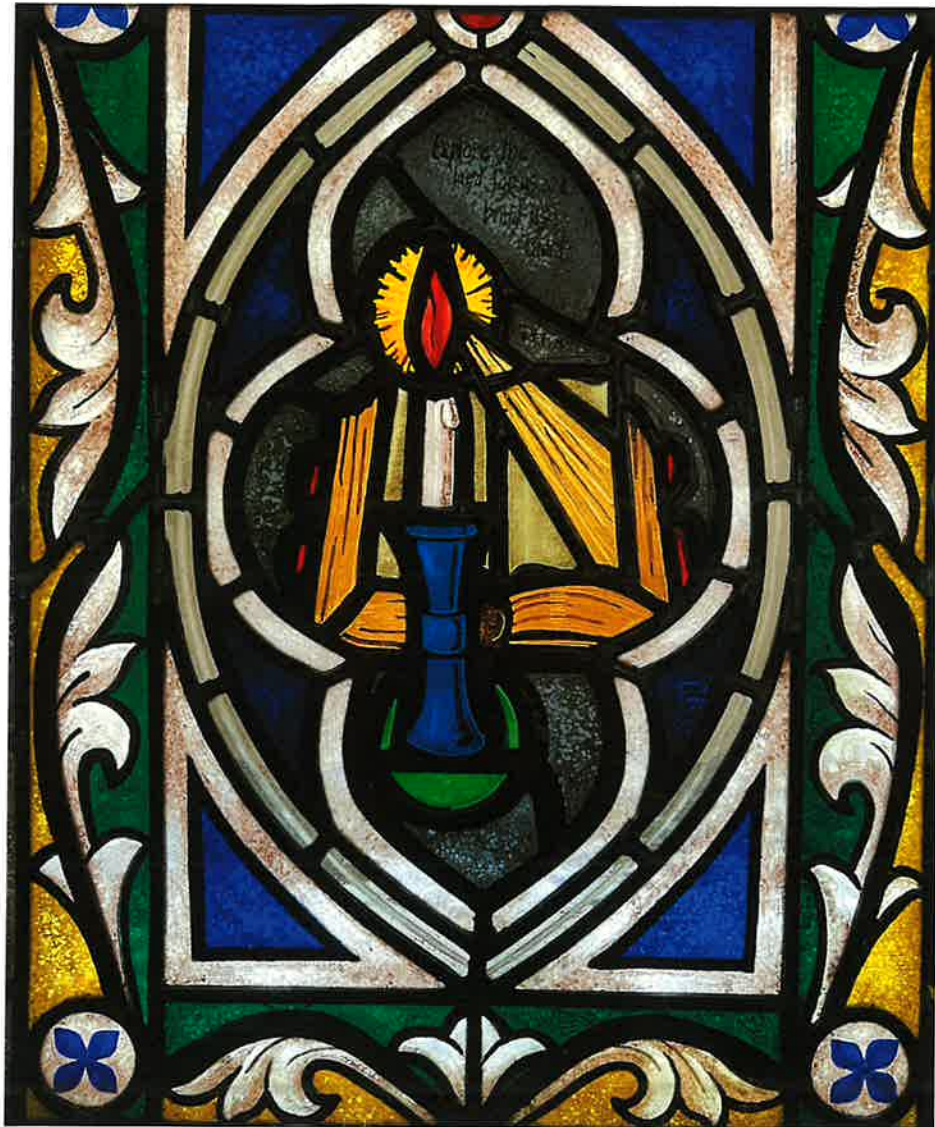


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"For hope grew round me, like the twining vine."

– Samuel Taylor Coleridge

First Sunday of Advent | November 30, 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, served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. All are welcome to share in The Lord's Supper. Elements served are gluten free bread and grape juice.

