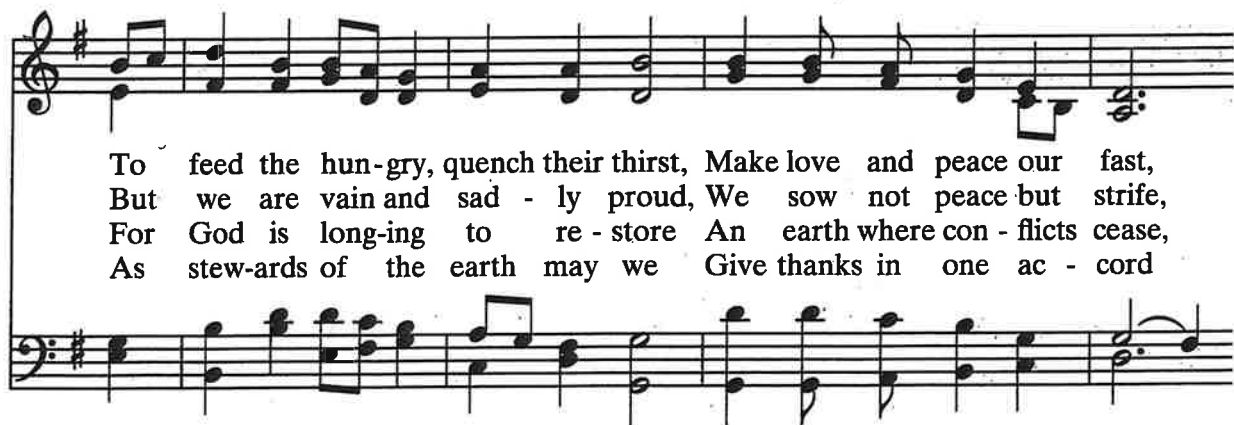
Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



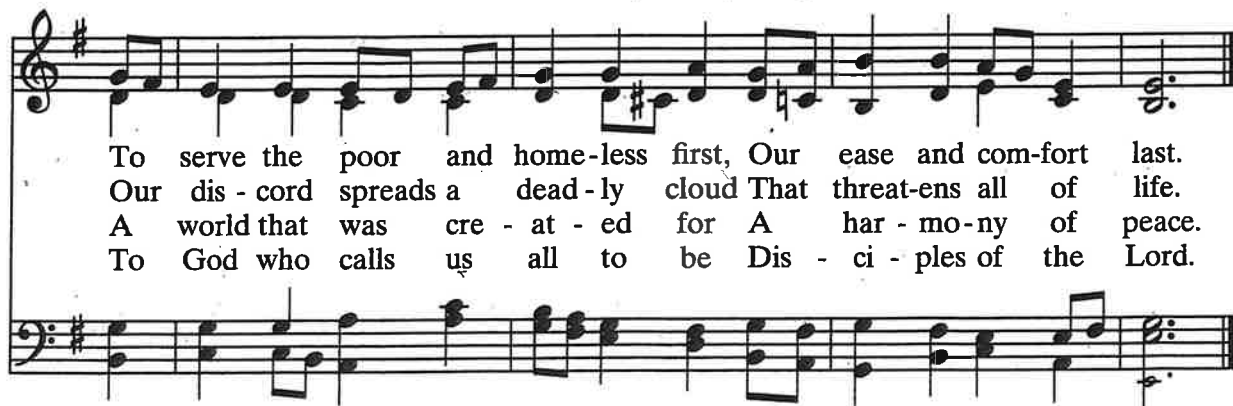
1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord,
2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race
3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down As in a might - y stream,
4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,



To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow - share out of sword,
To live as stew - ards of the earth, Re - spond - ing to God's grace.
With righ - teous - ness in field and town To cleanse us and re - deem.
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.



To feed the hun - gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,
But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
For God is long - ing to re - store An earth where con - flicts cease,
As stew - ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord



To serve the poor and home - less first, Our ease and com - fort last.
Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud That threat - ens all of life.
A world that was cre - at - ed for A har - mo - ny of peace.
To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.



News & Opportunities

March 9 – 16, 2025

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8
No Sunday School. Children may engage their faith by remaining in the service for Youth Sunday.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Youth Group Sunday, March 16
Youth Room | 6-8 p.m. Snacks, chat, games and more.

Welcoming Class – TODAY Sunday March 9 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 class provides information about church membership, as well as other ways to connect to community life at HOH.

Upcoming Sunday Enrichments:

Music Lecture with Dr. Daniel Freeman
Sunday, March 23 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.
Music historian, Dr. Daniel Freeman, has presented his entertaining lecture series over the years with classes on music history, and the lives and music of great composers, operas, and music.

A Local Perspective on Antisemitism and Why it Matters with Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker
Sunday, March 30 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.
Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker has served Mount Zion for nearly 28 years. As a co-founder of Minnesota Multifaith Network, he cares about developing relationships with neighbors and learning in interfaith settings.

The Singers Concert: *My Soul's Repose, French Cathedrals*

Sunday, March 16 | House of Hope | 3 p.m.

HOH Artists in Residence The Singers, Aaron David Miller, and The Singers Sinfonia will present sacred works of Maurice Duruflé, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, and Olivier Messiaen – a quartet of French composers responsible for some of the most harmonically lush choral music ever written. Tickets available online at: www.singersmca.org

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, March 25 | Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.
Join us for dinner and conversation. Mercedes Sheldon will be our speaker. Mercedes currently serves as Deputy Clerk of Session and a PhD candidate in English literature. Register by Thursday, March 20 at: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

2025 Men's Retreat: *The Isolation Problem: Finding Community in a Busy World*

Facilitators Rev. Phil Romine and Rev. David Stewart. **March 21-22 at 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.



March Food Drive

1 in 9 people in Minnesota have limited or uncertain access to adequate food. You can make a difference during the March Food Drive as we support the food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House. Our March Food Drive is vitally important as we help the 1 in 8 hungry children, or 1 in 9 people overall. **How can you help? Financial donations help our food partners buy much more.** They can multiply cash gifts through buying in bulk, and they can buy what they need the most.

Bring food donations to the shopping cart outside the Elizabeth Chapel and in the Narthex.

Ways to Give: By check with memo: Food Pantry; or at <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Food Pantry

Week Beginning March 9, 2025

Sunday, March 9, 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 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library

Monday, March 10, 2025

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Jan Dickinson's/Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Room 7/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Nominating Committee, Library

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Room/Kirk Parlour
- 5:15 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Lenten Program, Assembly Room
- 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, March 13, 2025

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

Friday, March 14, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 1 p.m. James Wilt Visitation, Chapel
- 2 p.m. James Wilt Memorial Service, Sanctuary
- 3 p.m. James Wilt Reception, Kirk Parlour
- 5:30 p.m. Tween Night, HOH

Saturday, March 15, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. Matthew 25 Meeting, Kirk Parlour

Sunday, March 16, 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 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 3 p.m. Singers Concert, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

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