

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The quest for health and wholeness in the midst of violence, oppression, and evil is a lifelong cooperative process between God and those of us in the world that occurs in teaching-healing communities for the social transformation of the world."

– Monica Coleman

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 30, 2026 10 a.m.

Welcome!

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

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.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Worship:** Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians.
- **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!

House of Hope Park Redesign Project. Please stop outside the Kirk Parlour **TODAY** to see the idea boards for the park remodeling project. See the possibilities and give us your thoughts! Together we can create an ecologically sustainable, accessible and welcoming green space for our community and neighborhood.

The House of Hope Choir School — Music for All. Come join us and make a joyful noise!



Rehearsals begin September 16.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration>

Choir School Schedule:

Tuesdays: 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Adult Group Singing Lessons

Wednesdays: 4:30-6:15 p.m. classes and choirs for Grades 1-12

Sundays: 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Age 3 through Kindergarten

For more information or to schedule lessons, contact Choir School Director Jessica Bandelin at JessicaB@hohchurch.org



House of Hope's sanctuary is equipped with telecoil technology.

To access the Hearing Loop, please sit in the long pews in the center of the sanctuary.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Barcarolle

A. D. Miller

Sarah Carmack, Oboe; Aaron David Miller, Organist

+Opening Hymn 253

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

+Call to Worship *(congregation reads text in bold)*

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

We sing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recount all of God's wonderful deeds.

+Prayer of Confession

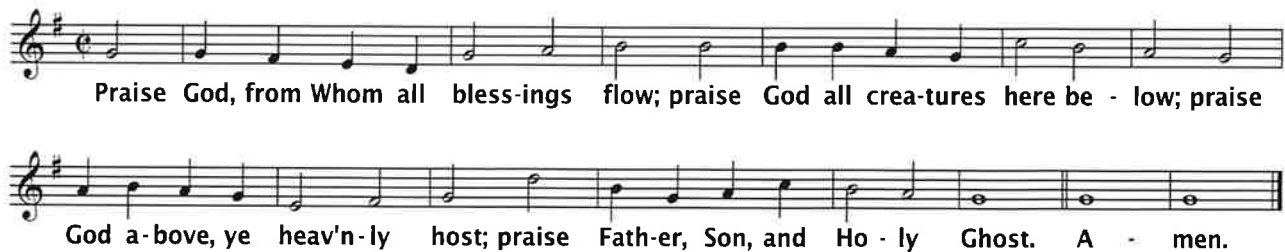
**Redeemer and Guide, sometimes we drift from the path of life you give us.
Help us to live in love and harmony with one another.
Empower us to pursue peace for all. Let us overcome and overwhelm evil with good,
compassion, and hope in your name. Amen.**

+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

Stephen Ministry

Debby Fulton

THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Affirmation



First Lesson

Psalm 25:4-12 (OT, p. 502 in pew Bible)

Janice Dickinson

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Solo

Chorale Prelude on OLD 113TH

A. D. Miller

Time for Children

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians. A children's table for coloring and other quiet activities is available in the west transept.

Second Lesson

1 Samuel 25:14-18, 23-25, 32-34, 42-43 (OT, pp. 269-270 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

Making a Way

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 408

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

+ **Affirmation of Faith** — by Mary Luti from *Stating Our Faith in Urgent Times*

**We believe the day is coming when God's grace will change the human heart,
and we will live as one with every living thing.**

**We believe the day is coming when Christ's compassion will fill the earth,
and no one will do harm, be hurt, or feel alone.**

**We believe the day is coming when the Spirit's freedom will unbind our souls,
and we will live generous lives for each other with a joy no circumstance can alter.**

**We believe the day is coming, and we wait and work for it with steadfast hope,
for God has promised it, and God is faithful.**

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

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:

