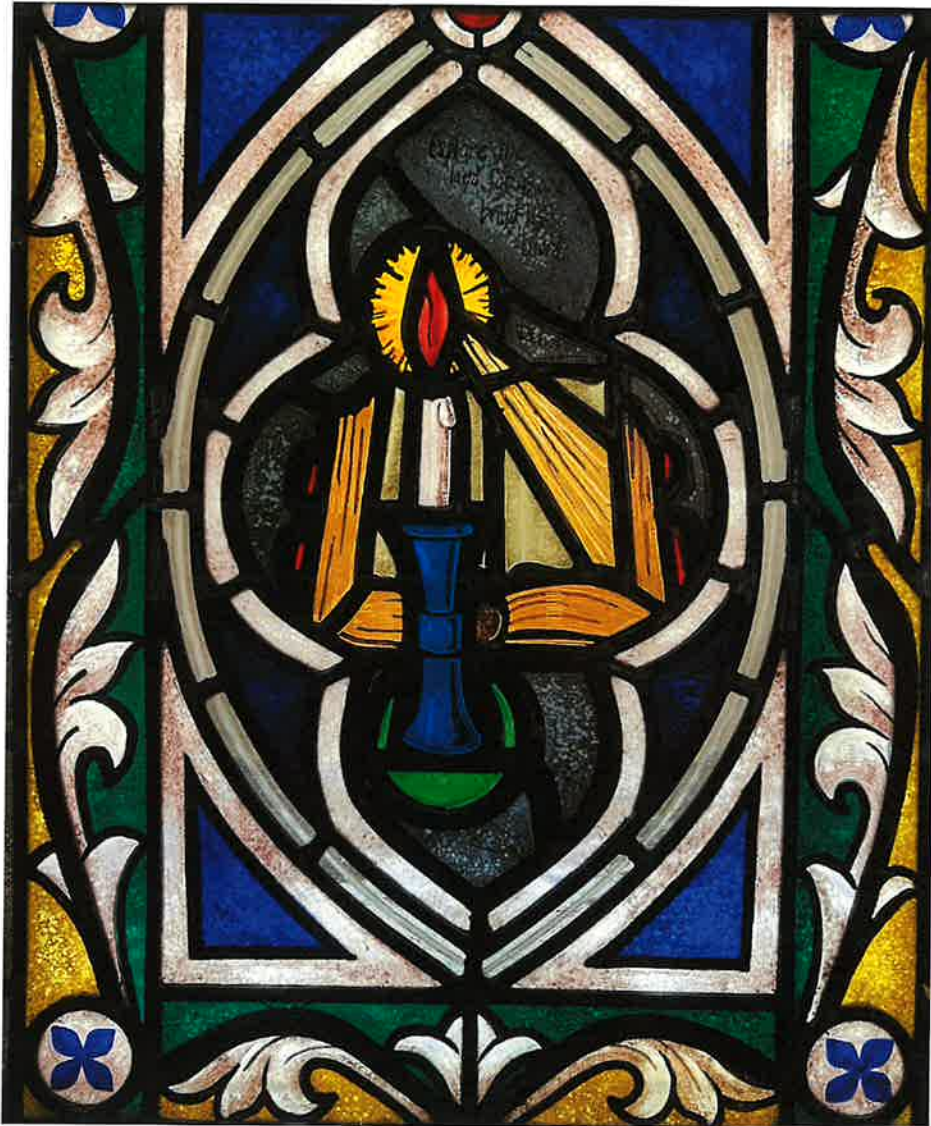


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"How odd that the most hopeful season of the Christian calendar begins in the midst of darkness! When we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, it will not be a second too soon. This Advent I feel an urgent need for the light that comes from God, and I do not think I am the only one ... The voices of division in our land are so loud. The clouds of anxiety about the future are hovering so low and close that you can barely see your hand in front of your face."

- Joanna M. Adams

First Sunday of Advent | December 1, 2024 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. All are welcome to share in Communion. Elements served are gluten free bread and grape juice.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Sunday School:** Following the Children's Blessing, children may leave the service to engage in faith formation with adult leaders to the Chapel for a special children's worship service. Children will return to the sanctuary for communion.
- **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!

