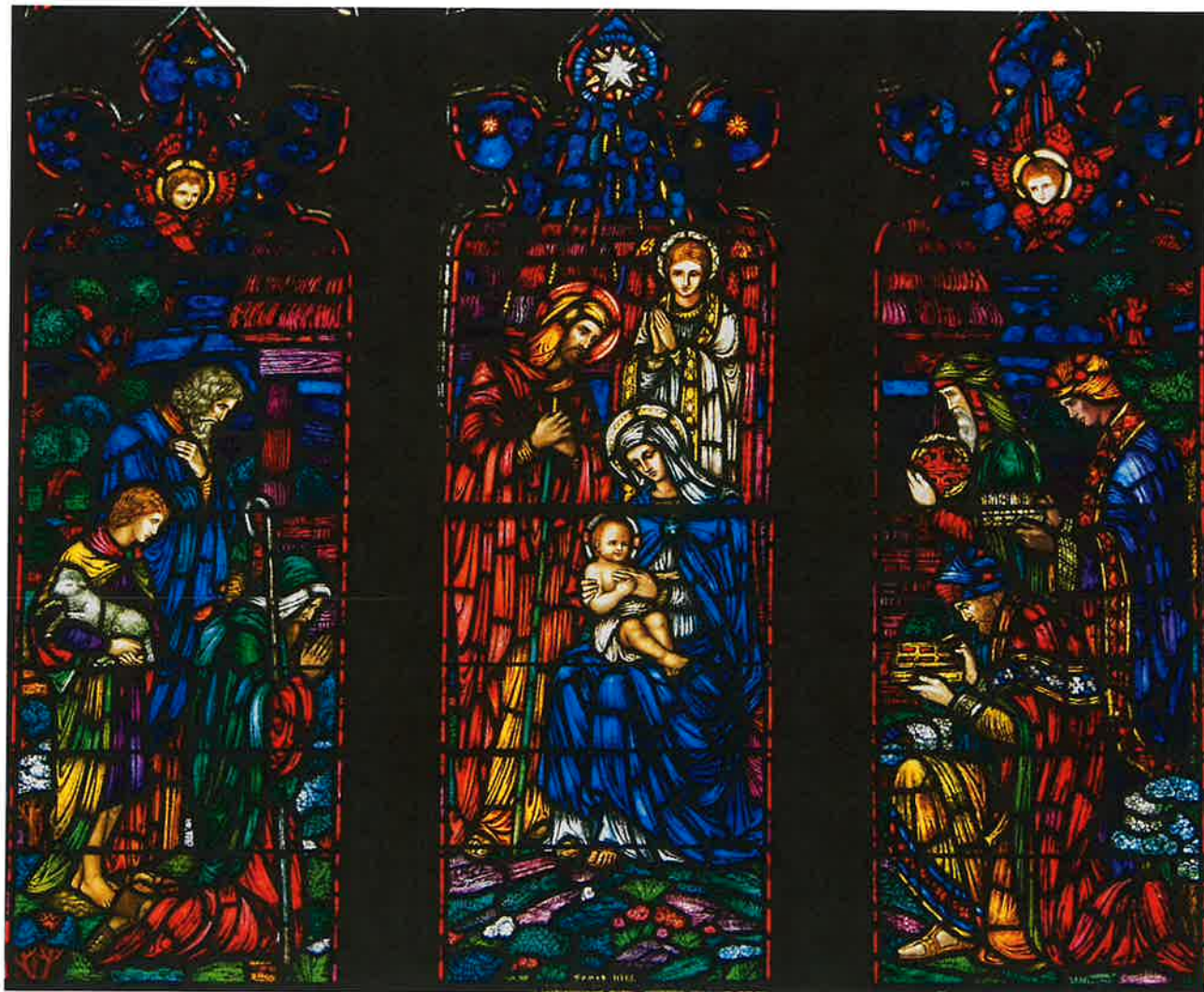


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"How shall we live? As if we believe in the future.
As if every one of us is a seed,
which as you know is a sacred thing."

- Janisse Ray, *All We Can Save*

First Sunday of Christmas | December 29, 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, today served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Worship:** Children may 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.
- **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!