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 Chapel for a special children's worship service. Children will return to the sanctuary for communion.
- **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 Memorials. You may purchase a poinsettia (\$15) or make a donation in any amount in memory of or in honor of loved ones for publication in the December 21 bulletin. If you purchased a poinsettia, you may take it home on December 21. Your donation will support the ministries of House of Hope. Visit or call the church office, or sign up online at: <https://bit.ly/2025ChristmasMemorials>

The deadline for reserving Christmas Memorials is Sunday, December 14.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Wachet Auf," BWV 645
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

Introit

Keep Awake
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Aaron David Miller

+ Processional Hymn 13

Prepare the Way

BERED EN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

+ Advent Antiphon

Choir School Alumni

+ Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Leader: Watch for the light of Christ this Advent.

People: 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.

**People: The light of Christ is always coming to us,
entering our broken world and troubled hearts.
So we light the first candle, the candle of hope,
and dare to express our longing, our hope,
for a deeper faith and a just world. Amen**

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

+ 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

Minute for Mission — Giving Voice

Jessica Clifton

THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Let Us Light a Candle

Richard Shephard

In a world where people walk in darkness
Let us turn our faces to the light,
To the light of God revealed in Jesus,
To the Daystar scattering our night.
For the light is stronger than the darkness
And the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us,
Let us turn our faces to the light.

In a world where suff'ring of the helpless
Casts a shadow all along the way,
Let us bear the Cross of Christ with gladness
And proclaim the dawning of the day.
For the light is stronger than the darkness
And the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us,
Let us turn our faces to the light.

Let us light a candle in the darkness,
In the face of death, a sign of life.
As a sign of hope where all seems hopeless,
As a sign of peace in place of strife.
For the light is stronger than the darkness
And the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us,
Let us turn our faces to the light.

Time for Children

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

Following the Time for Children, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk with staff and volunteers to the chapel for a special children's worship service. They will return to worship to sit with their families to celebrate communion together.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT, pp. 631-632 in pew Bible)

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Come!

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 20

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH

+ Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic
church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. 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

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

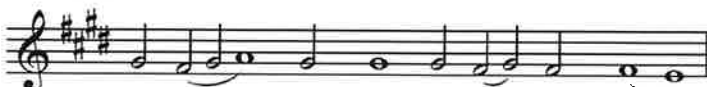
Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People: 
And with thy spir - it.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: 
We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: 
It is meet and right so to do.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God.... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

People: 
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts,

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry:

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

Leader: Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior . . . we are bold to say together the words Jesus taught:

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.

Words of Institution

All who desire to partake will be dismissed from the back to the front by an usher. Please come down the center aisle to receive an individual cup of grape juice and piece of gluten free bread and return to your seats by the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served in the pew.

Prayer after Communion

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and forget not all God's benefits.

Leader and People:

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

+ Recessional Hymn 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

+ Benediction

Postlude

Blessing

Katie Moran Bart

Choir School Alumni and Friends

In loving memory of Sofia Ardalan

May the road rise up to meet you;
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
Until we meet again my friend, Until we meet again.
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

May the road rise up to meet you;
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
'til we meet again, We meet again.
May God hold you in His hand.

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

Prepare the Way

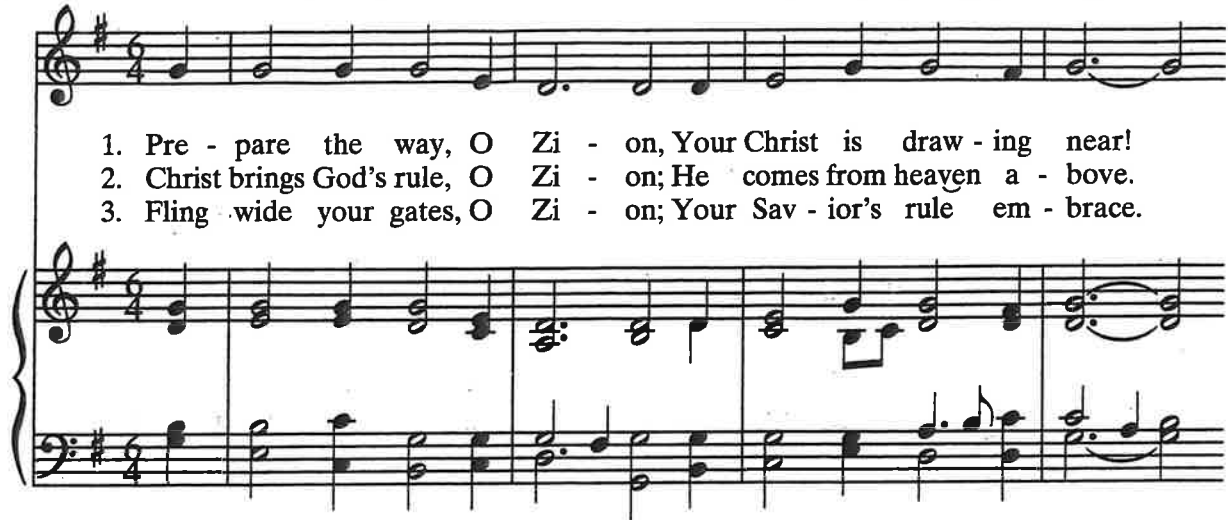
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Frans Mikael Franzen (1771-1847)