Christmas Memorials. You may purchase a poinsettia (\$15) or make a donation in any amount in memory of or in honor of loved ones for publication in the December 22 bulletin. If you purchased a poinsettia, you may take it home on December 22. Your donation will support the ministries of House of Hope. Visit or call the church office, or sign up online at: <https://bit.ly/2024ChristmasMemorials>

The deadline for reserving Christmas Memorials is Sunday, December 15.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Wachet Auf," BWV 645
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

Introit

Keep Awake
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Aaron David Miller

+ Processional Hymn 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Advent Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

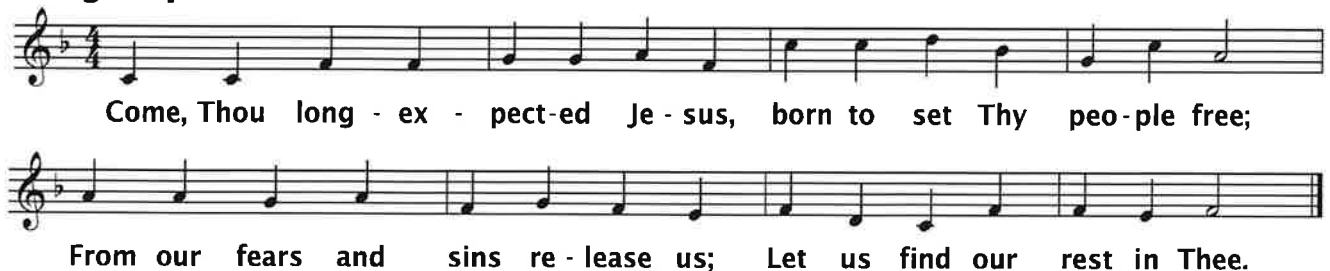
Leader: Watch for the light of Christ this Advent.

People: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**People: The light of Christ is always coming to us,
entering our broken world and troubled hearts.
So we light the first candle, the candle of hope,
and dare to express our longing, our hope,
for a deeper faith and a just world. Amen**

+ Sung Response



Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo - ple free;
From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.

Anthem

Bereite Dich, Zion from *Christmas Oratorio*
St Nicholas Choir, Jessica Bandelin, Conductor; Timothy Short, Piano

J.S. Bach

Bereite dich, Zion, mit zärtlichen Trieben,
Den Schönsten, den Liebsten bald bei dir zu sehn!

*Prepare yourself, Zion, with tender efforts,
to behold your lovely one, your beloved, near you soon!*

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

I Will Greatly Rejoice

Knut Nystedt

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord
For my soul shall exult in my God;
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness
As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
And as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth
Before all the nations!

Children's Blessing (unison)

Here in worship, or going out, we promise to nurture your faith, support your gifts and listen to your voices among us. Remember: God is with you always, every day and everywhere.

Following the Children's Blessing, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk with staff and volunteers to the chapel for a special children's worship service. They will return to worship to sit with their families to celebrate communion together.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:25-36 (NT, pp. 85-86 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Light the Candles

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 14

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

+ **Affirmation of Faith** — Apostles' Creed

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic
church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. 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

O Sing unto the Lord with Thanksgiving

William Harris

O sing unto the Lord with Thanksgiving,
Sing praises upon the harp unto our God;
Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
And prepareth rain for the earth,
And maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains,
And herb for the use of men;
The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord,
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand,
And fillest all things living with plenteousness.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways,
And holy in all his works.
Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem,
Praise thy God, O Sion.
For he hath made fast the bars of all thy gates,
And blessed thy children within them.
He maketh peace in thy borders,
And filleth thee with the flower of wheat.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People:
And with thy spir - it.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People:
We lift them up un-to the Lord.

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

People:
It is meet and right so to do.

Leader: We offer our thanks and praise, O God, for the glories of creation.... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven 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

Leader: Blessed are you, Holy One.... we are bold to say together the words Jesus taught:

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.

Words of Institution

All who desire to partake will be dismissed from the back to the front by an usher. Please come down the center aisle to receive an individual cup of grape juice and piece of gluten free bread and return to your seats by the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served in the pew.

Prayer after Communion

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

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

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and forget not all God's benefits.