Join us next Sunday, January 5 at 10 a.m. for our annual *Carols for Handbells and Harp*

The Second Sunday of Christmas 10 a.m. Worship

The season of Christmas is celebrated by The Bells of Hope with the annual "Carols for Handbells and Harp". The prelude begins at 9:45 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Michael Bach

Aaron David Miller, Organist

+ Opening Hymn 40

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**Eternal God, give us pause as our we look to our past:
the missteps and the mistakes, as well as the promises and the possibilities.
Wise Christ child, give us patience as we behold you in our present:
growing, changing, and inviting us all to live into love.
Holy Spirit, give us perseverance as we steady ourselves for an uncertain future.
Uncertain, as are a child's first steps. Uncertain, as are the lives of all your children.
Sustain our hope, redeem our hopelessness, and create us anew, again:
in the glory of your Christ, and in the stillness of your Spirit...**

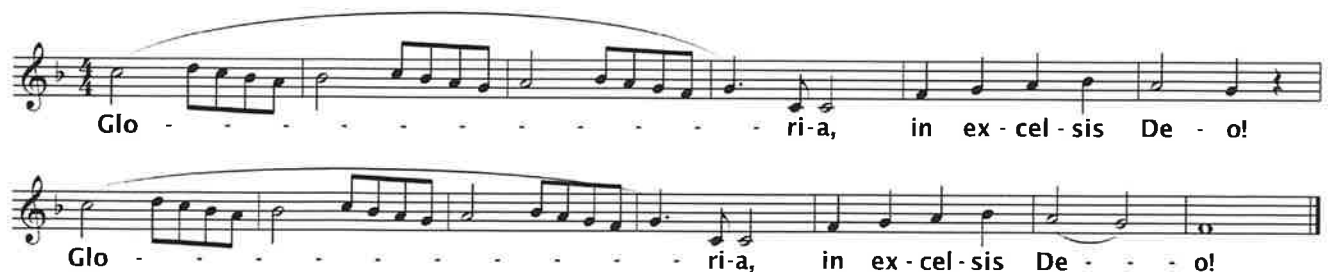
(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

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

+ Sung Response



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Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission — Earth Care

Ava Mayer

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Lois Knutson

Colossians 3:12-17 (OT, pp. 582-583 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

The Bells of Christmas

Carl Balle

Sandra Schoenecker, Soloist

The bells of Christmas chime once more;
the heav'nly guest is at the door.
He comes to earthly dwellings still
with new year gifts of peace, good will.

This world, though wide and far outspread,
could scarcely find for you a bed.
Your cradle was a manger stall,
no pearl nor silk nor kingly hall.

Now let us go with quiet mind,
the swaddled babe with shepherds find,
to gaze on him who gladdens them,
the loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem.

Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,
and keep your Christmas in our breast;
then David's harp-string, hushed so long,
shall swell our jubilee of song.

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 stay in the service with their guardians.

Second Lesson

Luke 2:41-52 (NT, p. 59 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Increasing in Wisdom

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 56 (Verses 1-4)

