

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Let us bring the axe to the root that we may be freed from our passions and have peace of mind. If we were to deal with only one vice each year, we should soon become perfect."

*The Imitation of Christ*, Thomas A. Kempis

Ash Wednesday | February 18, 2026 7 p.m.

# Welcome!

**We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.**

House of Hope extends the hospitality of Christ to all who gather here. Our church uses traditional worship, progressive values, and intellectual growth to enable people to better serve the neighborhood, community, and the world.

Our open and affirming, caring active community welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds.

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.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated tonight. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. Elements served are gluten-free bread and grape juice.



## **Wednesdays in Lent:**

**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.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

*Phineas Windsor's Air*  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

A. D. Miller

### Welcome and Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Rev. Dr. E Scott Jones

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.  
You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Amen.**

### <sup>+</sup> Hymn 81

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

### <sup>+</sup> Prayer of Confession (Congregation reads the text in bold)

Now is the time. Now is the day of salvation.  
Now is the beginning of a season of deep breaths, deep reflection, and deep reckoning.  
We must not accept God's grace in vain. Now is the time for confession.

**God of wisdom and mercy, we turn to you aware of our need for you.**

**In a season of wandering, we pray that you will guide us along right paths:**

**paths of curiosity when we are disillusioned,**

**paths of hope when we despair,**

**paths of open doors when we are stuck,**

**and paths of transformation when we are corrupted.**

**Wipe the stain of shame from our brows**

**and mark us instead with the sign of your holy presence,**

**so that we may travel with you in renewed joy and courage,**

**living as your people and acting with your wisdom and mercy.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, O God.**

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

Even now the Lord says, return to me with all your heart.

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love.

**Thanks be to God for this unimaginable grace.**

## **Anthem**

*Call to Remembrance*

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

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.

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

## **Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 58:1-12 (OT, pp. 688-689 in pew Bible)

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

## **Meditation**

Rev. James D. Cochrane

*Public Displays of Faith*

## **THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

### **+Hymn 84**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People:



A musical staff in G major (two sharps) and common time. It consists of four measures. The first measure has a quarter note. The second measure has a quarter note. The third measure has a half note. The fourth measure has a half note. The notes are connected by vertical stems.

And with thy spir - it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: 

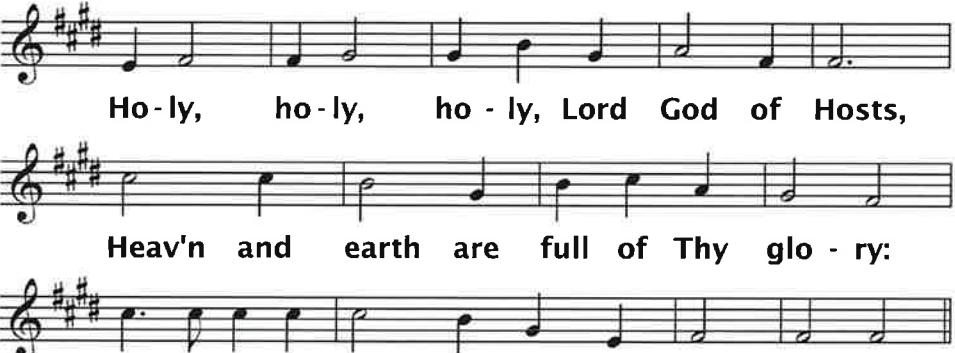
We lift them up un-to the Lord.

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

People: 

It is meet and right so to do.