Leader and People:

**Through this meal we have shared as a family of faith,
help us O Lord, we pray, to become pilgrims this Advent,
opening our heart, soul and mind to following signs
that will lead us to a manger and that holy place on the horizon
where our love for you and one another will overflow in abundance.
Amen.**

+ Recessional Hymn 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

+ Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on VENI EMMANUEL

A. D. Miller

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.

Assisting in this service are the Sacred Bells.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain

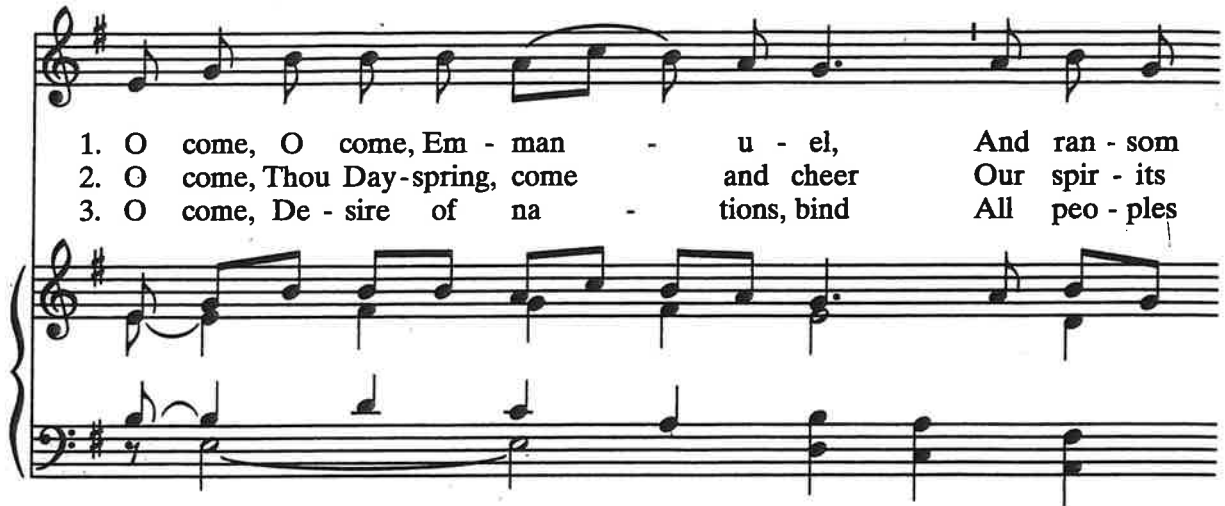
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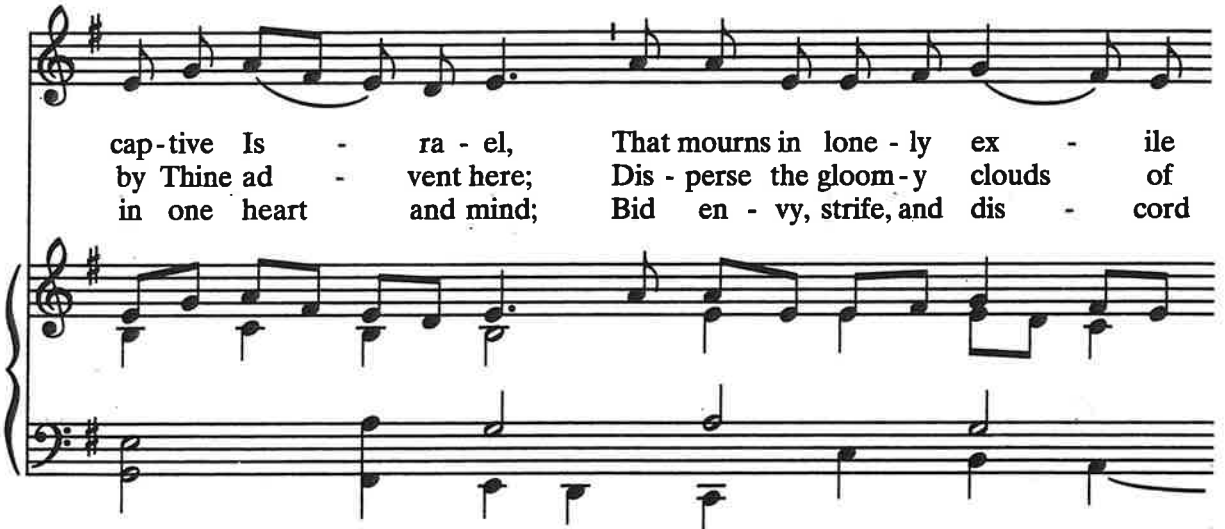
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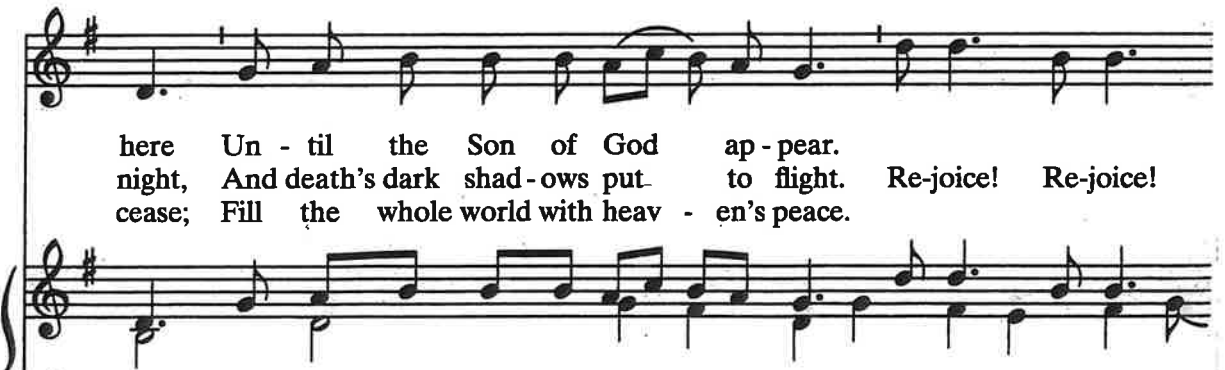
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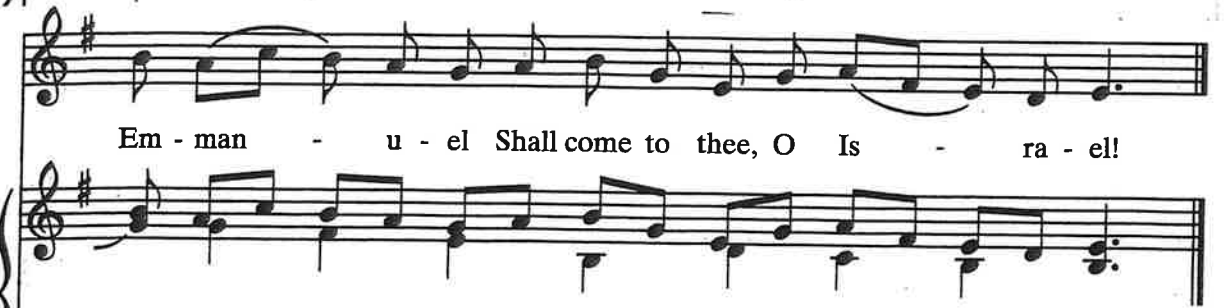
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord



