

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." – 2 Peter 1:19

Transfiguration of the Lord and Music Sunday | February 15, 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:

- **Worship:** Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians, or walk out with their guardians to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School. Caregivers should come to the East Wing immediately after the service to pick up their children.
- **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!



Mardi Gras Celebration and Chili Cook-Off

TODAY, 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!

Ash Wednesday — February 18

The Lenten journey begins with a 7 p.m. service of music, meditation, imposition of ashes, and communion.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Praeludium in G Minor
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Dietrich Buxtehude

Introit

Take Up Your Cross
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Dietrich Buxtehude

+Processional Hymn 75

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS

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

Rev. James D. Cochrane

Though finite human minds cannot fathom God's fullness,
God gives us glimpses of glory every day.

**In the face of every person made in God's image,
Divine beauty glows like sunlight behind clouds.**

+Prayer of Confession

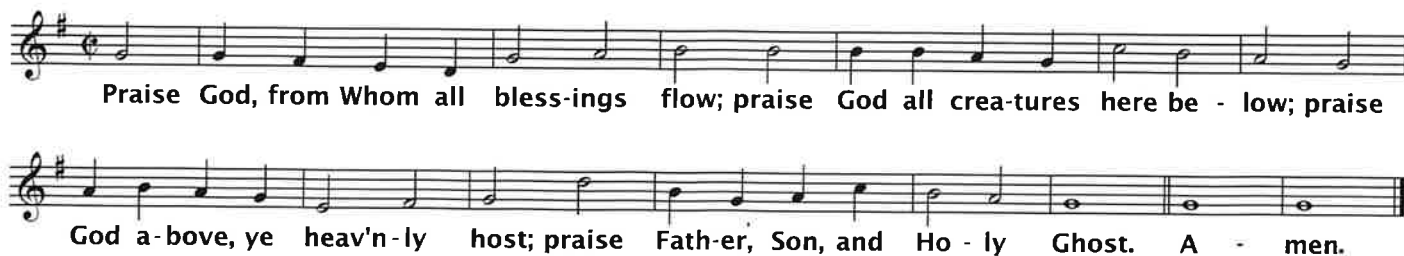
**Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence.
You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness.
Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit,
that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

+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

Centering Prayer Opportunities

Linda Lane

THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Acclamation



Scripture Lesson

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Matthew 17:1-9 (NT, pp. 18-19 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Time for Children

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

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Cantata

Eins bitte ich vom Herrn [BuxWV 24] (see insert for texts)

Dietrich Buxtehude

Motet Choir and Chamber Orchestra
Linh Kauffman, soprano; Allison Eckberg, alto

1. Sinfonia
2. Coro
3. Verse 1 [soprano]
4. Verse 2 [chorus]
5. Verse 3 [alto]
6. Verse 4 [chorus]
7. Verse 5 [soprano]
8. Verse 6 [chorus]
9. Verse 7 [chorus]
10. Coro [da capo chorus]

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

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

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

**In Jesus of Nazareth,
true humanity was realized once for all.
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew,
lived among his own people
and shared their needs, temptations,
joys, and sorrows.
He expressed the love of God
in word and deed
and became a brother
to all kinds of sinful men and women.
But his complete obedience
led him into conflict with his people.
His life and teaching judged their goodness,
religious aspirations, and national hopes.
Many rejected him and demanded his death.
In giving himself freely for them,
he took upon himself the judgment
under which everyone stands convicted.
God raised him from the dead,
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.
The victim of sin became victor,
and won the victory
over sin and death for all.**

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.

