

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"We recognize the person fundamentally as a summons or invitation to a relation which transcends the limitations of space and time." – Christos Yannaras

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | February 8, 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.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Sunday School:** *There is no Sunday School today.* Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians.
- **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!

Welcome to Rev. Shawna Bowman Today in Worship and 11:15 a.m. Enrichment.

Today artist Rev. Shawna Bowman (they/them) will be doing an artistic expression of the music and liturgy of the service as it unfolds. Everyone is encouraged to create alongside Rev. Bowman using the materials available from the ushers. Following the service at 11:15 in the Assembly Room, Rev. Bowman will leading a dynamic conversation and demonstration of the ways creativity can fuel our spiritual lives, and can foster a deeper connection with God and one another in worship. Special attention will be paid to helping young people engage artistically alongside Rev. Bowman both during the service and in the Sunday Enrichment.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Two Scottish Dances
Aaron David Miller, Organist

16th Century

Introit

Give the Lord the Honor
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Eric Thiman

+Processional Hymn 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

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

Rev. James D. Cochrane

We are salt for the earth.

We are a light for the world.

Just as no one hides a lamp away,

we will offer the world what only we can give.

+Prayer of Confession

O God from whom all blessings flow, forgive us our shortcoming.

Help us to embrace the unique gifts your Spirit has instilled in each of us.

Give us the wisdom to discern both how we have failed you and where your world could use our talents most. Grant us the humility to rely on the strength and insight of others, not just our own. So that, in mutual giving and receiving, all needs may be met, according to the way of Jesus.

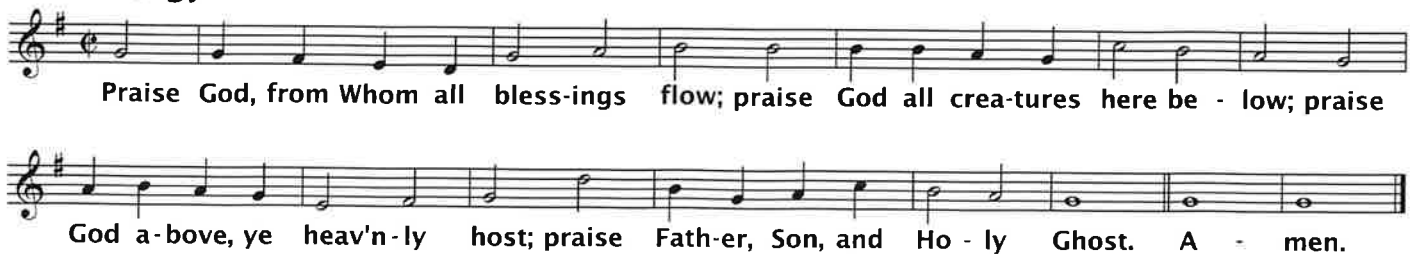
+Assurance of Forgiveness

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 bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

Cantate Domino

Heinrich Schütz

Cantate Domino canticum novum;
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.
Laudent nomen ejus in choro;
in tympano et psalterio psallant ei.

*Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle:
let his praise be in the church of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.
Let them praise his name in choir:
let them sing to him with the timbrel and the psaltery.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Acclamation



May the word of the liv - ing God en - light - en our path.

First Lesson

Nancy Stendahl

Matthew 5:13-20 (NT, p. 4 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Prayer of St. Francis

Helen Litz

St. Nicholas Choir; Jessica Bandelin, Acting Director

O Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace, of Thy peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon

O Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace, of Thy peace
Where there is doubt, let there be faith
Where despair, let there be hope

O, Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace, of Thy peace
Where there is darkness, let there be light
Where there is sadness, let there be joy

O, Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace, of Thy peace

Time for Children

Elsa Kendig and Rev. Shawna Bowman

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

Second Lesson

I Corinthians 2:1-12 (NT, p. 166-167 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

Spiritual Wisdom

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 413

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

+**Affirmation of Faith** — Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of humanity's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes humanity's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

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.