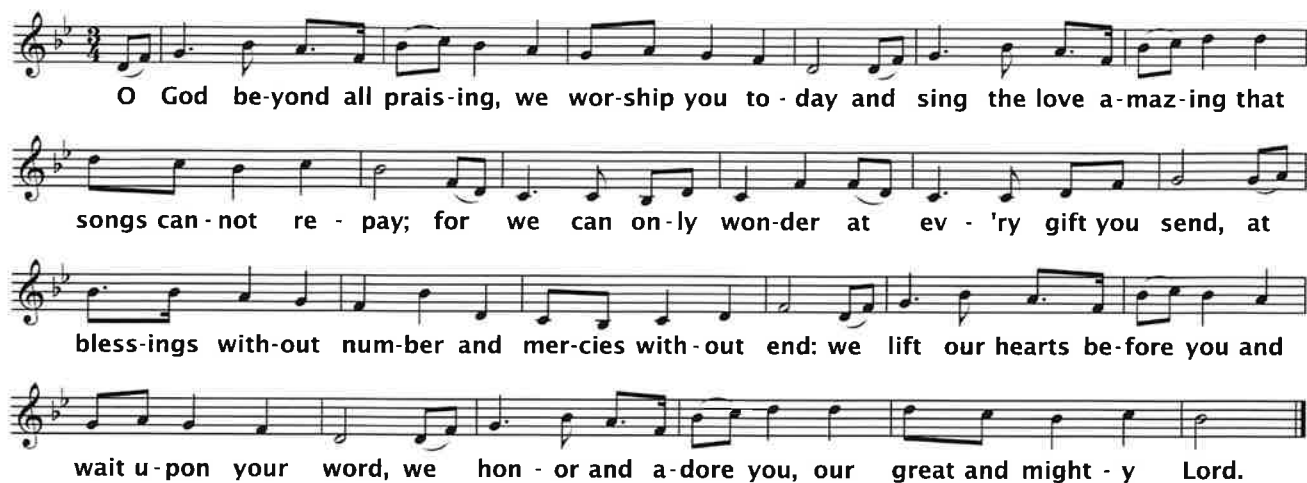
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| - In-Person. | Offering plates will be passed throughout the congregation at this time. |
| - Website. | On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Make a Gift" |
| - Mail. | Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105 |
| - QR Code. | Please see insert. |

Offertory Solo

Chorale Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

+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

+Closing Hymn 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE

+Benediction

Postlude

The Water's Edge

Welsh Folk Song

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.

MOTET CHOIR WELCOMING NEW SINGERS - SEASON STARTS SEPTEMBER 9

The Motet Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9 at 7 p.m., and anyone interested in joining as a new singer should reach out to Matthew Culloton via e-mail: MatthewC@hohchurch.org. The choir is open to experienced singers who are college-aged or older. New members are invited to participate in a commitment-free period of a few rehearsals prior to singing on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals are every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., and the choir sings most Sunday mornings from September-July. We'd be eager to meet anyone interested in joining the powerful music ministry work that the Motet Choir provides.

The Bells of Hope will reconvene Wednesday, September 9 at 6:45 p.m. If you have music reading skills and wish to learn the art of handbell ringing, stop by and try it out. It's great fun and you will learn much. A new ringer partners with an experienced ringer (same notes, same bells) to help a new ringer become comfortable with ringing techniques. The group rehearses weekly and rings monthly October through May. No audition is required, but an in-person meeting with the director helps determine placement in the ensemble. Contact Tim Short if you have questions (TimS@hohchurch.org).

Sacred Bells is our ensemble which rings patterns (no music reading skills required) at various times within a worship service. The group rehearses on a Sunday morning and meets about 5 times a year. Sacred Bells will ring on Rally Sunday, September 13. Join us and learn ringing patterns for the 10 a.m. service. Anyone from junior high age to adult ages can participate. We meet at 9:30 a.m. that morning to learn the patterns. Contact Tim for details/ questions (TimS@hohchurch.org).

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Todd Arnold Erickson.

Children & Family Weekend

***"Creativity, Resilience,
& Your Unique Voice"***



**Kwame
Alexander**

Newbery Medal–Winning
and New York Times
Bestselling
Author & Poet



Erin Walsh

Author | Speaker |
Child Development
Expert

On September 19 & 20, join Hope Arts Center and House of Hope for Children & Family Weekend, a joyful two-day celebration centered on the theme *"Creativity, Resilience, and Your Unique Voice."*

Designed for parents, children, grandparents, educators, caregivers, mentors, health professionals and those interested in the intersection of arts and health, the weekend brings together nationally acclaimed speakers, outstanding Twin Cities arts organizations, and hands-on experiences that celebrate the creativity and potential of every child while equipping the adults who help them thrive.

For more information, tickets and registration:
<https://www.hohchurch.org/hope-arts-center/>