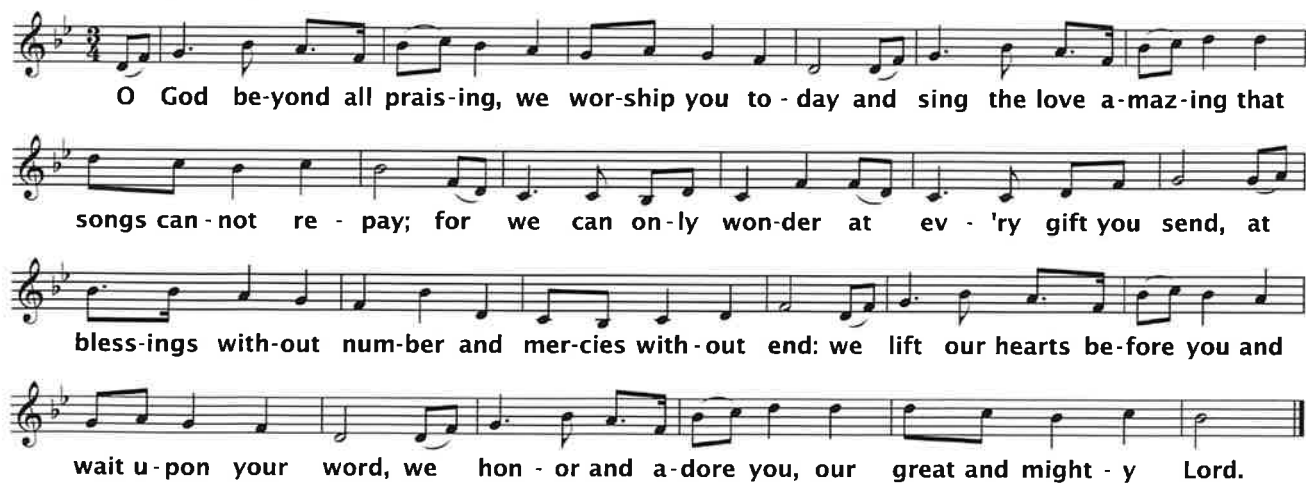
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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 Organ Interlude

+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 73

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

GENEVA

+Benediction

Postlude

Gigue

Dietrich Buxtehude

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.

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS LM

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861

"The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415

1. O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair Of glo - ry
 2. From age to age the tale de - clare, How with the
 3. The law and proph - ets there have place, Two cho - sen
 4. With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray Christ deigns to
 5. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high By this great

that the church shall share, Which Christ up - on the
 three dis - ci - ples there, Where Mo - ses and E -
 wit - ness - es of grace; The Fa - ther's voice from
 man - i - fest to - day What glo - ry shall be
 vi - sion's mys - ter - y, For which in joy - ful

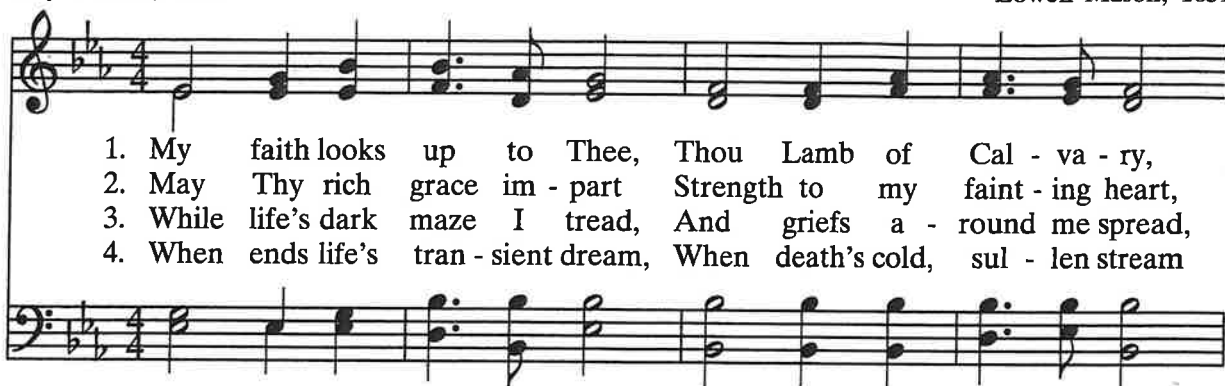
moun-tain shows, Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 li - jah meet, The Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 out the cloud Pro - claims His on - ly Son a loud.
 theirs a - bove Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Ray Palmer, 1830

