

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"We yearn to find once gain the infinite in time,  
to find the sacred in the present,  
and therefore to be truly alive!"

– Andrew Root

Second Sunday of Christmas | January 4, 2026 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 Communion. 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 worship in the chapel. 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!

## **Sunday School Volunteers Needed:**

Our Sunday School program needs a few more volunteer teachers starting in January. Teachers are equipped with an easy, step-by-step lesson plan and all the supplies they need, and the commitment is no more than once a month. This is a great opportunity to help our children grow into their faith and for adults to explore some favorite Bible stories with them. For more information, email Dr. Jimmy Hoke: [JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org).

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

*Away in a Manager*  
*What is This Lovely Fragrance*  
*What Child is This*  
*I Wonder as I Wander*  
*Still, Still, Still*  
The Bells of Hope, Timothy Short, Director; Rhonda Grobe, Harp

arr. Rhonda Grobe  
arr. Timothy Waugh  
arr. Rhonda Grobe  
arr. Hart Morris  
arr. Rhonda Grobe

### <sup>+</sup>Opening Hymn 28

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

IN DULCI JUBILO

### <sup>+</sup>Call to Worship (Congregation reads the text in bold)

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Before the foundation of the world,  
**God destined us for love.**

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

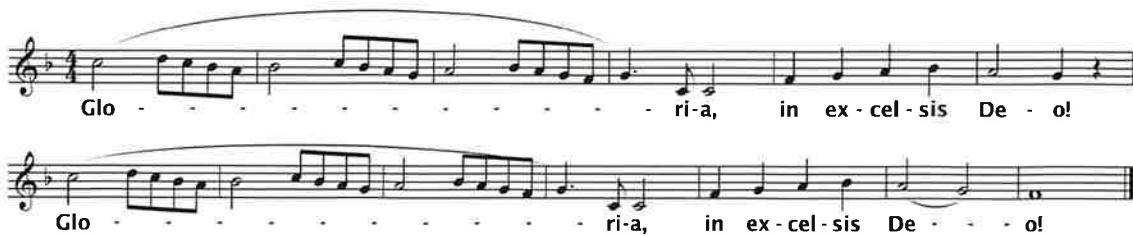
**O God, through your mighty acts we receive grace upon grace,  
even when we've gone astray and fallen short.  
Thank you for your forgiveness. From your fullness,  
feed us with your life-giving Word, that our lives, like bread,  
may feed a hungry world.**

### <sup>+</sup>Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### <sup>+</sup>The Peace (The Peace of the Lord is shared with those around you.)

### <sup>+</sup>Sung Response



## Welcome and Announcements

### Bell Anthem

*A Lute Caroll*

Jessica Bandelin, soprano

Mary Caldwell, arr. Timothy Short

What sweeter music can we bring, than a Caroll for to sing the birth of this our Heavenly King?  
Awake the voice, awake the string! Heart, Ear, and Eye, and everything awake!  
The Darling of the world is come, and fit it is we find a room to welcome Him.  
To do Him honor, who's our King and Lord of all this rejoicing!  
What sweeter music can we bring than a caroll for to sing the birth of this our Heavenly King?  
Awake the Voice! Awake the String! (text: Robert Herrick)

## THE WORD OF GOD

### 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 worship for children. Children will return to the sanctuary for communion.*

### Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NT, p. 91-92 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

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

*True Fullness*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### **+Hymn 67**

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

MORNING STAR

<sup>+</sup>**Affirmation of Faith** — Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

Rev. James D. Cochrane

**The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ,  
the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit  
bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures,  
which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.**

**Offering** — There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates are available at the sanctuary doors.
- **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 Bell Anthem**

*A la ru* (Hispanic Carol - Presbyterian Hymnal #45)  
Jeffrey Van, guitar

Jane McFadden

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People:

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response "And with thy spirit." The music is in G major (two sharps) and common time. It consists of a single melodic line with quarter notes and rests, ending with a half note. The lyrics "And with thy spir - it." are written below the notes.

