

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"People flourish when we are encouraged and enabled to be and to become our whole best selves, to fulfill our potential, to contribute effectively to the well-being of others and to society more broadly, and to live joyful, meaningful lives that make a difference and leave a legacy." – Amanda Udis-Kesler

First Sunday in Lent | February 22, 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:** 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!

Sunday Enrichments at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room:

Today, February 22: Join us as Music Director Aaron David Miller presents an **exploration of hymnody**. Using three familiar examples, he will trace the history of hymns and demonstrate how these beloved songs have evolved over time. Come and hear the stories behind the hymns we sing.

Sunday, March 1: *Oliver Button is a Star!* Join long time HOH member Bruce Johnson as he showcases beloved children's book author and illustrator Tomie dePaola's book *Oliver Button is a Sissy*. Bruce will also share his own journey as a gay Christian.

Sunday, March 8: Dr. Ahmed Samatar, former Dean of the Institute for Global Citizenship at Macalester College will present ***Somalis and Minnesota: The Challenges of Critical Adaption.*** He will discuss the reason for emigration and their struggles as immigrants in a different culture, as well as the gifts they bring. The issues of navigating differences is the challenge of our time, and experienced across all cultures.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Canzona
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Thomas Tallis

Introit

Make Me a Clean Heart
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

George Thalben-Ball

⁺Processional Hymn 488

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

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

Rev. James D. Cochrane

We are the body of Christ, and we depend on God's grace.
We pray to God in times of distress,
knowing that we are freed from sin and preserved from trouble.
Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!

⁺Prayer of Confession

God of holiness and truth, many voices claim to know what is right and good and clamor for our attention. We pray that you will silence in us any voice but yours until we are compelled to act with justice, to speak with clarity, kindness, and honesty, and to walk humbly in the way of Jesus Christ. Keep his example always before us and stir us out of complacency, making us like children again as we worship with astonished joy.

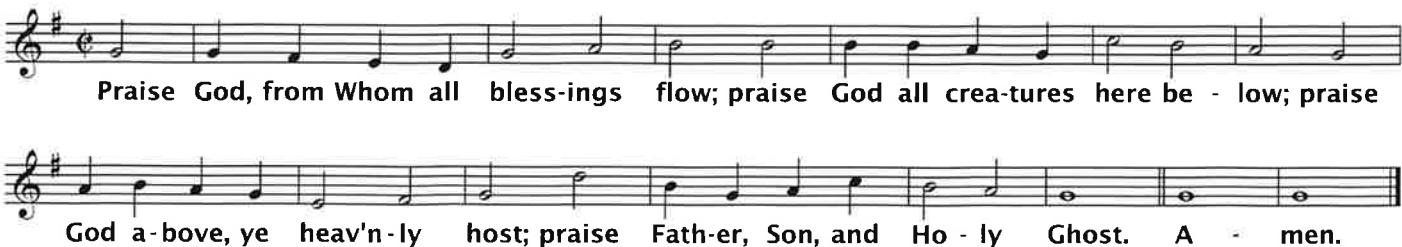
⁺Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Welcome and Announcements

Bell Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Bill Wiesczek

The Sounds of Hope with Jeffrey Van, Guitar; Timothy Short, Director

(As Black History Month nears its end, this hymn by composer Thomas Dorsey, was sung at the March on Washington in 1963 by soprano, Mahalia Jackson.)

THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Acclamation



May the word of the living God enlighten our path.

First Lesson

Ann Geery

Matthew 4:1-11 (NT, p. 3 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Kyrie (from Mass in G)

Franz Schubert

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Time for Children

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

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Second Lesson

Philippians 1:1-11 (NT, p. 196 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

The Good Work

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

⁺Hymn 391

Take My Life

HENDON

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis
and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience,
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith,
repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

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.

