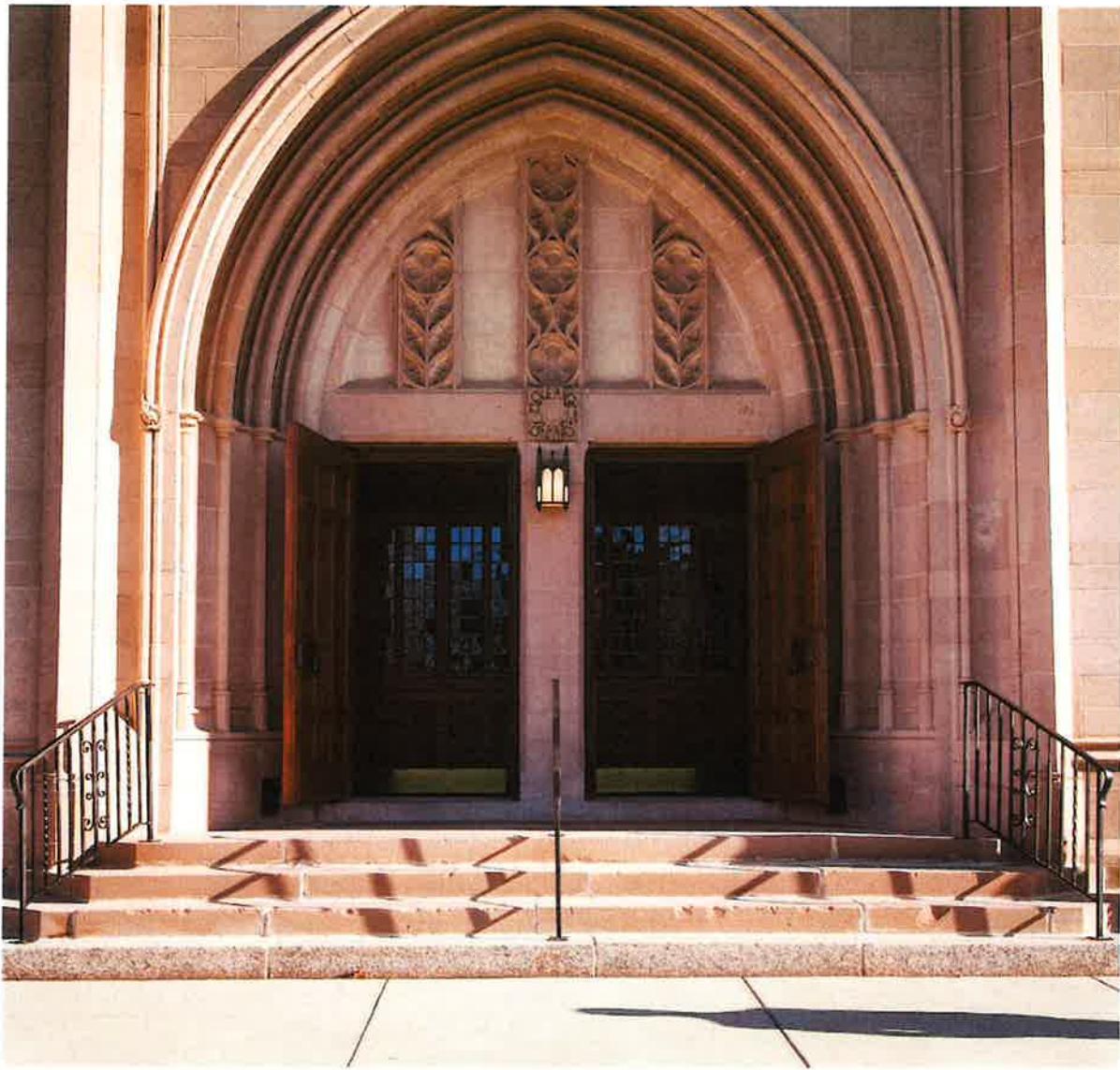


# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Goodbye always makes my throat hurt." – Charlie Brown

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened" - Dr. Seuss

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard?"  
– Winnie-the-Pooh

Christ the King Sunday | November 23, 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 **Great Hall** following the service.

### **Sunday Morning Family Resources:**

- **Worship:** Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians.
- **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!

### **Celebration for Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson**

**Today, Sunday, November 23 | Great Hall | 11:15 a.m.**

Join us in the Great Hall after worship to thank and celebrate Pastor Julia's ministry at HOH on her last Sunday.

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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

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### Prelude

*Meditation*

*Simple Gifts*

The Bells of Hope; Timothy Short, Director

Thomas Miller

Carl Wiltse

### Introit

*God is Our Refuge*

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

W.A. Mozart

### **+Processional Hymn 151**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Aaron David Miller, Organist

DIADEMATA

### **+Call to Worship** (*Congregation reads the text in bold*)

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

Draw us into the heart of Wisdom.

