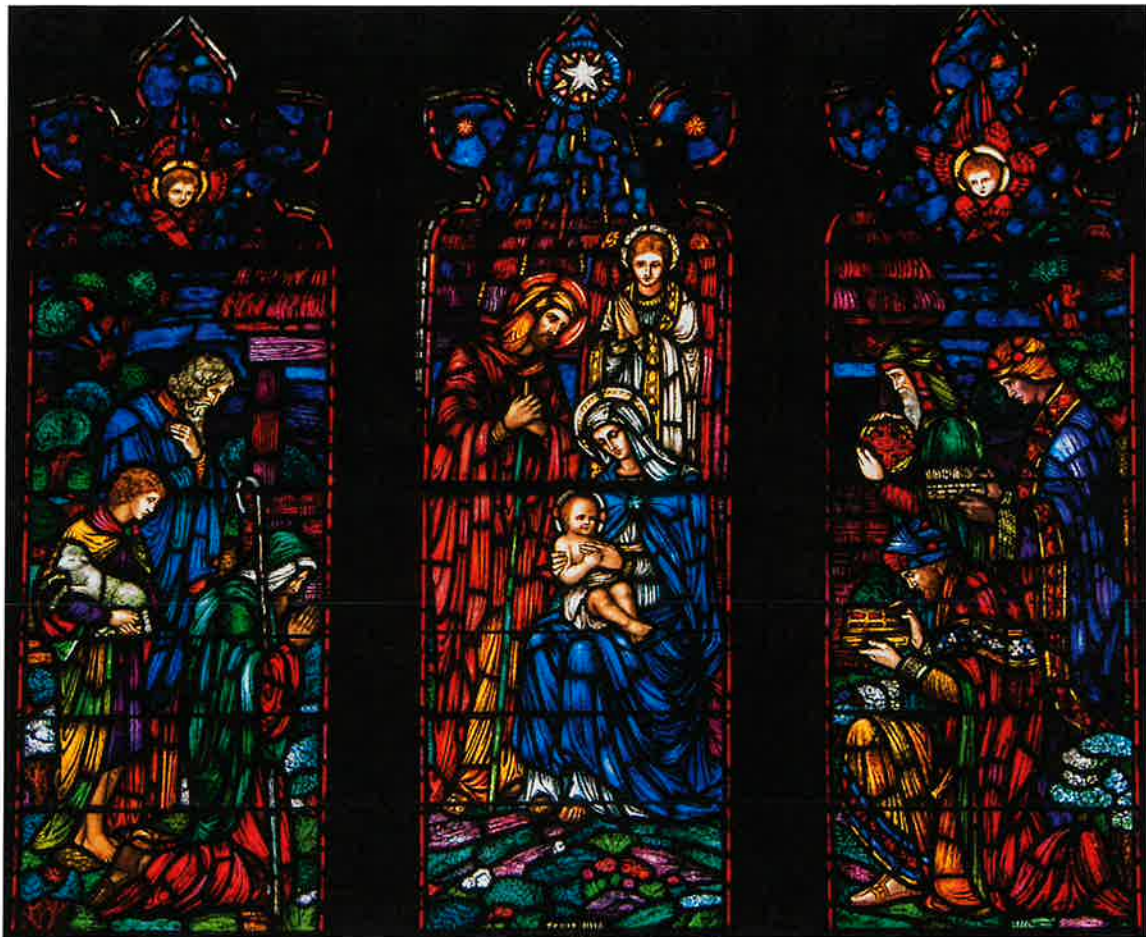


# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



As Henry Van Dyke wrote nearly a century ago, "There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, keeping Christmas... Are you willing to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness?... If so, then you can keep Christmas. And if you can keep it for a day, why not always?" Why not, indeed.

Christmas Day | December 25, 2022 10 a.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 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.

**Childcare, Sunday School, and Youth Programming will resume on January 8.**

## **Sunday Morning Family Resources:**

- **Worship:** Children are invited to join their families in the Sanctuary for worship.
  - A variety of **children's Bibles** are located in the church pews.
  - **Coloring Pages and crayons** are located at all Sanctuary entrances. (Please return the crayons.)
- **Nursing:** At House of Hope, parents are welcome to nurse their children wherever they see fit. For those that require privacy, Room 6 is available.
- **Wiggle Room:** Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary. For those who desire a wiggle break, Room 7 is equipped with toys, books, puzzles, and livestream worship.

## **Upcoming Adult Enrichment :**

**January 8:** Eric Kruse, HOH's Owners Representative will offer a status report on the progress of the Electrical / HVAC Project.