here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Savior of the Nations, Come

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NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND 7.7.7.7

Attr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th century
Para. Martin Luther, 1524
Trans. William Morton Reynolds, 1850

Based on plainsong melody
Eyn Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524
As in *Songs of Syon*, 1910



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make here Your home.
2. From the God-head forth You came, And re - turn un - to the same,
3. You, the cho - sen Ho - ly One, Have o'er sin the vic - tory won.
4. Bright-ly does Your man - ger shine, Glo - rious is its light di - vine.



Mar - vel - now, O hea - ven and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
Cap - tive lead - ing death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
Bound-less shall Your king - dom be; When shall we its glo - ries see?
Let not sin o'er - cloud this light; Ev - er be our faith thus bright.



stead - y brow, And robe of sor - row round You.
 pride, o'er-thrown, Went down to dust be - side You.
 of Your peace, By which a - lone we choose You.
 fore Your cross; Come, fin - ish Your sal - va - tion.

This tune in a higher key, 483

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 8

TRURO LM

Georg Weissel, 1642
 Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789
 Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
 3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!
 heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
 pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.



News & Opportunities

December 1 – 8, 2024

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8
Children's Service | 10:15 a.m. | Chapel

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Sunday Youth Group: December 1

Youth Room | 6-8 p.m. | Grades 6-12 join us for games, dinner and a little discussion.

Sign up for the Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 4 | Rooms A&B
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

www.redcrossblood.org/give
Sponsor Code: houseofhope

Today and December 1, please visit the table outside Kirk Parlour to sign up.

Save the Date! Carols and Christmas Cheer

Open House Wednesday, December 18
Assembly Room | 5 - 7 p.m.

We're planning a Christmas celebration for our all ages of the congregation and our neighbors! Save the date and plan to join in the fun! We will have hors d'oeuvres, treats and beverages. Caroling will take place between 5:30 and 6 p.m.

Volunteers needed to assist with decorating and hosting the event. Sign up here:
bit.ly/CarolsAndChristmasCheer

Choir School Holiday Wreath/Plant Order

Pick-up Wednesday, December 4 | Porte Cochere Entrance | 4-6 p.m.

Join us for **The Great Advent Bake-Off on Sunday, December 8 after worship in the Great Hall.** The Children and Family Ministry team is inviting House of Hope's most intrepid bakers to bring their best Christmas cookie recipe. Everyone who joins us will have the chance to sample, enjoy, and vote for their favorite cookie using Jingle Bells. There will be a special prize presented to the winner, in addition to bragging rights. We will also have coffee and festive drinks. Do you have a cookie recipe that you want to show off? Sign up to be a baker here:

<https://bit.ly/HOH2024AdventBakeOff>

"What Sweeter Music: Christmas with The Singers" - December 8, 14, 15

This year's concert features music of HoH member Stephen Paulus, fondly remembering him 10 years after his death and marking his 75th birthday. The Singers will also share works by Dale Warland, Joshua Shank, and conductor Matthew Culloton. Joining in the festivities are harpist Min Kim and oboist Merilee Klemp. 12/8 (St. Louis Park), 12/14 (Edina/Mpls), and 12/15 (Nativity in St. Paul). Tickets and info at singersmca.org - *advance purchases are recommended.*

Christmas Sponsor-A-Family. Visit our website under "Things to Know" for information. A family wish list with instructions will be emailed to you. Don't like to shop? You can make a financial contribution by check with a notation of Sponsor-A-Family. Mail or drop off donations in the church office. Give online at <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Other > Memo: Sponsor A Family

Drop off gifts at the church by December 8. If you have questions, contact Stacy Paleen at: spaleen@yahoo.com

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift. It's that easy.

Winter Clothing Drive. Final Week!

The Beacon Housing Leadership Team of the Peace and Justice Committee along with the Mission Outreach Committee and the HOH's Children and Family Ministry will have another winter clothing drive this fall before our Minnesota winter arrives. Working in partnership with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, we are focusing on new or **like-new warm outerwear including warm hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, wool socks, boots, jackets, snow pants (especially for kids) and coats.** Items can be for children and adults of all sizes. Clothing will be donated to several of our Mission Partners including Prior Crossing. Your clothing donations will be a source of warmth and comfort to many this winter and greatly appreciated. **Drop off donations in the Assembly Room by 9 a.m. on December 6.** Contact Lisa Yost for more information at lyost@ramboll.com

Week Beginning December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 9:15 a.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sacred Bells, Room 5
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Children's Service, Chapel
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, December 2, 2024

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Room 1/Zoom

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, Dining A&B/ Great Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Room/Choir Room
- 4 p.m. Choir School Plant Sale Curbside Pick-up, Porte Cochere
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Sounds of Hope, Room 5
- 7:00 p.m. Bells of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 5, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining A&B
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Lumen Christi Catholic Community

Friday, December 6, 2024

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

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2024

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 9:15 a.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 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. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11:15 a.m. Cookie Bake-off, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. New Member Class, Library
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, 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.

In Memoriam

Diana Brainard joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on May 21, 1972.
Diana entered the Church Triumphant on November 13, 2024.
Information about a Memorial Service will be announced if and when available.

*"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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