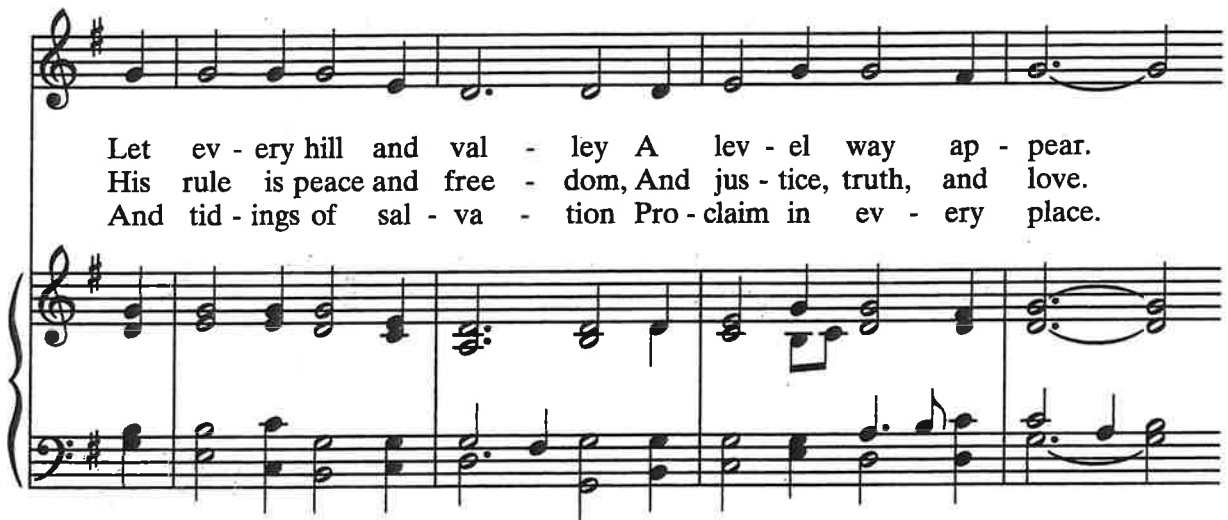
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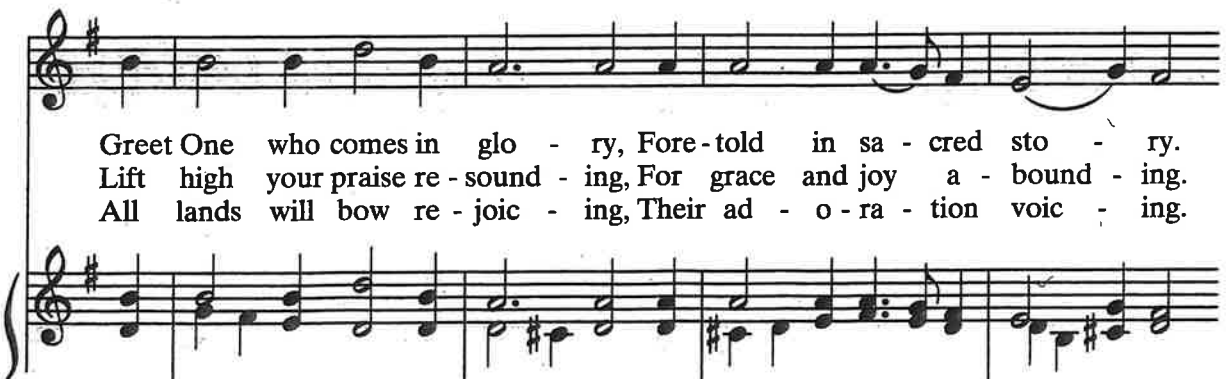
Alt. American Lutheran Hymnal, 1930



