

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"There is no relationship between perfectionism and excellence.  
Perfectionism is the belief that we can be perfect or perform perfectly.  
The question has to be asked: according to who? Who decides what perfect is?"

-Tema Okun

Baptism of the Lord | January 11, 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**, today served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated today for Kate Sullivan Kenney and Emmet John Kenney, children of Maddy and Sophie Kenney. Elder assisting is Diane Smith.

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:**

- **Worship:** Following the Baptism, 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.
- **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!

## **Upcoming next Sunday, January 18:**

**10 a.m. Worship:** Our guest preacher next Sunday will be The Rev. Juan Carlos Huertas, who is the Minister of Proclamation and Practice of Justice at First-Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Lincoln NE.

**11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment:** Ukraine-Russia War with Luda Anastazievsky (see insert for more information.)

**2 p.m. Sunday Series:** {Trés} in Concert: *Chamber Music Across the Americas* (see page 7 for more information and to reserve tickets.)

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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

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### Prelude

Andante Variations  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Felix Mendelssohn

### Introit

*With Gladness We Worship*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

George J. Elvey

### <sup>+</sup>Processional Hymn 487

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

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

God has called us all in righteousness as a light to the nations,  
**so that all eyes may be opened, all prisoners set free,**  
**all peoples know the peace of justice.**

Rev. James D. Cochrane

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

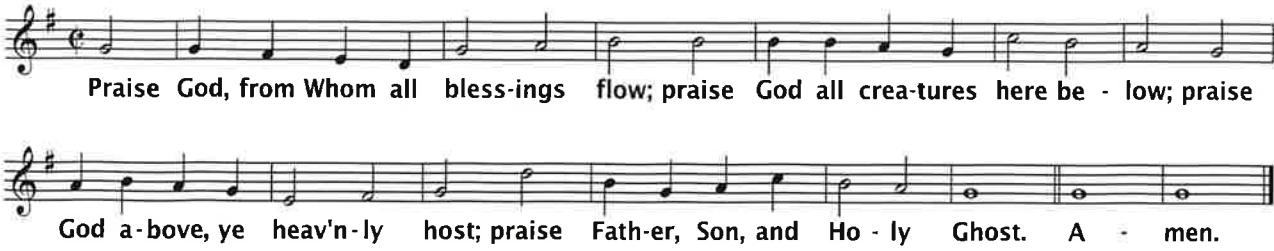
**God of grace, we are your beloved children. Forgive us for the times we forgot the belovedness of our neighbors. Forgive us for the silences that allowed hurts to persist. Forgive our neighbors, who have also forgotten and stayed silent. And forgive our nations, whose violence breaks families, the land, and the waters. Bring us back to our belovedness, we pray.**

### <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>Doxology



Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise  
God above, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Anthem

*Grant Us Thy Peace*

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us thy peace, almighty Lord,  
Thou source of every blessing!  
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word,  
All things in Thee possessing.  
In Thee is our hope and safety.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### First Lesson

Ann Geery

Isaiah 42:1-7 (OT, p. 670 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Sacrament of Baptism** — Kate Sullivan Kenney and Emmet John Kenney

**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

Matthew 3:13-17 (NT, p. 3 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*What Is Proper*

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### <sup>+</sup> Hymn 72

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

DE EERSTEN ZIJN DE LAATSTEN

<sup>+</sup> **Affirmation of Faith** — adapted from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

**I believe that by grace,  
God grants me the righteousness of Christ  
to free me forever from judgment.**

### 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.**

**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

*Hallelujah, Amen (from Judas Maccabaeus)*

G.F. Handel

Hallelujah, amen!  
O Judah, rejoice in songs divine,  
With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join!

## **+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 411**

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

## **+Benediction**

### **Postlude**

March

Felix Mendelssohn

### **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.

**Cover Art:** This depiction is from the bottom center predella of the John the Baptist window on the west side of the sanctuary. In this depiction John baptizes Jesus in the River Jordan.  
Photo credit: Dick Crone.



