

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Repentance begins with the acknowledgment of the need to change, which then needs to be followed by a willful act of imagination. Imagine that through the grace of God, the completion of a whole new you is possible by the time ‘the day of Jesus Christ,’ as Paul called it, comes at last. ‘Heads up!’ John the Baptist cries. ‘Your Redeemer is, even now, drawing near.’”

- Joanna M. Adams

Second Sunday of Advent | December 8, 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 **Great Hall** following the service.

## 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 East Wing for Sunday School. Caregivers should pick their children up from the East Wing.
- **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!

**Join us TODAY, Sunday, December 8, for The Great Advent Bake-Off 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.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

Variations on the Finnish Advent Hymn: *Lost in the Night*  
The Bells of Hope; Emily Hagen, Violist, Timothy Short, Director

arr. Cathy Moklebust

### Introit

*He is Coming Soon*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

### + Processional Hymn 13

*Prepare the Way*  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

### Advent Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

### Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

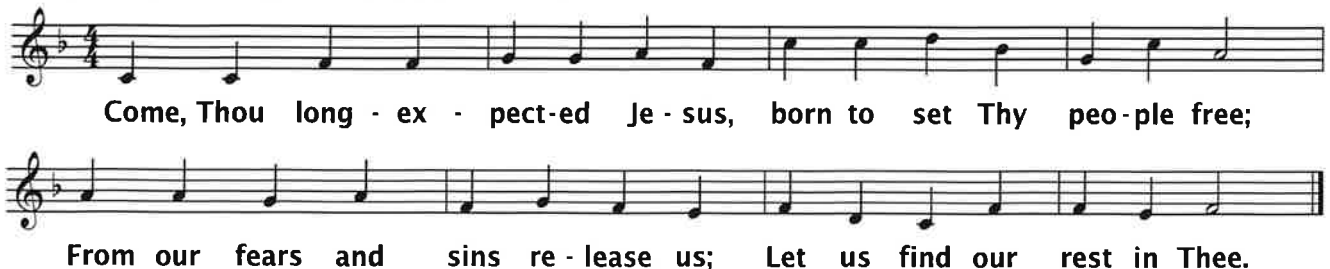
Leader: Watch for the light of Christ this Advent.

**All: 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.

**All: The light of Christ is always coming to us, entering our broken world and troubled hearts. So we light the second candle, the candle of peace, and in this world of strife and war, we dare to seek the path to peace in our homes, in our church and in the world. Amen.**

### Sung Response (please remain seated)



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.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Anthem

*O Thou the Central Orb*

Charles Wood

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
Of this our wintry world,  
Thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight  
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### First Lesson

Judy Brooks

Malachi 3:1-4 (OT, pp. 889-890 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Dormi, Dormi*

Italian Carol Arr. Mary Goetze

St Nicholas and St Cecelia Choirs, Jessica Bandelin, Conductor; Timothy Short, Piano

Dormi, dormi, bel bambin.

*Sleep, sleep lovely child,*

Re divin, re divin.

*King divine, King divine.*

Falananna fantolino,

*Lullaby, my little baby,*

Re divin, re divin

*King divine, King divine*

Falananna fantolino.

*Lullaby, my little baby.*

Fa la la...

*Fa la la...*



Perche piangi, o mio tresor?  
dolce amor, dolce amor  
Falananna, o caro figlio.  
Fanto bel, fanto bel  
Falananna, o caro figlio.  
Fa la la...

*Why do you cry, my little treasure?  
Sweet love, sweet love  
Lullaby, o beloved son.  
sweetly sleep, sweetly sleep  
Lullaby, o beloved son.  
Fa la la...*

### **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 Narthex to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School.*

### **Second Lesson**

Luke 3:1-6 (NT, p. 60 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### **Sermon**

*Change Agent*

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

## **THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

### + **Hymn 48**

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

ES IST EIN' ROS'

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

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**God expressed love for all humankind through Israel,  
whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness.  
When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment  
and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers.  
These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully  
and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming  
of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose would be realized.**

## 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
- **QR Code.** Please see insert.

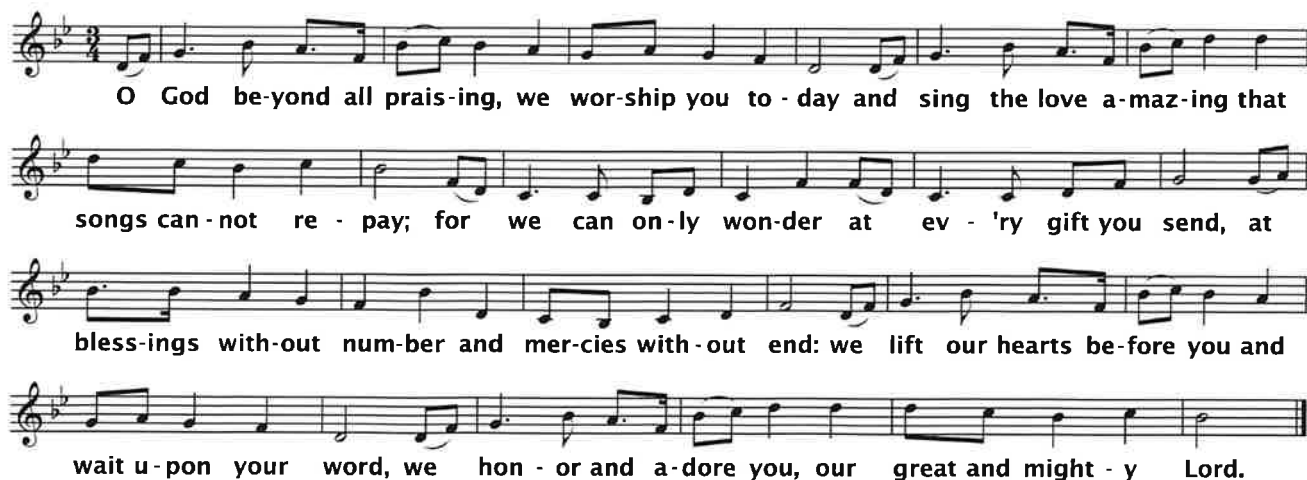
## Offertory Anthem

*They That Wait Upon the Lord*

Gerald Near

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;  
They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint.