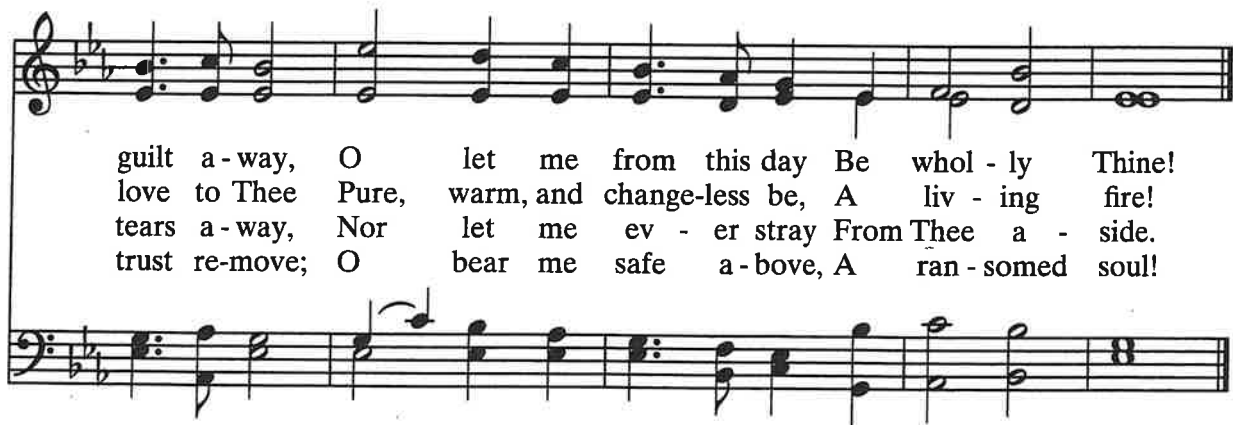
Lowell Mason, 1831



1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine: Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor-row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

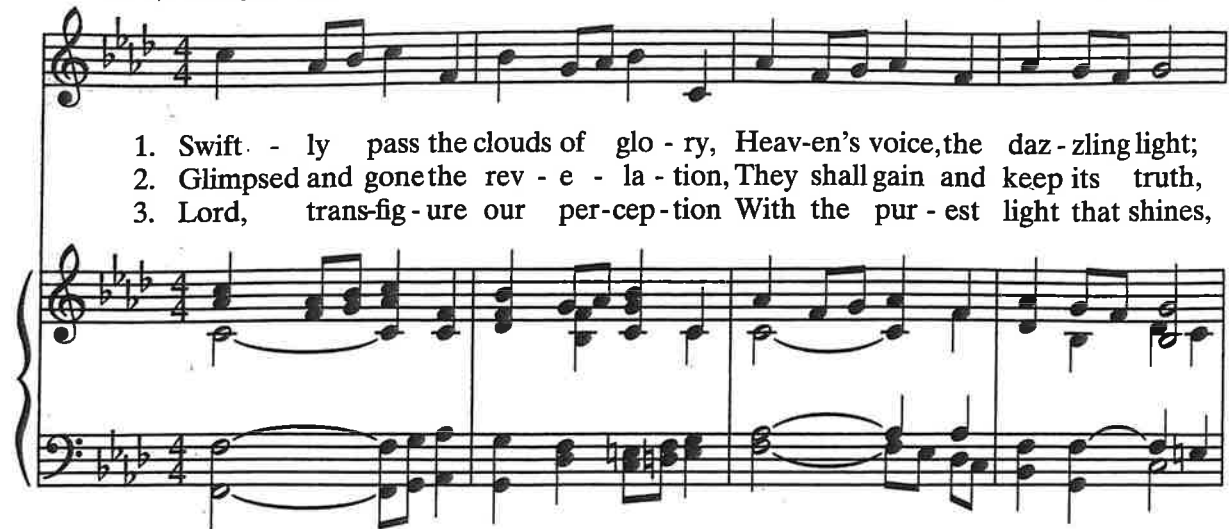
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Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

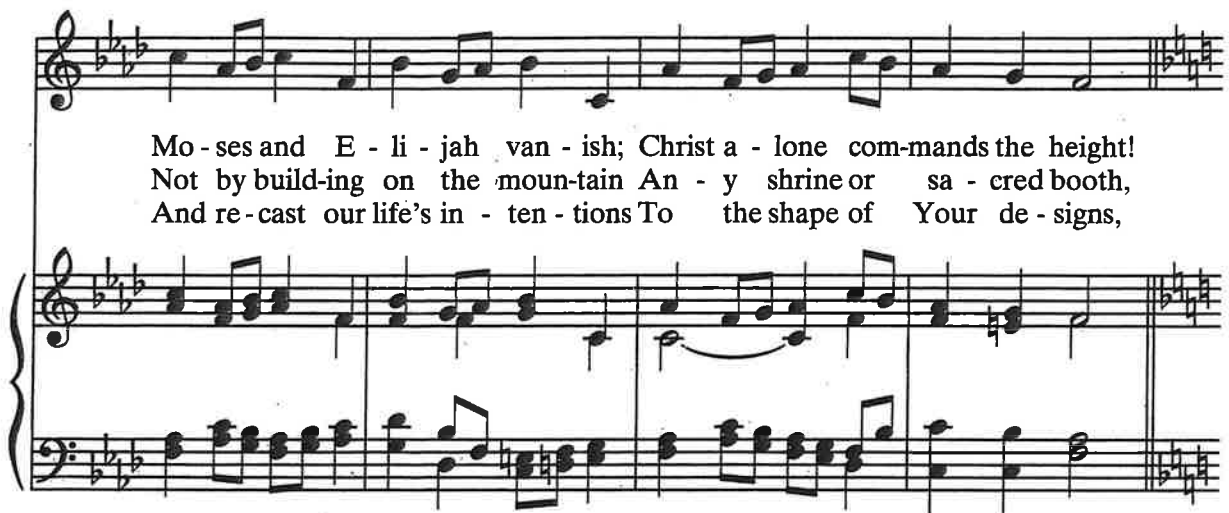
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Thomas H. Troeger, 1985

