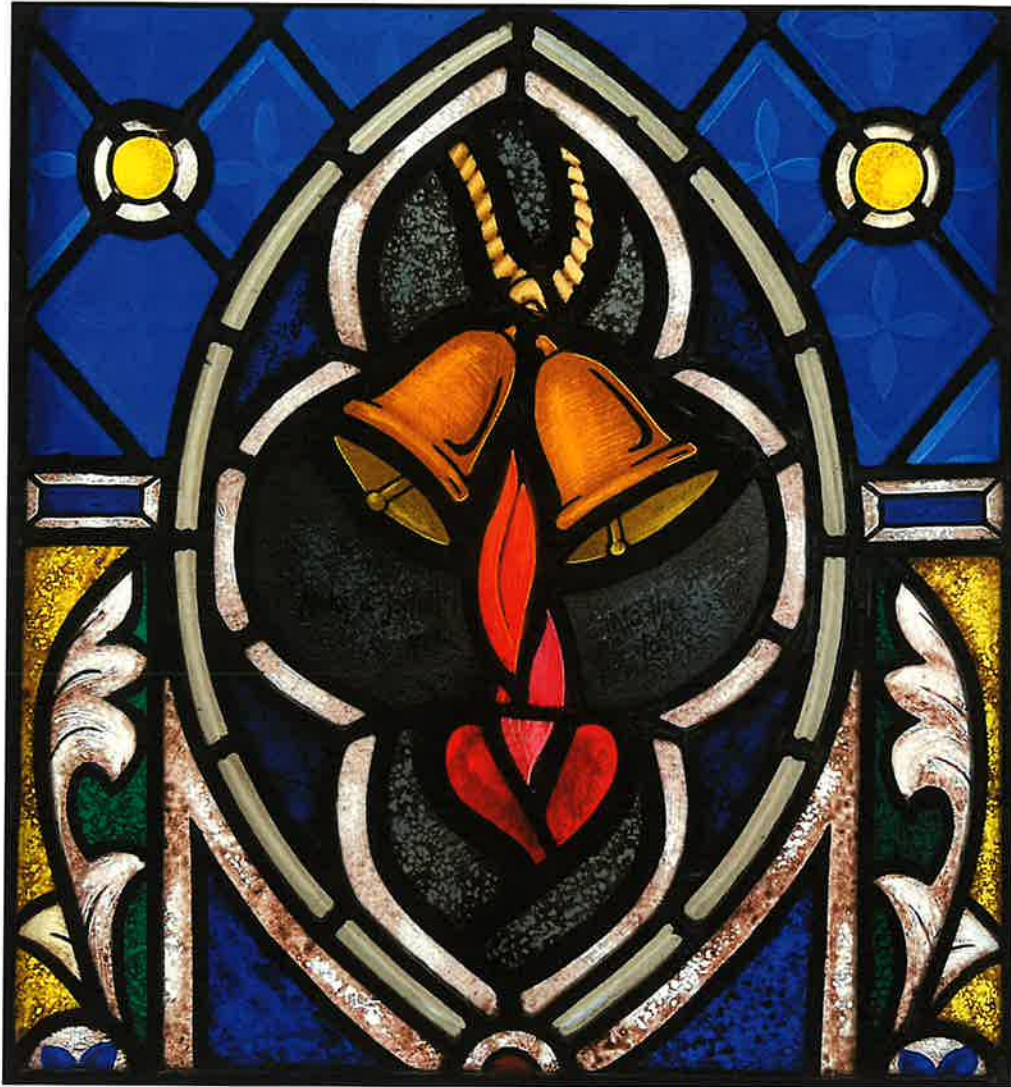


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Joy requires us to sidestep sentimentality and cynicism alike. It requires that we hold onto two realities at once: the reality of the world's brokenness in one hand, and the reality of God's love in the other. Joy is what happens when we daily live into the belief that God can and will bridge the gap between the world we long for and the world we see before our eyes."