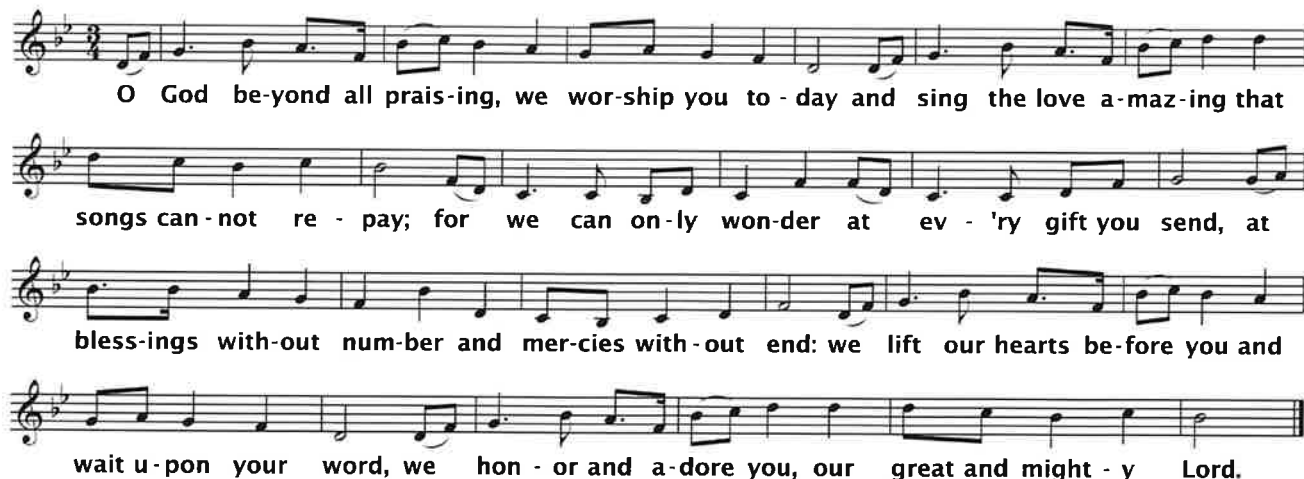
Offertory Anthem

Call to Remembrance

Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord,
Thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness
Which hath been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
But according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord,
For thy goodness.

+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 420

God of Grace, and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

+Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

Théodore Dubois

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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

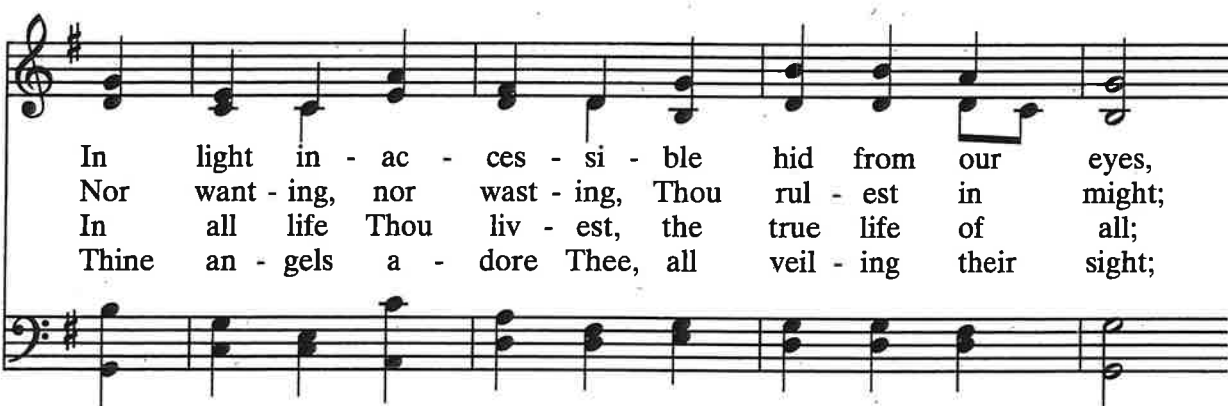
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ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11