**January 15:** Rev. Anna Kendig Flores, Anti-Racism Institutional Assessment Coordinator for the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, will be leading a discussion on the Presbytery's efforts to address institutional forms of racism.

**January 15:** Sunday Series with Heather McGhee | 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free tickets required. Visit our website for more information.

**Interested in learning more about HOH or membership?** Join us for a New Member Class on January 8 at 11:15 a.m. in the library.

**Today's Cover Art:** The Nativity Window. Left: Shepherds; Center: The Nativity; Right: Wise men. Photo Credit: Dick Crone.

# THE APPROACH TO GOD

## Prelude

Carols for the Season  
Rachel Brandwein, Harp

## + Opening Hymn 40

*Joy To The World*  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

ANTIOCH

## Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**O Christ, reflection of God's glory, let this be a day that changes us.  
Let this be a day that challenges us to live as those you have blessed.  
Let this be a day that we find not only forgiveness, but a new way forward.  
Renew your call to us. Save us, forgive us,  
and inspire us to allow our lives to be imbued with your presence.**  
*(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## + Sung Response

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a sung response. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, then B4, and continues with eighth and quarter notes. A long slur covers the first six measures. The lyrics 'Glo - - - ri-a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!' are written below the notes. The second staff is identical to the first, also in G major and 4/4 time, with the same melody and lyrics.

## Harp Solo

*To Drive the Cold Winter Away*

English Carol

## Welcome and Announcements

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### THE WORD OF GOD

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#### First Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-4 (NT, p. 218 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### +Hymn 48

*Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming*

ES IST EIN' ROS'

#### Second Lesson

John 1:1-14 (NT, pp. 91-92 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

*Keeping Christmas*

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

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### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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#### +Hymn 24

*Away in A Manger*

CRADLE SONG

#### + Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that God has come to us as a little child,  
making our weakness his strength,  
securing our salvation by becoming one of us,  
blessing us with a steadfast savior,  
filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another.**

**We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world,  
giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts,  
making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority,  
declaring an everlasting reign of peace,  
defeating the power of pain and suffering.**

**We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love,  
inviting us to proclaim Christ's resurrection at the Table,  
transforming us as disciples to go out into the world,  
sending us forth to announce his kingdom of peace and comfort,  
challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children.**

**This we believe.**

**This we preach.**

**This we seek to embody in word and deed.**

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**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 available at the sanctuary doors.
- **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 page 7.

### **Offertory Solo**

*While by My Sheep*

German Carol

**+ Closing Hymn 23**

*Angels, We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

**+ Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Carillon Postlude**

David W. Johnson, 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.

**The Communion Table Flowers** are given in honor of Harold, Leila and Keith Merritt.

## **House of Hope Pandemic Response Plan**

Based upon shared and guiding values of caring compassion, wearing a mask at House of Hope will be optional with the following provisions:

- Those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue wearing a mask.
- For our youth and children, we trust parents and our staff to make appropriate decisions for the nursery, Sunday School and Youth Group.
- If warranted, wearing a mask may become required again based on future COVID-19 conditions and guidelines from the CDC and the City of Saint Paul. This would be communicated to the congregation in a timely manner.

**To support House of Hope  
please use this QR code:**



## Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742  
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,  
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture  
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His  
 And heaven and na - ture sing,

And

sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

heaven and na - ture sing,



## 48

## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS' 7.6.7.6.6.7.6

German carol, 15th century  
 Trans. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)  
 Alt. *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

*Alte Catholische Geistliche  
 Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1599  
 Arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath sprung,  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in mind,

Of Jes-se's lin-eage com - ing, By faith - ful proph - ets sung.  
 With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er kind.

It came a flower-et bright, A - mid the cold of  
 To show God's love a - right She bore for us a

win - ter, When half spent was the night.  
 Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.  
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## 24