George Henry Day, 1940



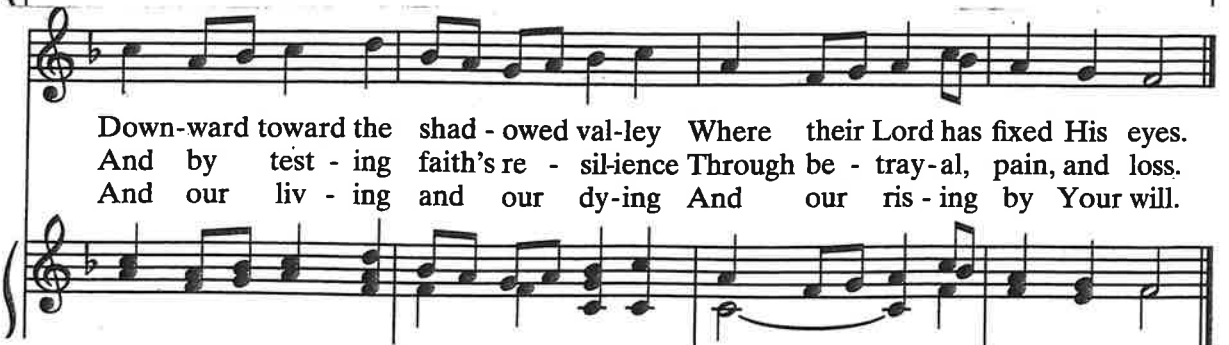
1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz - zling light;
 2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
 3. Lord, trans-fig - ure our per-cep - tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com-mands the height!
 Not by build-ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
 And re-cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - vary's hill



Down-ward toward the shad - owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil-ience Through be - tray-al, pain, and loss.
 And our liv - ing and our dy-ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

February 15 – 22, 2026

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

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

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

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

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>

Loaves and Fishes | Monday, February 16 St. Matthew's Church, 490 Hall Avenue.

Our group is serving meals at St. Matthew's church on Monday, February 16. Meal prep begins at 2:30 p.m., serving crew at 4:15 p.m., meals distributed at 5 p.m. Clean up completed by 6:30 p.m. A hairnet or hat and an apron is required. We are always looking for new volunteers. Future serving dates for 2026: April 20, June 15, August 17, October 19, and December 21. Please contact Norma Herther for more information: 651-493-0752



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.

Formation Classes:

Methods of Interpretation

Wednesdays in March (March 4, 11, 18, and 25)

Kirk Parlour | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Our Formations series will continue in March with a four-week series led by Senior Pastor Scott Jones on the methods of Biblical interpretation. "Interpretation is not a process along a linear trajectory from ignorance to understanding via the medium of the text . . . but an endless stimulation to further inquiry and conversation." So writes David Jasper in his book *A Short Introduction to Hermeneutics*. "Hermeneutics" being the fancy word for the study of interpretation.

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.

Know Your Rights Training

Wednesday, February 25 | 6 p.m. | Assembly Room

House of Hope is hosting a Know Your Rights training, presented by Paul Sullivan from the ACLU of Minnesota. Everyone has basic rights under the U.S. Constitution and civil rights laws. Join us to learn more about what your rights are, how to exercise them, and what to do when your rights are violated. This training is free. **Please sign up to attend here: bit.ly/HOHKnowYourRights**

Week Beginning February 15, 2026

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 House Group, Off Site

Monday, February 16, 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

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room
- 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Assembly Room

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1
- 12 p.m. Adult Committee, Rm
- 1 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Rm
- 5 p.m. Childcare, Room 8
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 19, 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 Rm
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour

Friday, February 20, 2026

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

Sunday, February 22, 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. Youth Winter Frolic, HOH Park
- 11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly 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.

In Memoriam

Bill Christianson joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on June 7, 1987.
Bill entered the Church Triumphant on February 5, 2026.
A memorial service will take place in the Chapel on Monday, February 16 at 11 a.m.

*"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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