- Debie Thomas

Third Sunday of Advent | December 15, 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.

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!



Choir School Concert: *Around the Manger*

Today, Sunday, December 15 | Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

Join us for the annual Choir School Christmas Concert in the sanctuary featuring our four choirs with Jessica Bandelin, Conductor, and Timothy Short, Piano.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland", BWV 659
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

Introit

Our Soul Waiteth
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

George Thalben-Ball

+ Processional Hymn 6

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

Advent Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

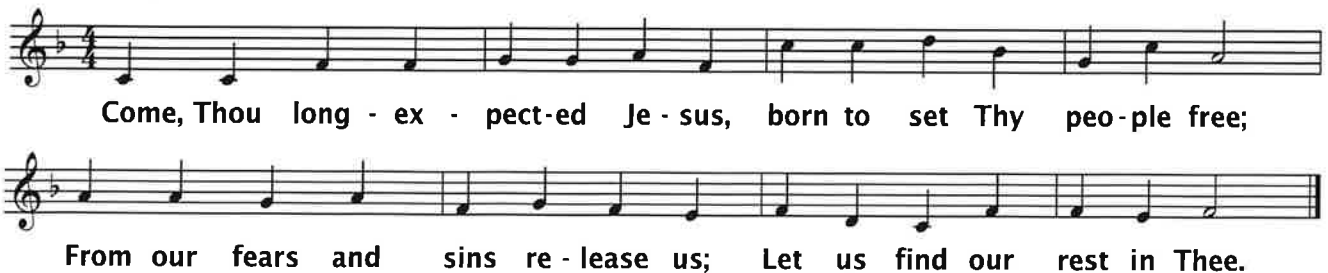
Leader: Watch for the light of Christ this Advent.

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 third candle, the candle of joy, and in this time of waiting, we dare to express our joy even in the midst of our fear and uncertainty. 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

Hallelu

Stephen Paulus

Down in a valley, sing hallelu.
Mary had a baby, sing hallelu.
What did she name Him, sing hallelu?
Named Him Jesus, hallelu.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Nancy Stendahl

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (OT, p. 877 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Sans Day Carol

English Carol, arr. Z. Randall Stroope

St Nicholas Choir, Jessica Bandelin, Conductor; Timothy Short, Piano

Now the holly bears the berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears the berry as black as the coal,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears the berry as blood it is red,
Then trust in our Savior who rose from the dead.
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

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

Philippians 4:4-7 (NT, p. 198 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rejoice!

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 3

Comfort, Comfort You My People

PSALM 42

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.

His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God.

He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

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

Gaudete

anonymous, arr. Matthew Culloton

Gaudete, gaudete!
Christus est natus
Ex Maria virgine,
gaudete!

*Rejoice, rejoice!
Christ is born
Of the Virgin Mary,
Rejoice!*

Tempus adest gratiæ
Hoc quod optabamus,
Carmina lætitiæ
Devote reddamus.

*The time of grace has come
What we have wished for;
Songs of joy
Let us give back faithfully.*

Deus homo factus est
Natura mirante,
Mundus renovatus est
A Christo regnante.

*God has become man,
With nature marvelling,
The world has been renewed
By the reigning Christ.*

Ezechelis porta
Clausa pertransitur,
Unde lux est orta
Salus invenitur.

*The closed gate of Ezekiel
Is passed through,
Whence the light is risen;
Salvation has been found.*

+ 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 49

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

+ **Benediction**

Postlude

Carillon

Henri Mulet

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 Jackson window outside the Kirk Parlour. If you view the window up close, the words inscribed on this panel are: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

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 TODAY, Sunday, December 15.

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY 8.7.8.7.4.4.4.7

Thomas Olivers, 1763

Charles Wesley, 1758; alt.