1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, Your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2. Christ brings God's rule, O Zi - on; He comes from heaven a - bove.
 3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; Your Sav - ior's rule em - brace.

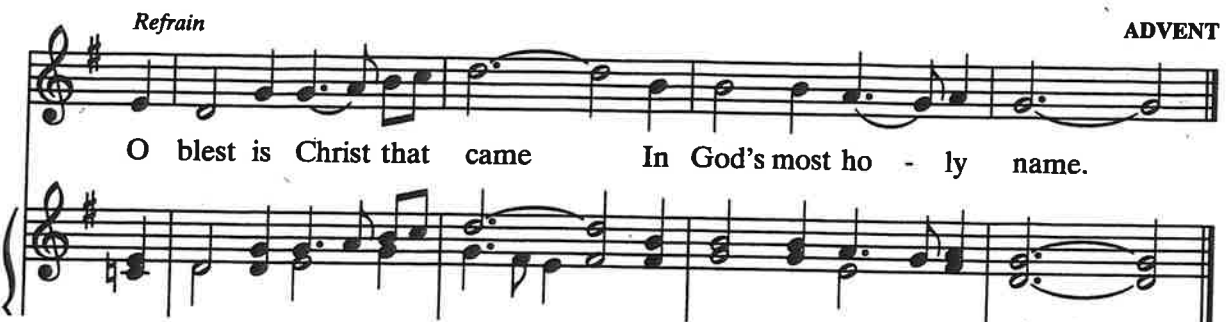


Let ev - ery hill and val - ley A lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, And jus - tice, truth, and love.
 And tid - ings of sal - va - tion Pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, For grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, Their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain ADVENT



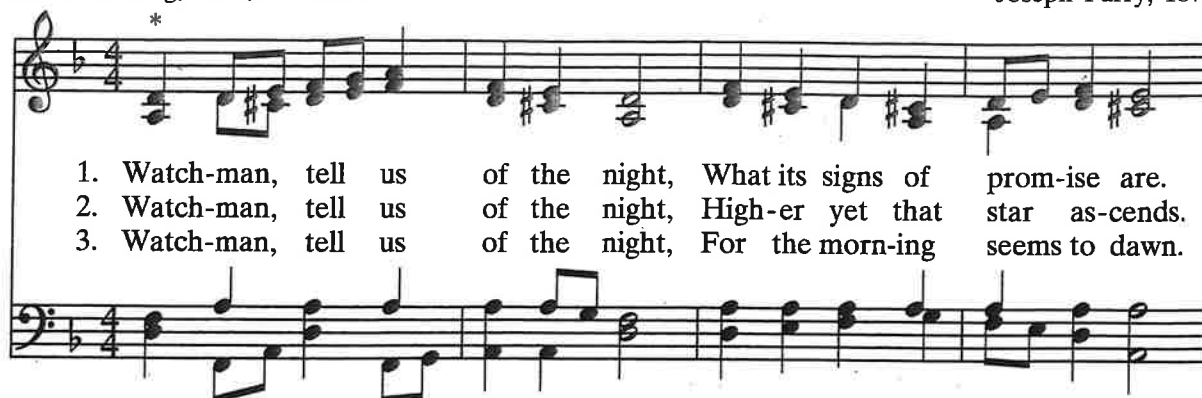
O blest is Christ that came In God's most ho - ly name.