**In your presence we come to know love more deeply.**

### **+Prayer of Confession**

**Search our hearts, O God, and see if there is any fear within us.**

**Meet us there with your good news that sets the captives free.**

**Forgive us from the harm we have done as we seek to harm no more.**

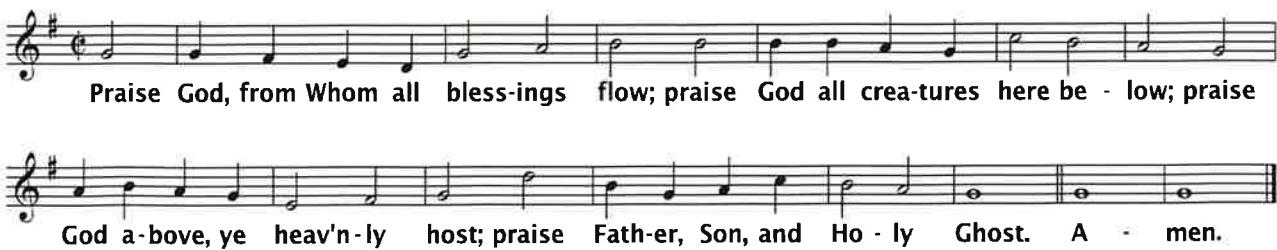
### **+Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### **+The Peace** (*The Peace of the Lord is shared with those around you.*)

### **+Doxology**



Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; 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

### Sung Acclamation



May the word of the living God enlighten our path.

### First Lesson

Bruce Johnson

Psalm 46 (OT, pp. 517-518 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Make a Joyful Noise*

Mark Fax

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with gladness;  
Come before his presence with singing.  
Know ye that the Lord he is God:  
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves:  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,  
And into his courts with praise:  
And be ye thankful unto him, and bless his name.  
For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting;  
And his truth endureth to all generations.  
Alleluia.

### Time for Children

*Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians.*

### Second Lesson

Luke 23:33-43 (NT, p. 89 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

*Reverberations of Faith*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### <sup>+</sup> Hymn 356

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

### <sup>+</sup> Affirmation of Faith — by Rev. Molly Bolton

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**We believe that our spiritual invitation is to follow the example of Jewish teacher, Palestinian refugee, and poor person, Jesus:  
to live in community; to share our resources; to centralize the stories of poor people, children, and people of marginalized genders;  
to turn power structures on their heads.**

**We honor all teachers who show us how to defy abusive structures and how to co-create expansive ways of living.**

**We believe that liberation is experienced through our bodies and that our liberation is bound up with one another's. We believe in access to healthcare, to free time, to safety, to a home, to nourishing food, and to clean water for all people and creatures. We believe in joy, play, rest, dance, pleasure, creativity, tenderness, and shared abundance.**

**We believe that God — Faithful Advocate, Lure Towards Compassion, Blessed Interdependence, Great Mystery, Holy Becoming, Sacred Undoing — is with us, is in us, and moves between us. We believe that resurrection is both a gritty spiritual practice and happens without our effort, as a gift, as the seasons change. We believe that all beings are worthy of flourishing.**

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*(The prayers will begin with a moment for silent reflection.)*

**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.**

## Retirement Liturgy

Lynn Stein

*Julia: I thank House of Hope, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last eleven and a half years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I retire, I carry with me all that I have learned here.*

**People: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to enjoy retirement. We express our gratitude for your time among us.**

**We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us as you depart.**

### **+ Vows of Release (please stand)**

### **+ Unison Prayer**

**God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name we saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and discouragements. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. 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**

*God Be Your Light*

Aaron David Miller

Rachel Brandwein, Harp

*Written in honor of Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson*

God be your light,  
God be your joy,  
Christ give you strength,  
in Christ a calming rest.

May God's love be found in you,  
May God's hope dwell in you,  
May goodness fill your days  
with tenderness and grace.

Source of wisdom walk with you,  
Source of love be known in you,  
Source of beauty be in you  
with harmony and peace.

*- Julian of Norwich, 14th Century*

## <sup>+</sup>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.

## <sup>+</sup>Prayer of Dedication

## <sup>+</sup>Recessional Hymn 371

*Lift High the Cross*

DUKE STREET

## <sup>+</sup>Benediction

## 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.

**The Communion Table Flowers** are given in honor of the ministry of Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson upon the occasion of her retirement.

**The Pulpit Flowers** are given in loving memory of Chuck and Mary Ellen Stewart.

**The Lectern Flowers** are given in honor of Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson and her leadership of the Stephen Ministry.