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels 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

Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

Continue to hear us, O God, as we pray together the prayer Christ taught us, saying together:

**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.**

## The Words of Institution

### Imposition of Ashes and Distribution of the Bread and Cup

*Following the Words of Institution, please come forward in two lines up the center aisle and receive the elements. You will be dismissed from the rear. The elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice. If you desire, ashes will be imposed on your forehead or the back of your hand. Please return to your pew along the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served in the pew.*

### Anthem

*Ave Verum Corpus*

W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum  
de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine,  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
whose pierced side  
flowed with water and blood:  
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]  
in the trial of death.*

### Prayer after Communion

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

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

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**People: and forget not all God's benefits.**

**Minister and People:**

**God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ  
you reconciled your people to yourself.  
Following his example of prayer and fasting,  
may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### <sup>+</sup>Hymn 542

*All Praise to Thee, My God This Night*

TALLIS' CANON

## **+Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*You are invited to make an offering  
using the offering plates at the doors to the sanctuary.*

### **March Food Drive**



1 in 9 people in Minnesota have limited or uncertain access to adequate food. You can make a difference during the March Food Drive as we support the food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House. Our March Food Drive is vitally important as we help the 1 in 8 hungry children, or 1 in 9 people overall. **How can you help? Financial donations help our food partners buy much more.** They can multiply cash gifts through buying in bulk, and they can buy what they need the most. **Bring food donations** to the shopping cart outside the Elizabeth Chapel and in the Narthex.

**Ways to Give:** By check with memo: Food Pantry; or at <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Food Pantry

### **Upcoming Recital:**

Florestan Chamber Music presents the two string quartets by Leoš Janáček. Violinists Maureen Nelson and Cecilia Belcher, violist Valerie Little, and cellist Ruth Marshall will perform these works, which are known for their drama, vibrancy, and emotional depth.

**Saturday, February 21, 2026 | 3 p.m. | Kirk Parlour**

This concert is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

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## 81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN CM

Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Day's Psalter, 1562

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us didst fast and pray,  
 2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, And didst the vic-tory win,  
 3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas-sion - tide,  
 4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,

LENT

Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.  
 O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to con-quer sin.  
 Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
 An Eas-ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

John 1:29

*Galatians 6:14*

## In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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John Bowring, 1825

Ithamar Conkey, 1849

1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tower-ing o'er the wrecks of time;
2. When the woes of life o'er-take me, Hopes de-ceive, and fears an - noy,
3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing Light and love up - on my way,
4. Bane and bless-ing, pain and plea-sure, By the cross are sanc - ti - fied;

All the light of sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub-lime.  
 Nev - er shall the cross for - sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.  
 From the cross the ra - diance stream-ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 Peace is there that knows no mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

## All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night 542

TALLIS' CANON LM

Thomas Ken, 1674

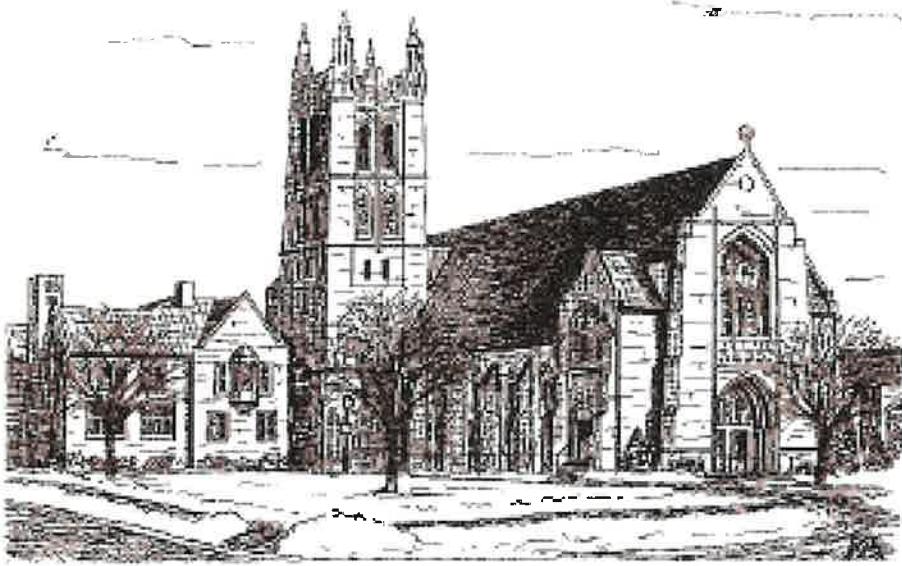
Thomas Tallis

Adapt. Parker's *Whole Psalter*, c. 1561

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\*May be sung as a canon.



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