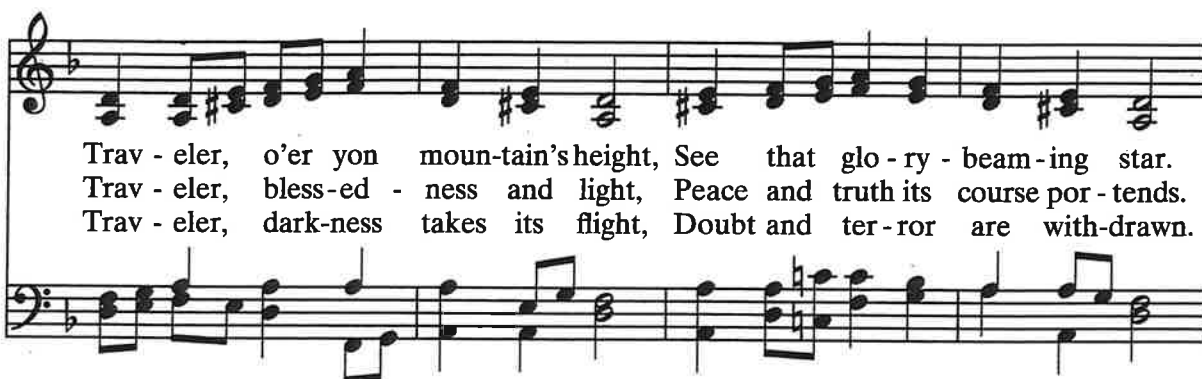
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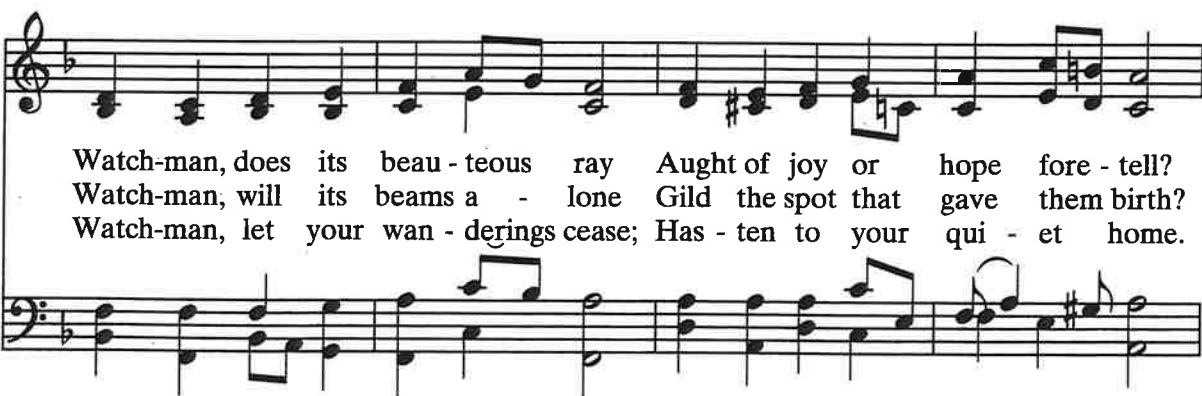
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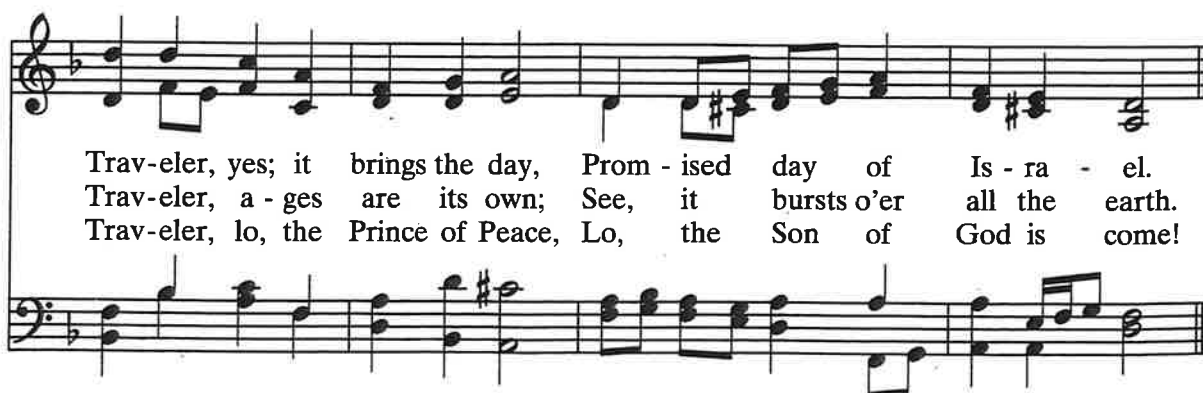
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 1. Watch-man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom-ise are.
 2. Watch-man, tell us of the night, High-er yet that star as-cends.
 3. Watch-man, tell us of the night, For the morn-ing seems to dawn.



Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, See that glo - ry - beam-ing star.
 Trav - eler, bless-ed - ness and light, Peace and truth its course por - tends.
 Trav - eler, dark-ness takes its flight, Doubt and ter - ror are with-drawn.



Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore - tell?
 Watch-man, will its beams a - lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-man, let your wan - derings cease; Has - ten to your qui - et home.



Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, Prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 Trav-eler, a - ges are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav-eler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is come!

stead - y brow, And robe of sor - row round You.
 pride, o'er-thrown, Went down to dust be - side You.
 of Your peace, By which a - lone we choose You.
 fore Your cross; Come, fin - ish Your sal - va - tion.

This tune in a higher key, 483

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 8

TRURO LM

Georg Weissel, 1642

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
 3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!
 heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
 pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.

November 30 – December 7, 2025

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

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

Worship for Children in Chapel, 10:10 a.m.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Youth Group | 6-8 p.m. | Room 1 & Youth Room

Sue Zumberge of SubText Books TODAY, 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

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>



Giving Voice Concerts Saturday, December 6 | 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. | Sanctuary

Concerts highlight how choral singing supports well-being for people living with dementia.

On Saturday, December 6 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., the Giving Voice Saint Paul Choruses will perform in the sanctuary. You'll hear singers' favorite Songs from Movies & TV as well as their stories about what this music and this choral community means to them.

Since September, this chorus made up of people living with cognitive changes like Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, their care partners, and dedicated volunteers has come together at weekly rehearsals where we sing, dance, share stories, and build friendships in a uniquely supportive environment that enhances well-being.

We'd love our singers to see your friendly face in the audience at this uplifting, family-friendly concert! Free advance tickets are available at givingvoicechorus.org/concerts. If you're interested in volunteering at the concert as a greeter or usher, please contact jessica@givingvoicechorus.org.

Week Beginning November 30, 2025

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

Monday, December 1, 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, December 2, 2025

7 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
9 a.m.	Arts Committee, Kirby Lounge
2 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room
4 p.m.	House and Property Meeting, Room 1
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Room 1
1 p.m.	Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
1:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
5 p.m.	Childcare, Room 8
6 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
7 p.m.	Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7 p.m.	Bells of Hope, Room 5

Thursday, December 4, 2025

7 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Day By Day Cafe/Zoom
9 a.m.	Christmas Decorating Volunteers, Kirk Parlour/Assembly Room
2 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Rm
5:30 p.m.	Capital City Grief Coalition, Lumen Christi Catholic Community

Friday, December 5, 2025

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

Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 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.	Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
11 a.m.	Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
11 a.m.	Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
11:15 a.m.	Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
11:30 a.m.	The Great Advent Bake-Off, Great Hall
6 p.m.	Youth Group, Youth Room/Room 1

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

In Memoriam

Margaret Ann Berg joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on September 25, 2005. Margaret entered the Church Triumphant on November 13, 2025. A private family gathering will take place at a later date.

Sofia Ardalan — November 4, 1979 - November 23, 2025

Sofia was a beloved staff member, a bright light, and a remarkably multi-talented singer, violinist, pianist, director, and performer. Since 2005 she taught and inspired children to love music and singing in her role as Director of The House of Hope Choir School. She was a member of The Choir School from 1987-1998 and was hired in 1998 as an Instructor with The Choir School. Service and tribute information will be provided at a later date.

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" - Romans 14:8



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