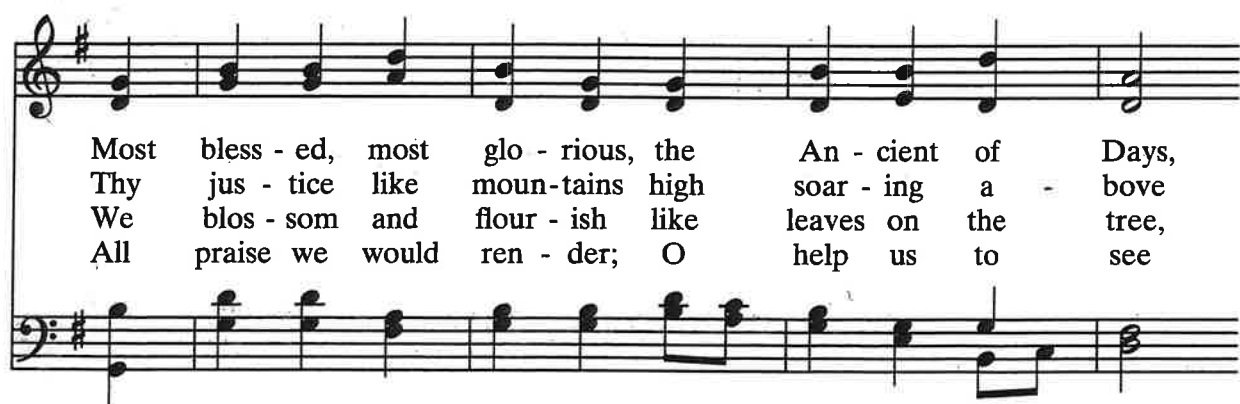
Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

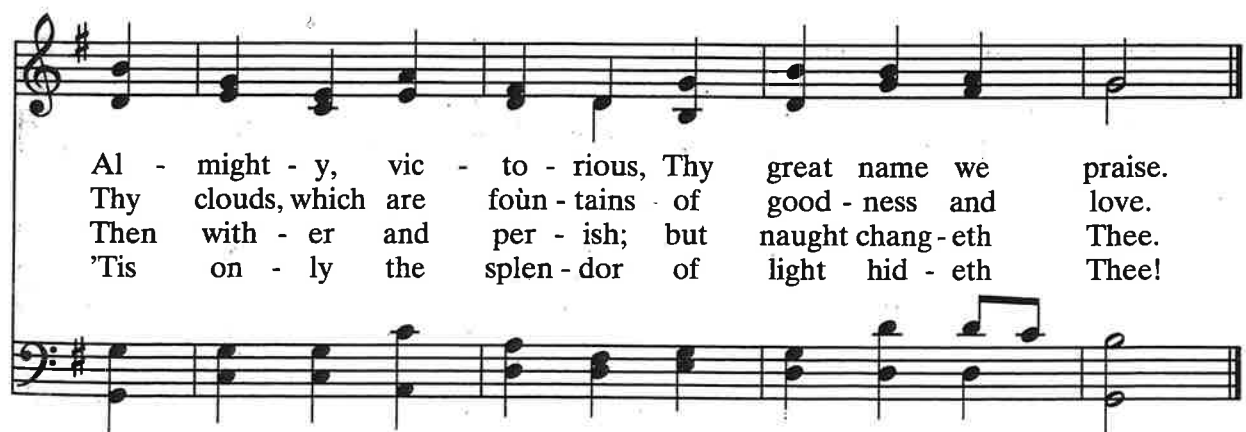

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,



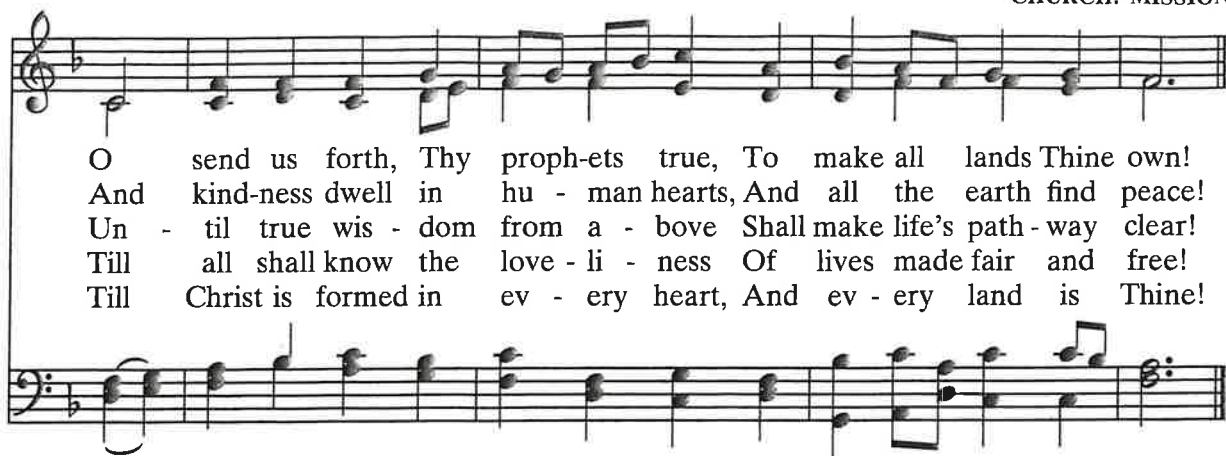
In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;




Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!