I'll Praise My Maker

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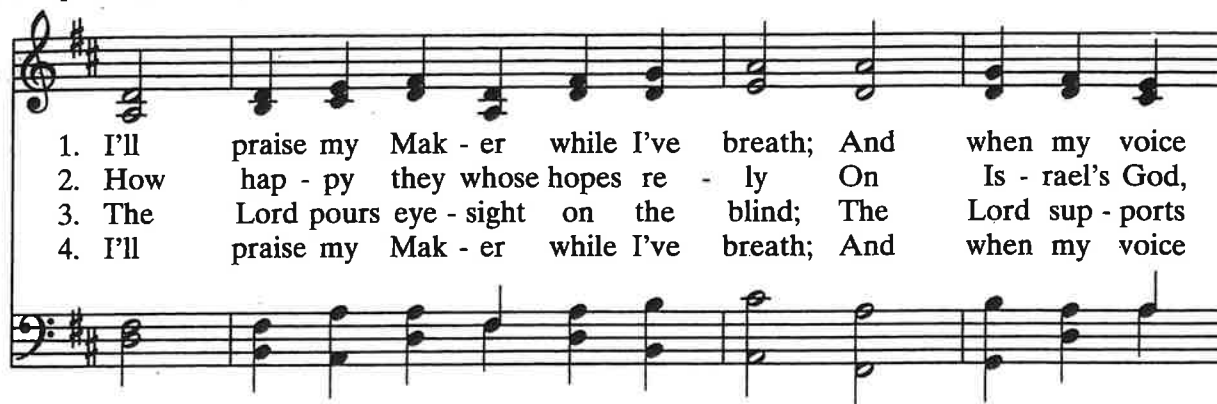
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Isaac Watts

Adapt. John Wesley, 1736; alt. 1988

Attr. Matthäus Greiter (c. 1500–1552)

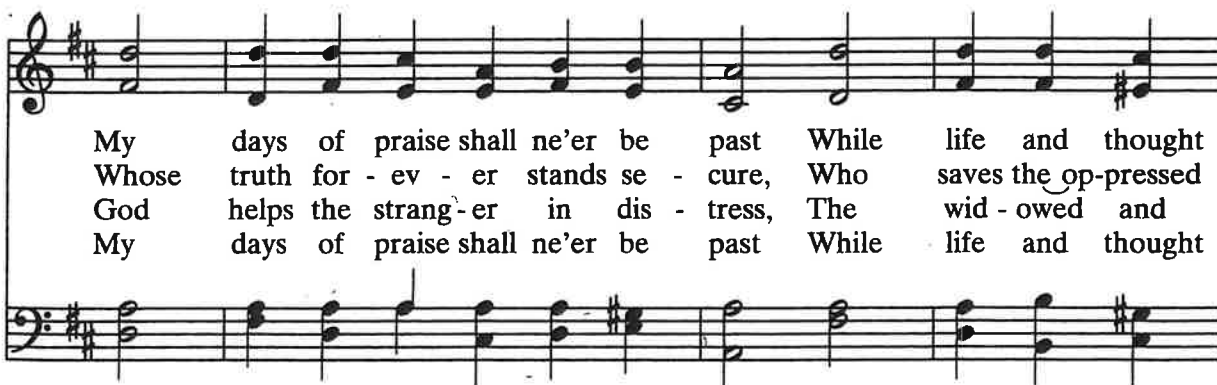
Harm. V. Earle Copes, 1964



1. I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; And when my voice
 2. How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly On Is - rael's God,
 3. The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; The Lord sup - ports
 4. I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; And when my voice



is lost in death, Praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
 who made the sky And earth and seas with all their train;
 the faint - ing mind And sends the la - boring con - science peace.
 is lost in death, Praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.



My days of praise shall ne'er be past While life and thought
 Whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, Who saves the op - pressed
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, The wid - owed and
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past While life and thought



and be - ing last, Or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 and feeds the poor, And none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 the par - ent - less, And grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 and be - ing last, Or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

408 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY LM

Frank Mason North, 1905; alt.

Attr. Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the
 2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed
 3. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man
 4. The cup of wa - ter given for Thee Still holds the

cries of race and clan, A - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds fraught with fears, From paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of Thy grace; Yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, We catch the vi - sion of Thy tears.
 sor - row's stress, Thy heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to see The sweet com - pas - sion of Thy face.

5. O Master, from the mountainside,
 Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 Among these restless throngs abide,
 O tread the city's streets again;

6. Till all the world shall learn Thy love,
 And follow where Thy feet have trod;
 Till glorious from Thy heaven above
 Shall come the city of our God.

MC KEE CM

African-American spiritual

Jubilee Songs, 1884

Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

C G C F B $\flat$ F C F Am Dm7 G7 C F C

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
 3. Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;

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Am C Am C G7 C G7 C F C Am C G7 C

But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His ser-vice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God Are sure-ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

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News & Opportunities

August 30 – September 6, 2026

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

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

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Pride Enrichment: What is the queer perspective on the Bible and theology? **TODAY, August 30** at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room, join Senior Pastor Scott Jones and Dr. Jimmy Hoke in a panel discussion on *What Churches Should be Doing for LGBTQIA2S+ Justice* with special guest Madison McClendon. Madison is a queer trans woman, who realized at age 35 that while God places many important callings into people's lives, the calling placed into her was to be a woman. Her focus is on expanding and explaining that calling to communities attempting to discern the ongoing movement of God's spirit.