## + 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 12**

*People, Look East*

BESANÇON

+ **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*And the Glory of the Lord*

G. F. Handel

**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.

**Cover Art:** This depiction is from the John the Baptist window on the west side of the sanctuary. In the center is John the Baptist, holding aloft the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God); the left figure is Zechariah the priest, father of John the Baptist; and the right figure is Elizabeth, John's mother. Photo credit: Dick Crone.

## Prepare the Way

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

Frans Mikael Franzen (1771-1847)  
Adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980; alt. 1989Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697  
Arr. American Lutheran Hymnal, 1930

1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, Your Christ is draw - ing near!
2. Christ brings God's rule, O Zi - on; He comes from heaven a - bove.
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; Your Sav - ior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley A lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, And jus - tice, truth, and love.  
And tid - ings of sal - va - tion Pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, For grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow re - joic - ing, Their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



Refrain

ADVENT



O blest is Christ that came In God's most ho - ly name.





## 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.  
 was the

## People, Look East

12

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)  
As in *Oxford Book of Carols*, 1964

BESANÇON 8.7.9.8.8.7

French folk melody  
Harm. Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near Of the crown-ing of the  
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is plant-ed  
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be  
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall

year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, Trim the  
there: Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, That in  
filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for  
brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, Bright as

Peo-ple, look east and sing to - day:  
hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo-ple, look east:  
course the flower may flour - ish.  
fledg - ing time has cho - sen.  
sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo-ple, look east:

Love the guest is on the way.  
Love the rose is on the way.  
Love the bird is on the way.  
Love the star is on the way.  
Love is on the way.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth With the word, the Lord is coming.  
Christ who brings new life to earth. People, look east and sing today:  
Set every peak and valley humming Love the Lord is on the way.

December 8 – 15, 2024

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: [JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org)

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8  
Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. | Rooms 2 & 4

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: [ElsaK@hohchurch.org](mailto:ElsaK@hohchurch.org)

### Sunday Youth Group: December 8

Youth Room | 6-8 p.m. | Grades 6-12 join us for a pot-luck dinner, a project and games in the church.

### Sponsor-a-Family Van Loading/Unloading

Saturday, December 14 | 8 a.m. - Noon

## 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, beer, wine, and lemonade. Caroling will take place between 5:30 and 6 p.m.

**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.**

## "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](http://singersmca.org) - *advance purchases are recommended.*

## Christmas Tableaux Set-up and Take-down

As in past years, we'll set up the Tableaux set in two steps: Tuesday, December 17 from 3:30 - 5 p.m., we'll bring all of the parts of the Tableaux up to the Sanctuary. Then, on Thursday, December 19 from 6 p.m. until we're finished, we'll do the actual set-up.

Take-down will be right after the Tableaux service on Saturday, December 21. Many hands are needed for the take down so we can finish quickly! No experience needed.

## Make a Year-End Gift to our Capital Campaign



Bright Hope  
for Tomorrow  
STRENGTH FOR TODAY

As we approach year end, we invite you to make a pledge or special gift to the recently completed HVAC/electrical panel project. All gifts, regardless of size, are important. Our goal is to repay the bridge loan from Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program, restore funds to our endowment, and minimize the debt from the project. Contact Michelle Freyholtz with questions about gifts.

## Stewardship 2025 and Year-End Gifts — CONNECT

**Thank you to all who pledged on Commitment Sunday November 10.** Approximately half a million dollars have been pledged, and we are grateful for the strong start to our 2025 pledge goal of \$1.15 million. If you have not yet pledged to support House of Hope's ministries and mission, we ask that you consider making a pledge for 2025. Pledge cards are available at our entrances, or you can pledge online at: <https://bit.ly/HOH2025Pledge> -and/or- make a one-time gift or become a sustainer with recurring gifts: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving>

We welcome your gifts in many ways, including check, credit card, appreciated stock or mutual funds, among others.

For payments toward your 2025 pledge in calendar year 2024, please note "Prepaid 2025 Pledge" in the memo line of your check.

Your support of our **CONNECT** Stewardship Campaign is truly appreciated.

### Week Beginning December 8, 2024

#### 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. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11:15 a.m. Advent Bake-off, Great Hall
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

#### Monday, December 9, 2024

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Jan Dickinson's/Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

#### Tuesday, December 10, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Matthew 25 Meeting, Room 1/Zoom

#### Wednesday, December 11, 2024

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 4:30 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Choir School Christmas Party, Kirk Parlour
- 6:30 p.m. Sounds of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

#### Thursday, December 12, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Lumen Christi Catholic Community

#### Friday, December 13, 2024

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Tween Night, TBA

#### Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 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
- 11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. Youth Christmas Party, 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](http://www.hohchurch.org).





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