O send us forth, Thy proph-ets true, To make all lands Thine own!
 And kind-ness dwell in hu-man hearts, And all the earth find peace!
 Un - til true wis - dom from a - bove Shall make life's path - way clear!
 Till all shall know the love - li - ness Of lives made fair and free!
 Till Christ is formed in ev - ery heart, And ev - ery land is Thine!

John 9:4 

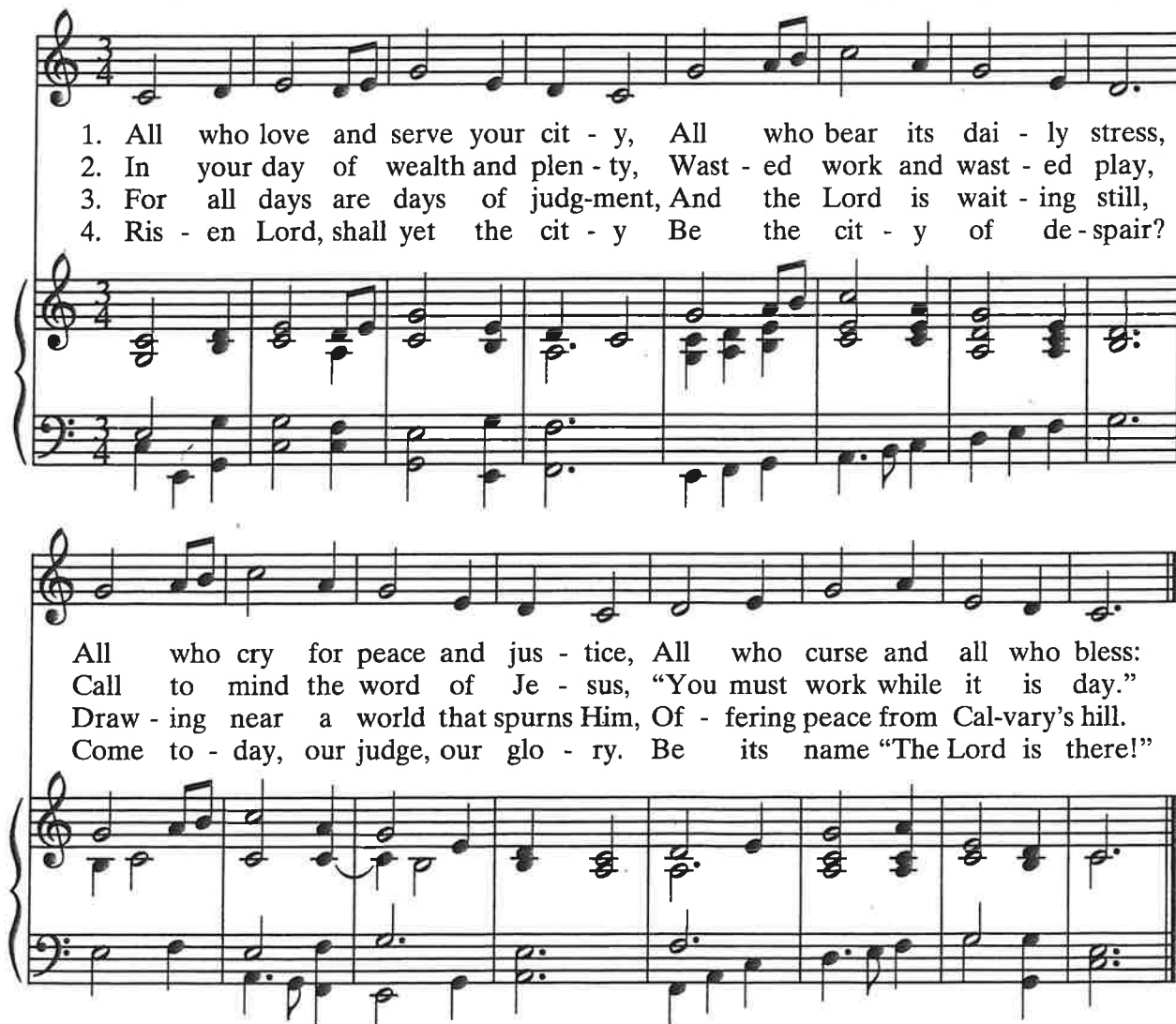
All Who Love and Serve Your City 413

CHARLESTOWN 8.7.8.7

The United States Sacred Harmony, 1799

Harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

Erik Routley, 1966



1. All who love and serve your cit - y, All who bear its dai - ly stress,
 2. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, Wast - ed work and wast - ed play,
 3. For all days are days of judg-ment, And the Lord is wait - ing still,
 4. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y Be the cit - y of de-spair?