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

+ Affirmation of Faith — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

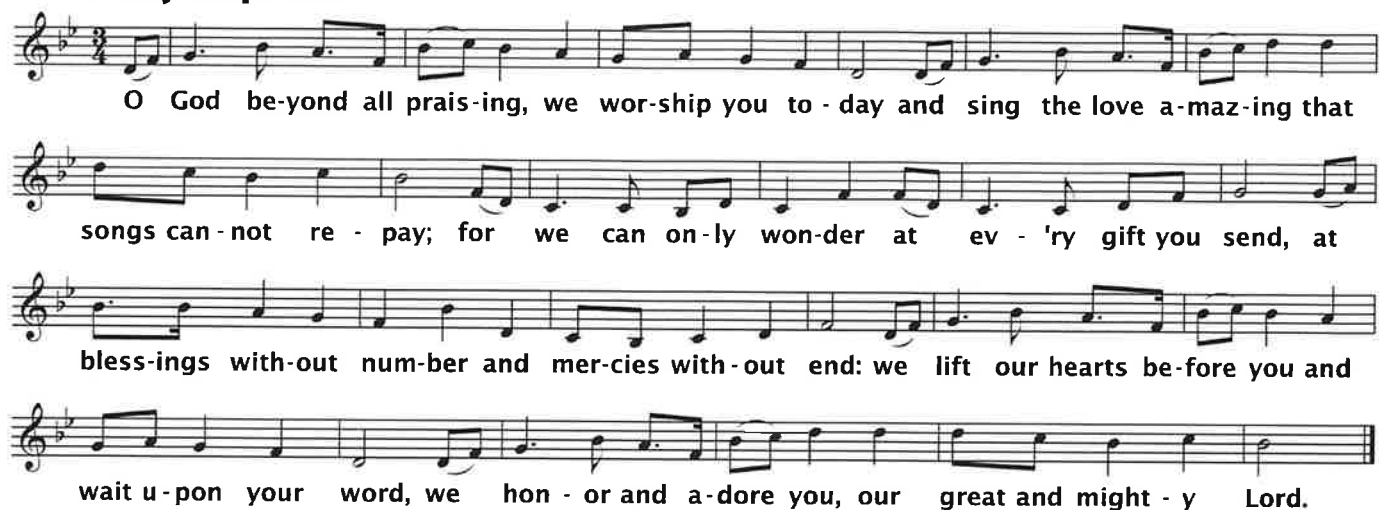
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering — There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be 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

Offertory Anthem

+ 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 29

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

+ Benediction

Solo

Jul, jul, Strålande jul

Swedish Carol

Christmas, Christmas, glorious Christmas,
shine over white forests,
crowns of heaven with sparkling light.
shining arches in all the houses of God,
hymn, which is sung from time to time,
eternal longing for light and peace.

Come, come, blessed Christmas.
Lower your white wings over the din of battle,
over all the sighing from human hearts,
over the loved ones that go to rest,
over the dawning nest of the young.
Come, come, blessed Christmas.

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 Sunday Enrichment Hours | 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room:

Sunday, January 5 — Scotland Pilgrimage Highlights Twenty-seven members and friends of House of Hope answered that calling by traveling together through Scotland in September. We look forward to sharing our journey with the congregation following the worship service.

Sunday, January 12 — Capturing Your Family Stories with Brenda Hudson

In this interactive presentation, author and teacher Brenda Hudson will show you how to quickly and easily capture your family stories using her “story project” method.

Welcoming Class – Sunday January 12 | Library | 11:15 a.m. Whether you’re new to House of Hope, or just want to know more about how our community works, join our Welcoming Class. This takes the place of our previous New Members Class, and provides information about church membership, as well as other ways to connect to community life at House of Hope. We’ll get to know each other, learn about shared congregational values, and connect to opportunities to live out those values through our church life. Join us!

Renewal of Baptism – Sunday, January 12 Each year, as we come out of Christmas, we have a Sunday to celebrate that Jesus went out into the wilderness to be baptized by John. Because he took this action, we also baptize as a sign that we and our children belong to God. A person can be baptized at any time in their life; in the PCUSA we have become accustomed to baptizing infants. We then invite our young people to confirm their faith following year of education and discussion. As the years pass, it is important to revisit our will to belong to God and reaffirm our will to serve God. On January 12, we will offer a liturgy of baptismal renewal and anointing during the service.

Week Beginning December 29, 2024

Sunday, December 29, 2024

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

Monday, December 30, 2024

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

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

7 a.m. Men’s Breakfast,
 Day by Day Cafe/Zoom

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Office and Building are closed

Thursday, January 2, 2025

5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition,
 Various Rooms

Friday, January 3, 2025

9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
10 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion,
 Sanctuary
10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

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.

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL Irregular with refrain

English carol, 17th century

English carol
Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833

1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor
 2. They look - ed up and saw a .. star Shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star, Three wise men
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west; O'er Beth - le -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay a - keep - ing their
 east be - yond them far, And to the earth it gave great
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in -
 hem it took its rest; And there it did both stop and

*Refrain**
 sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. Now - ell, Now -
 stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain may be omitted except after final stanza.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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GO TELL IT 7.6.7.6 with refrain

African-American spiritual
Arr. John W. Work III, 1940

Stanzas, John W. Work II (1872-1925)

Harm. and adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain O-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

Fine

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo! a - bove the earth,
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

D.C.

Be - hold through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.



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