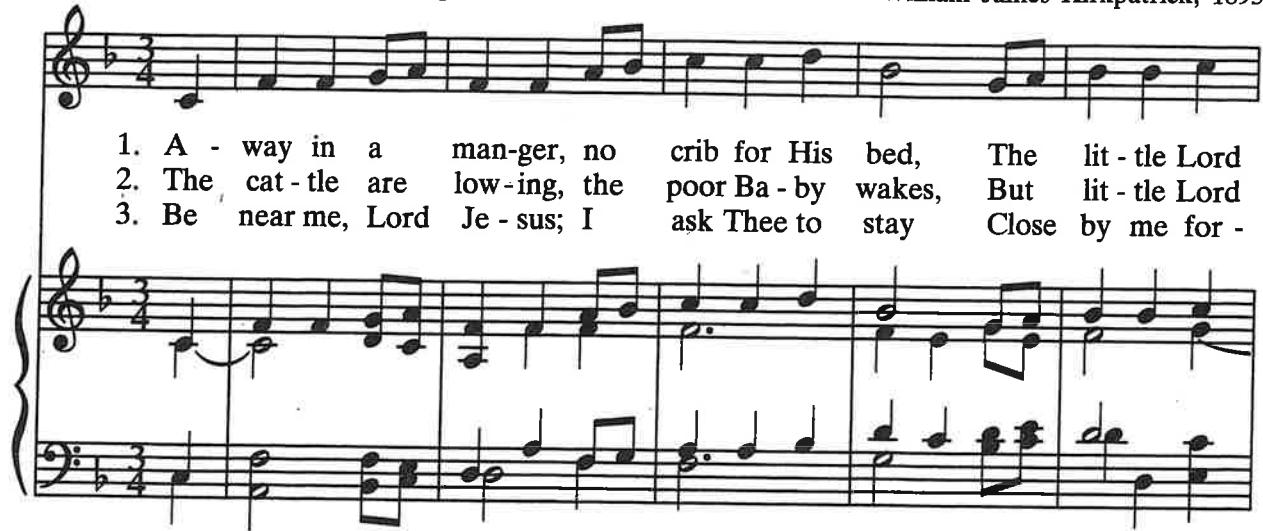
## Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG 11.11.11

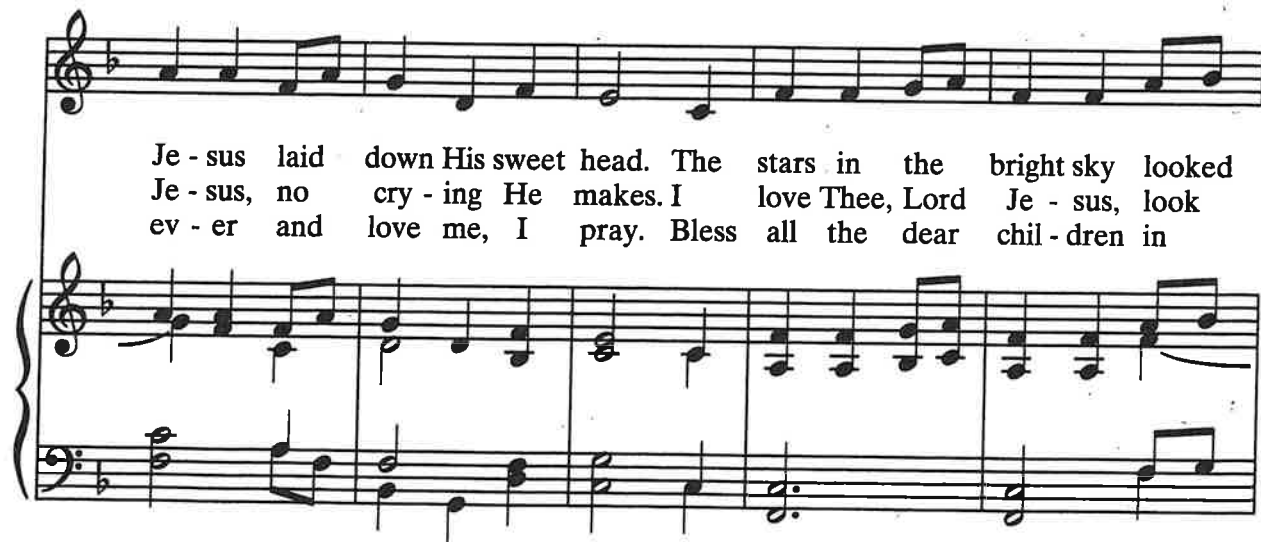
Stanzas 1-2, *Little Children's Book*  
for Schools and Families, c. 1885

Stanza 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892

William James Kirkpatrick, 1895



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for His bed, The lit - tle Lord  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor Ba - by wakes, But lit - tle Lord  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -



Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked  
 Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look  
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
 down from the sky, And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

# Angels We Have Heard on High

23

French carol

GLORIA 7.7.7.7 with refrain

French carol

Trans. James Chadwick (1813-1882); alt.

Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?  
 3. Come to Beth-lè - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.



Drawing by John A. Goodding



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