All who cry for peace and jus - tice, All who curse and all who bless:
 Call to mind the word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 Draw - ing near a world that spurns Him, Of - fering peace from Cal-vary's hill.
 Come to - day, our judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

February 8 – 15, 2026

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

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

Children are invited to stay in the service.

There is no Sunday School today.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

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

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



Souper Bowl of Caring, Today, Sunday, February 8.

During February, HOH will participate in **Souper Bowl of Caring**, a

financial collection to support food pantries. Watch for our Youth as you leave the sanctuary holding stock pots for your donations. Please consider donating to help those experiencing food insecurity as we head into the March Food Drive. Ways to give: **Check or cash** noted for *Food Pantry*

Online: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> Fund: Food Pantry

Text: HOH Food to 73256



Mardi Gras Celebration and Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, February 15 Join us in the Great Hall for a Mardi Gras Celebration after worship. This

congregational event is filled with fun, fellowship, and delicious chili. Suggested donation is \$5. One talented chef will win a prize!

Chili Cook-Off Sign-up:

<https://bit.ly/HOHChili2026>

Formations — The God Revolution

Wednesday nights until February 11.

Kirk Parlour | 5:30-7 p.m. Senior Pastor Scott Jones will launch the first in a series of Formations for 2026 to be taught by our clergy. Join us for a potluck meal at 5:30 p.m. and then hear about and discuss the rich and wonderful explorations of God that are occurring in contemporary theology. Future classes will discuss methods of Biblical interpretation, practical spiritual skills, and the way of discipleship.



Midday Lenten Prayer Services Wednesdays in Lent beginning February 25

Elizabeth Chapel | 12:15 p.m.

Beginning Wednesday February 25, House of Hope will offer a short, contemplative prayer service in the Elizabeth Chapel. Led by clergy, Scripture reading, prayers, bells, and silence will invite us to ground and center ourselves in this season of renewing practice and deepening wisdom. Rather than giving something up this Lent, consider trying out this liturgy as a new spiritual practice. Come with eyes to see, and ears to hear.

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, February 24 | Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Sunday-Weekday Connections brings together women of the congregation for fellowship, supper, and a speaker. Evelyn Klein will be our speaker and will share about her life as a writer.

Please sign up by February 19 at:

<https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

Nominating Committee

Nominations forms are available for open positions on our Deacons, Trustees, and Session boards; and 2027 Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee asks you to prayerfully consider the strengths of your fellow congregants and nominate people you think would be good additions to our church leadership. You may nominate yourself.

Please ask individuals you'd like to nominate for permission to submit their name.

A Congregational Meeting will be called for the purpose of electing officers in April or May.

Use the online form on the church website at hohchurch.org under 'Things to Know'. Paper versions of the form are available at the church. **The deadline for submissions is Sunday, March 1.**

Week Beginning February 8, 2026

Sunday, February 8, 2026

8:30 a.m.	Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room
8:45 a.m.	Nursery, Room 8
9:30 a.m.	Choir School, Choir School Room
10 a.m.	Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
11:15 a.m.	Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
11:15 a.m.	Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room

Monday, February 9, 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, February 10, 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.	Deacons Meeting, Kirk Parlour

Wednesday, February 11, 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.	Formation Series, Kirk Parlour
5:30 p.m.	Matthew 25 Meeting, Room 1/Zoom
7 p.m.	Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5
7 p.m.	Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 12, 2026

7 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
10 a.m.	WinterWalk, East Wing
1 p.m.	Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
2 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Rm
5:30 p.m.	Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour
7 p.m.	Nominating Committee, Kirby Lounge

Friday, February 13, 2026

8 a.m.	Women's Book Group, Zoom
9 a.m.	Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
9 a.m.	Centering Prayer, Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Tween Night, Room 2

Music Sunday, February 15, 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 a.m.	Chili Cook Off, Great Hall
11:15 a.m.	Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
6 p.m.	Youth Group, Room 1/Youth Room

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



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