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

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DIADEMATA SMD

Matthew Bridges, 1851

George Job Elvey, 1868

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be hold His hands and side,  
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;

Hark, how the heavenly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!  
 Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab-sorbed in prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; And round His pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me;

And hail Him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter-ni - ty.  
 But down-ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys-ter - ies so bright.  
 Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra-grance ev - er sweet.  
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through-out e - ter-ni - ty.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Tune: NETTLETON, opposite.

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## Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER 10.10 with refrain

George William Kitchin (1827-1912)  
Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916  
Desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Refrain and Descant

Fine

Repeat Refrain



# News & Opportunities

November 23 – 30, 2025

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8

There is no Sunday School today.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Confirmation | 8:30-9:45 a.m. | Youth Room

## Sue Zumberge of SubText Books

**Sunday, November 30**

**Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.**

Sue Zumberge, owner of Subtext Books will be with us to make suggestions of books for holiday giving for all ages. Come to this presentation after the church service to get a good start on ideas for your Christmas gift-giving.

## Book and Puzzle Exchange Returns.

As we approach winter months, House of Hope will again offer a book and puzzle exchange. You can bring good reads and extra puzzles you'd like to pass along to others to the shelving unit in the hallway between Door 1 and the Elizabeth Chapel.

## Drop-in Knitting, Crafting, and Fellowship!

HOH Library | Wednesdays, 1 - 3 p.m.

Join us at House of Hope in the church library each Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. Bring your project, and we will sit together and create! Congregants are also invited to enjoy fellowship with others. Coffee and water will be available. No need to 'reserve a space' just come as you are able.

## Christmas Sponsor-a-Family

Our faith reminds us the Christmas season is about sharing with those most in need. We plan to spread Christmas joy by providing gifts for 60 families in partnership with Mission Partners. Visit the church website under **Things to Know** to find the link for information on families. A family wish list with instructions will be emailed to you. For assistance in signing up, contact the church.

### Don't like to shop?

- Donate to help purchase grocery store gift cards for each family. Mail or drop off donations with a notation of **Sponsor-A-Family**.
- Let us shop for you. Contact Stacy Paleen for details at [spaleen@yahoo.com](mailto:spaleen@yahoo.com)

## Enrichment Hour - History of HOH

**Christmas Tableaux | Sunday, December 7**

**Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.**

Sophie Stein and Aaron Miller will discuss the history, art, and music of the House of Hope Christmas Tableaux Service. *The Tableaux service will be held on Saturday, December 20 at 5 p.m.*

## The Great Advent Bake-Off

**Sunday, December 7 | Great Hall | 11:30 a.m.**

The Children and Family Ministry team is inviting House of Hope's most intrepid bakers to bake and bring their best Christmas cookie recipe. Everyone will have the chance to sample, enjoy, and vote for their favorite cookie using Jingle Bells. A special prize will be presented to the winner. We will also have coffee and festive drinks. Do you have a cookie recipe that you want to show off? Sign up to be a baker here: <https://bit.ly/HOHAdventBakeOff>

## Week Beginning November 23, 2025

### Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room  
8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room  
11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson's Retirement  
Celebration, Great Hall

### Monday, November 24, 2025

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

### Tuesday, November 25, 2025

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room

### Wednesday, November 26, 2025

1 p.m. Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library  
7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Sanctuary

### Thursday, November 27, 2025

*Office and Building are closed in observance of Thanksgiving*

### Friday, November 28, 2025

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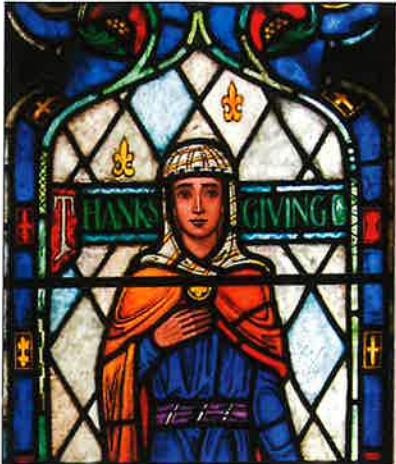
### First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room  
8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:10 a.m. Worship for Children, Chapel  
11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room  
11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour  
11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room

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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## Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday, November 26 | 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve worship will be held in the sanctuary  
at 7 p.m. with music by the Motet Choir.

All are invited to join us in worship and giving thanks.

You are invited to bring non-perishable food items or make a  
financial donation that will be shared with the food pantries at  
Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House.

*Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 106:1*

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Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff  
Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson, Senior Associate Pastor  
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Rev. Phillip J. Romine, Transitional Associate Pastor  
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