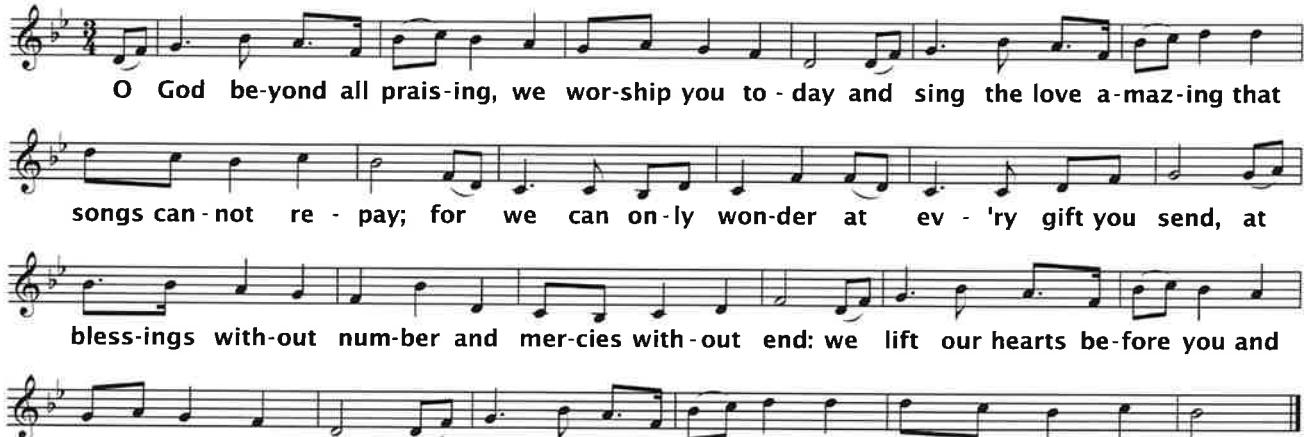
Offertory Anthem

Give Almes of Thy Goods

Christopher Tye

Give almes of thy goods,
And turn never thy face from any poor man:
And then the face of the Lord
Shall not be turned away from thee.

+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 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

+Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary

Josef Rheinberger

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.

Upcoming Carillon Recital to Honor Ukraine - February 24

On Tuesday, February 24 at Noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. the Noyes Memorial Carillon will join carillon bells around the world in playing the Ukrainian National Anthem and other carillon music by Ukrainian composers. February 24 marks the fifth year of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. These small 15-minute concerts are to promote awareness to this conflict and the need for world peace.

THE SINGERS PRESENT: *MY SOUL'S REPOSE: The Book of Psalms*

With Aaron David Miller, Organ

There are very few more timeless, mysterious choral favorites than **Allegri's *Miserere mei, Deus***, with its soaring soprano solo, echoes of chant, and sumptuous choral harmonies. More color is employed in **Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms***, which even includes music originally written (and scrapped) from *West Side Story*. The Book of Psalms, from which boundless choral music flows, is further explored through the imaginations of **Bobby McFerrin, Caroline Shaw, Abbie Betinis, and Ernani Aguiar**.

Tickets: singersmca.org

Saturday, March 14, 7:30 pm: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Minneapolis

Sunday, March 15, 3 pm: House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul

Cover Art: *Water & Spirit*, an original painting by Robyn Sand Anderson, that was commissioned by the Arts Committee after her exhibit in the gallery during the spring of 2022. The original hangs in the Portland Ave. entrance hallway.

Daniel ben Judah, 1404

Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885; alt.

Hebrew melody
Adapt. Thomas Olivers
and Meyer Lyon, 1770

1. The God of A-braham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2. Your spir - it still flows free, High surg - ing where it will;
 3. You have e - ter - nal life Im - plant - ed in the soul;



The an - cient of e - ter - nal days, The God of love!
 In proph-et's word You spoke of old And You speak still.
 Your love shall be our strength and stay, While a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven con - fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is Your law, And change-less it shall stand,
 We praise You, liv - ing God! We praise Your ho - ly name;



We bow be - fore Your ho - ly name, For - ev - er blest.
 Deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, On sea, or land.
 The first, the last, be - yond all thought, And still the same!



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Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827



1. Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;



- Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as



- cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.



5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O - God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!



News & Opportunities

February 22 – March 1, 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 Winter Frolic | 11 a.m. -1 p.m. | TBD

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.

Caregiving Conversations – March 1

Bridal Room | 11:15 a.m. Providing support to a loved one is taxing; frustrations, loneliness, and even guilt can accompany caregiving. House of Hope will offer a 6-month pilot program for caregivers on the first Sundays of the month. Participants should be willing to keep all exchanges confidential. Parish Associate Rev. Dix Brachlow and Catherine Guisan will facilitate conversations, while the participants determine the direction of the group. Feel free to join us when you can. Questions? Dix Brachlow, brachlow@gmail.com

The Session has called an **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** for Sunday, March 1, 2026 following worship for the purpose of approving clergy terms of call, and presenting the Session approved 2026 Operating Budget.



**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.

Upcoming: March Food Drive

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

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 22, 2026

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

Monday, February 23, 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 24, 2026

7 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
2 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Room 1
12:15 p.m.	Lenten Prayer Service, Chapel
2:30 p.m.	Didier Seminar Meeting, Room 1
4 p.m.	Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Room
5 p.m.	Childcare, Room 8
6 p.m.	Know Your Rights Seminar, Assembly Room
6 p.m.	Nominating Committee, Kirby Lounge
7 p.m.	Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5
7 p.m.	Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 26, 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 Room
5:30 p.m.	Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour

Friday, February 27, 2026

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

Saturday, February 28, 2026

9 a.m.	Youth Sunday Rehearsal, Sanctuary
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Youth Sunday, March 1, 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 a.m.	Annual Meeting, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
11:15 a.m.	Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
11:15 a.m.	Caregiving Conversations, Bridal Room
11:15 a.m.	Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
11:15 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed, Room 1/Zoom
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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