And with thy spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People:

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response "We lift them up unto the Lord." The music is in G major (two sharps) and common time. It consists of a single melodic line with quarter notes and rests, ending with a half note. The lyrics "We lift them up un-to the Lord." are written below the notes.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

People:

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response "It is meet and right so to do." The music is in G major (two sharps) and common time. It consists of a single melodic line with quarter notes and rests, ending with a half note. The lyrics "It is meet and right so to do." are written below the notes.

It is meet and right so to do.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy.... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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 are you, Holy One.... 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.*

### Bell Anthems

*We Three Kings* Cathy Moklebust

*What Child is This* and *What Feast of Love* (text: Delores Dufner) Tune: Greensleeves

**Following each solo stanza, those who are seated join the organ to sing the text that is printed in bold italics.**

Solo - a stanza of *What Child is This*

Congregation (sung):

***What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?***

***What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?***

***This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.***

***Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!***

Solo - a stanza of *What Child is This*

Congregation (sung):

**What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!**

Solo - a stanza of *What Child is This*

Congregation (sung):

**What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given.**

### **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:**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **+ Closing Hymn (See Insert)**

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

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### **+ Benediction**

### **Postlude**

#### **Carillon Postlude**

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur Emeritus

**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.

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

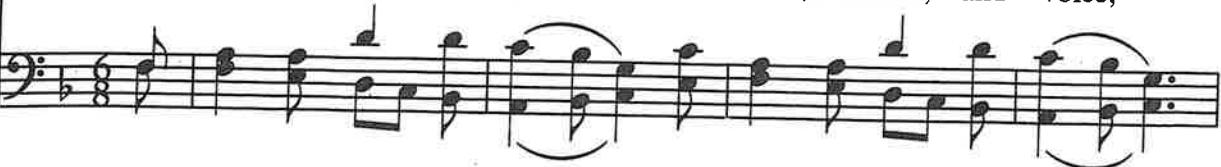
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Medieval Latin

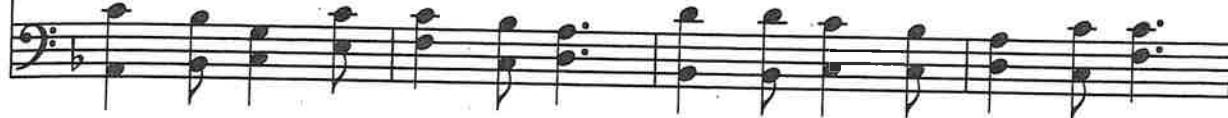
Trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.

German folk tune, 14th century  
Harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953

1. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
2. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;



Give ye heed to what we say:  
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss:  
 Now ye need not fear the grave:  
 Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened heav-en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er-more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all To gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save!

Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save!



## 67 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

MORNING STAR 11.10.11.10

Reginald Heber, 1811; alt.

James Proctor Harding, 1892

1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2. Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
 3. Shall we then yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 O - dors of E - dom and of - ferings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure;

Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all!  
 Myrrh from the for - est, or gold from the mine?  
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.\*

\*Repeat stanza 1.



# News & Opportunities

January 4 – 11, 2025

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

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

Children's Worship in the Chapel at 10:15 a.m.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Youth Group | January 4, 11, & 18 | 6-8 p.m.  
Room 1 and Youth Room



### **{Trés} in Concert: Chamber Music Across the Americas**

**Sunday, January 18 | 2 p.m.**

House of Hope and Hope Arts Center are pleased to announce our next Sunday Series, a transcendent program that blends chamber music traditions with the syncopated rhythms of Puerto Rican and Caribbean soundscapes. The program also includes a performance and screening of the documentary musical experience *Pedacito de Tierra* (Little Piece of Land), a newly commissioned chamber work by acclaimed Puerto Rican composer Angélica Negrón that gives voice to the history and presence of the Puerto Rican diaspora in the Twin Cities. The work was commissioned and produced by Puerto Rican saxophonist and cultural organizer José Antonio Zayas Cabán, who also performs in this premiere alongside the Grammy-nominated {Trés} Chamber Music Trio and special guest, Grammy-winning artist Miguel Zenón. "Negrón and Zayas Cabán invite listeners not just to enjoy the music—but to be changed by it." A panel discussion will follow the performance, moderated by Tom Crann of MPR.