## **{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>

## When Morning Gilds the Skies

487

LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6 D

German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak-ing cries:  
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:  
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:  
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth-ly bliss?  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e-ter - nal song



To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 My com-fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!



## 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.

A wind that stirred the wa - ters, A blur of might - y wings?  
 "The Lord's Mes-siah shall con - quer, Re - ject - ed and de - spised"?  
 Through love, im-mersed in liv - ing, As You were once bap - tized.

Alternate tune: LLANGLOFFAN, 289

Matthew 3:13-16

## When Jesus Came to Jordan

72

DE EERSTEN ZIJN DE LAATSTEN 7.6.7.6

Fred Pratt Green, 1973

Frederik August Mehrtens (1922-1975)

1. When Je - sus came to Jor - dan To be bap - tized by John,  
 2. He came to share re - pen - tance With all who mourn their sins,  
 3. He came to share temp - ta - tion, Our ut - most woe and loss;  
 4. So when the dove de - scend - ed On him, the Ho - ly One,

He did not come for par - don, But as God's Ho - ly One.  
 To speak the vi - tal sen - tence With which good news be - gins.  
 For us and our sal - va - tion To die up - on the cross.  
 The hid - den year had end - ed, The age of grace be - gun.

## Arise, Your Light Is Come!

411

FESTAL SONG SM

Ruth Duck, 1974

William H. Walter, 1894

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Show forth the glo - ry of your God, Which shines on you to - day.  
 Pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, Good ti - dings to the poor.  
 Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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# News & Opportunities

January 11 – 18, 2026

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

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

Sunday School | 10:10 a.m. in Rooms 2&4

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

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

## Welcoming Class - TODAY

**Sunday, January 11 | Library | 11:15 a.m.**

Whether you're new to House of Hope, or want to know more about how our community works, join us.

**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).

## WinterWalk and Roll at House of Hope.

**Thursdays, 10 - 11 a.m. through 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.

## Drop-In Knitting, Crafts, and Conversation

**Thursdays | 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, Jan. 18

**Assembly Room.** Luda Anastazievsky is a long-time educator, chair of the Minnesota Ukrainian American Advocacy Committee (MN UAAC), and a board member of the Ukrainian American Community Center. She leads advocacy efforts here in Minnesota to stop the war brought on by the Russian invasion and works to raise awareness about Ukraine's past and present.

## 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>



## 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 11, 2026

### 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.	Alleluia Choir, Choir School 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

### Monday, January 12, 2026

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

### Tuesday, January 13, 2026

7 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
2 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room
5 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting, Room 7/Zoom
6:30 p.m.	Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Room 1/Zoom

### Wednesday, January 14, 2026

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Room 1
4 p.m.	Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Rm
5 p.m.	Childcare, Room 8
5:30 p.m.	Matthew 25, Room 1/Zoom
7 p.m.	Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, January 15, 2026

7 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
10 a.m.	Library Committee, Library
10 a.m.	WinterWalk, East Wing
1 p.m.	Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
2 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room

### Friday, January 16, 2026

8 a.m.	Women's Book Group, Zoom
9 a.m.	Centering Prayer, Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Loft Benefit Event, Sanctuary/Kirk Parlour
7 p.m.	Youth Overnight, Room 1/Great Hall

### Sunday, January 18, 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.	Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
11:15 a.m.	Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
2 p.m.	Sunday Series with {Trés} and José Antonio Zayas Cabán, 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).

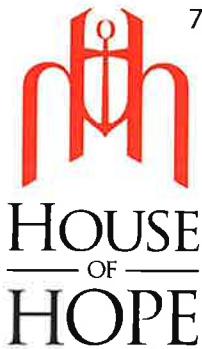
## In Memoriam

**Alice M. Morehouse** joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on June 12, 1960.

Alice entered the Church Triumphant on January 4, 2026.

No service information is available at this time.

*"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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