Pilgrimage to Scotland: "God Be Your Light", *Cathedrals of Earth, Sea, and Sky*

Join Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson, HOH Associate Pastor Emerita, to Scotland on **May 22-June 4, 2027**. Information packets and a registration forms are available in the church office. Questions? Contact: juliac.pilgrimages@gmail.com

Bikes 'N' Burgers: Saturday, September 5 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Theme: "What Side Are You On?":



Labor, Fascism and Antifascist Resistance in mid-century Minneapolis -- echoes in January 2026 and beyond. Contact Elsa Kendig for more information.



**Save the Date:
September 13 is
Rally Sunday!**

Rally Sunday is the time to gather for the start of a new program year! Sunday School classes for

all ages resume at a new time, 9:10 a.m., with breakfast available starting at 8:30 a.m. (see **Faith Formation insert for full schedule**). Join us for our celebration worship as our Motet Choir returns and an all-church picnic with burgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, and all the trimmings. Sweet Fruci's Ice Cream Truck will be back with ice cream treats. All members, friends, and neighbors welcome! We will have inflatables for children and lawn games.

Caregiving Conversations Next Sunday, September 6 Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

If you are a caregiver, meeting with others is a way of finding support and uplifting one another. It's good to know we are not alone. Facilitated by our pastoral staff and Catherine Guisan. Contact Rev. Dix Brachlow for more information.

Red Cross Blood Drive at House of Hope

Wednesday, September 23
Rooms A & B | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Give the gift of life! If you've never given blood but are looking for a meaningful way to help our neighbors, please give it a try.

Register: redcrossblood.org/give
Sponsor Code: houseofhope
or contact the church for assistance.



NAMI Walk for Mental Health | Saturday, September 26

From HOH member John Zwier: This is the fourth year in a row that I have joined Rev. Dix Brachlow and many other House of Hope members in this Walk-a-thon in support of Mental Health. I love this event. Community, fresh air, a little exercise, beautiful Mississippi River scenery, and a great excuse to talk to my kiddos about mental health. 1 in 5 adults (including me!) suffers from a mental health issue in their lives, something few people realize. Minnesota's National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)'s support is vital for the well-being of so many people. And this is a great opportunity to give back.

On September 26, we will gather at 11:30 a.m. at a round table in front of SeaSalt Eatery, Minneapolis, with royal blue shirts and balloons. Lots of information tables, speakers, musicians, and inspiration will be there. Please Register to walk with us -- a 5 km walk along the Mississippi. If you cannot walk, we are grateful for contributions. **To Register or Donate:** <https://www.namiwalks.org/teams/86276>

Week Beginning August 30, 2026

Sunday, August 30, 2026

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday Enrichment, Assembly Room

Monday, August 31, 2026

- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chapel/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Visitation for Todd Erickson, Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Todd Erickson Memorial Service, Sanctuary
- 12 p.m. Reception for Todd Erickson, Kirk Parlour
- 1:30 p.m. Library Committee, Library

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

- 12 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 12:15 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service, Elizabeth Chapel

Midweek Contemplative Prayer in Elizabeth Chapel | Wednesdays | 12:15 p.m.

House of Hope offers a short, contemplative prayer service in the Elizabeth Chapel. Led by clergy, Scripture reading, prayers, bells, and silence invites us to ground and center ourselves.

Thursday, September 3, 2026

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 10 a.m. House of Hope Writing Group, Room 1
- 1 p.m. Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Lumen Christi Catholic Community

Friday, September 4, 2026

- 9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 12 p.m. Reception for Blanton Bessinger, Kirk Parlour
- 1 p.m. Memorial Service for Blanton Bessinger
- 1:15 p.m. St. Paul Farmer's Market, Summit Lot
- 2 p.m. Reception for Blanton Bessinger at Midland Hills Country Club

Saturday, September 5, 2026

- 10 a.m. Bikes 'N' Burgers, Off Site

Sunday, September 6, 2026

- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour

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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

A Memorial Service for **Todd Arnold Erickson** will take place on Tuesday, September 1 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow in the Kirk Parlour.
A visitation in the sanctuary one hour prior to the service.

Forrest Blanton Bessinger, Jr. joined the House of Hope Presbyterian Church on November 1, 1970. Blanton entered the Church Triumphant on August 25, 2026.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 4 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception at Noon in the Kirk Parlour, prior to the service. Guests are welcome to Midland Hills Country Club, 2001 Fulham St., Roseville, MN 55113, for a reception following the service.

*"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*



Clergy

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Phillip J. Romine, Associate Pastor for Spiritual and Community Care
Rev. James D. Cochrane, Transitional Executive Associate Pastor

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