**Tickets are available at:**

<https://our.show/tres/sundayseries>

## Drop-In Knitting, Crafts, and Conversation

**Thursdays beginning Jan. 8 | Library | 1-3 p.m.**

We are moving Drop-In Knitting, Crafts, and Conversation to Thursdays. Join us for drop-in projects or fellowship in the church library each Thursday from 1-3 p.m. Bring a project, and we will create and visit!

## Sunday Enrichment: Ukraine-Russia War with Luda Anastazievsky.

**Sunday, January 18**

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

## Sunday Enrichment: Reflections from the Camino de Santiago. Sunday, January 25

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

Join friend of House of Hope, Amy Kramer Brenengen, to learn about her remarkable 424 mile pilgrimage on foot across Spain. Amy walked the Camino de Santiago in the spring of 2025 and will share her experience, insights she gained, and historical information about the history of the Camino.

## Sunday-Weekday Connections with Marnie Fleming Tuesday, January 27

**Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.**

From flower girl to the Peter Rabbit room, Choir School with Liz Shepley, serving as a Deacon, and even portraying Mary in the Tableaux — Marnie Fleming's journey with House of Hope is rich with faith and community. Come be inspired as Marnie shares how HOH has been her lifelong foundation and guide.

Please sign up by January 22 at:

<https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

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

## **WinterWalk and Roll at House of Hope. Thursdays, 10 - 11 a.m. — January 8 - March 27**

Enjoy indoor walking or rolling space away from cold, snow and ice. In partnership with Interfaith Action, House of Hope will welcome members, friends, and neighbors to the building to enjoy some exercise away from winter weather. The walking path will take place in HOH's East Wing.

## **First Friday Jazz Returns in February! Friday, February 6 | Assembly Room | 6 – 8 p.m.**

Just in time for Valentine's Day! We hope you will join us – friends, neighbors, and sweethearts are welcome! Enjoy another evening of great jazz music by Jazz Savvy, savory food and beverages, and visiting with friends old and new. Pre-registration is encouraged to help us better plan for refreshments at <https://bit.ly/FirstFridayJazz>

**Capital City Grief Coalition** meetings will return to House of Hope on Thursdays, beginning February 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour.

## **Week Beginning January 4, 2026**

### **Sunday, January 4, 2026**

8:45 a.m.	Nursery, Room 8
10 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
10:10 a.m.	Worship for Children, Chapel
11 a.m.	Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
6 p.m.	Youth Group, Youth Room

### **Thursday, January 8, 2026**

7 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
9:30 a.m.	Mission Sewing, Dining A&B
10 a.m.	WinterWalk, East Wing
1 p.m.	Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
2 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room

### **Monday, January 5, 2026**

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

### **Friday, January 9, 2026**

8 a.m.	Women's Book Group, Zoom
9 a.m.	Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
9 a.m.	Centering Prayer, Zoom

### **Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

7 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
2 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room
4 p.m.	House and Property Meeting, Room 1
6:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting, Kirk Parlour

### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

8:30 a.m.	Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room
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.	Aleluia Choir, Choir School Room
11:15 a.m.	Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
11:15 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed, Room 1/Zoom
11:15 a.m.	Welcoming Class, Library
6 p.m.	Youth Group, Room 1/Youth Room

### **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Room 1
1:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
4 p.m.	Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Rm
7 p.m.	Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

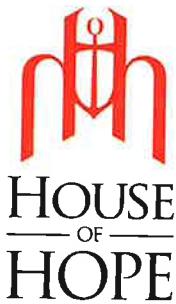
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For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org).



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