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



1. Je - sus comes with clouds de - scend - ing; See the
 2. Ev - ery eye shall then be - hold You Robed in
 3. Yes, A - men! Let all a - dore You High on



Lamb for sin - ners slain! Thou - sand, thou - sand
 awe - some ma - jes - ty; Those who jeered and
 your e - ter - nal throne; Crowns and em - pires



saints at - tend - ing Join to sing the glad re -
 mocked and sold You, Pierced and nailed You to the
 fall be - fore You, Claim the king - dom for Your



Comfort, Comfort You My People

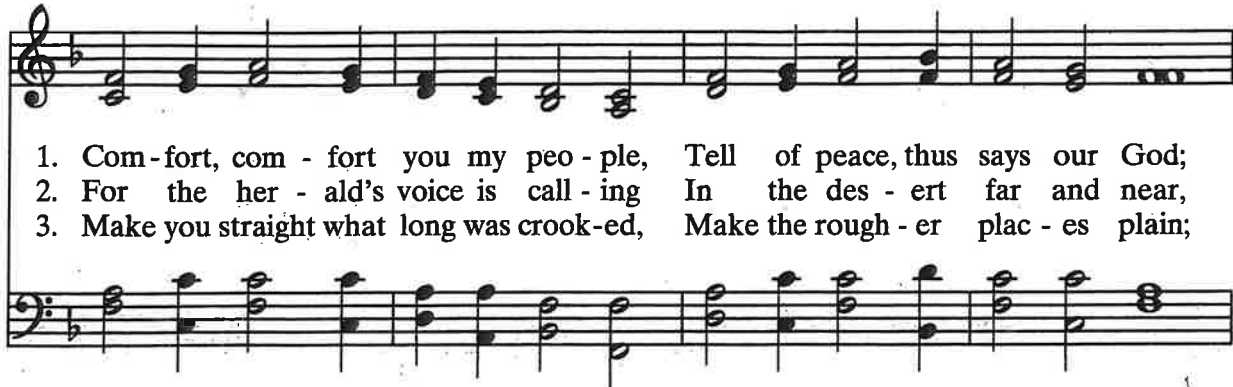
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PSALM 42 8.7.8.7.7.8.8

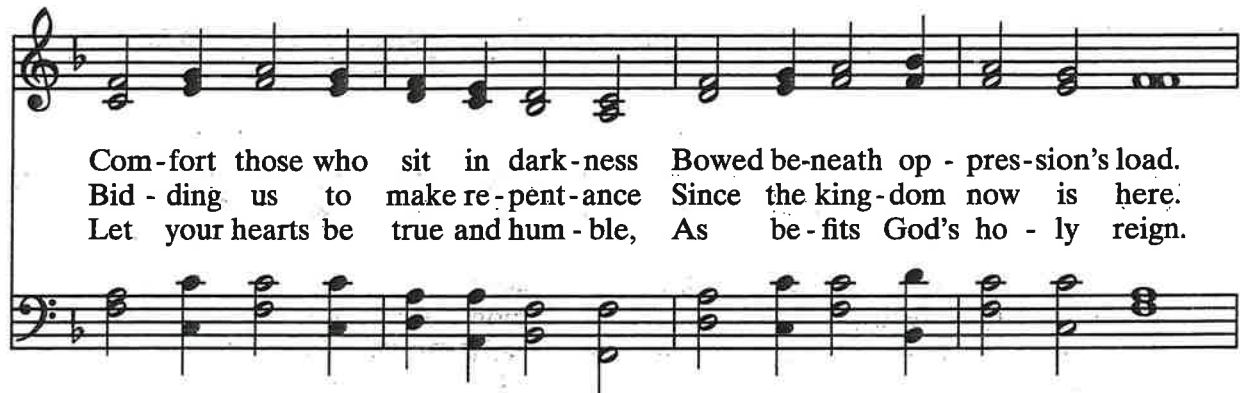
Johannes Olearius, 1671

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

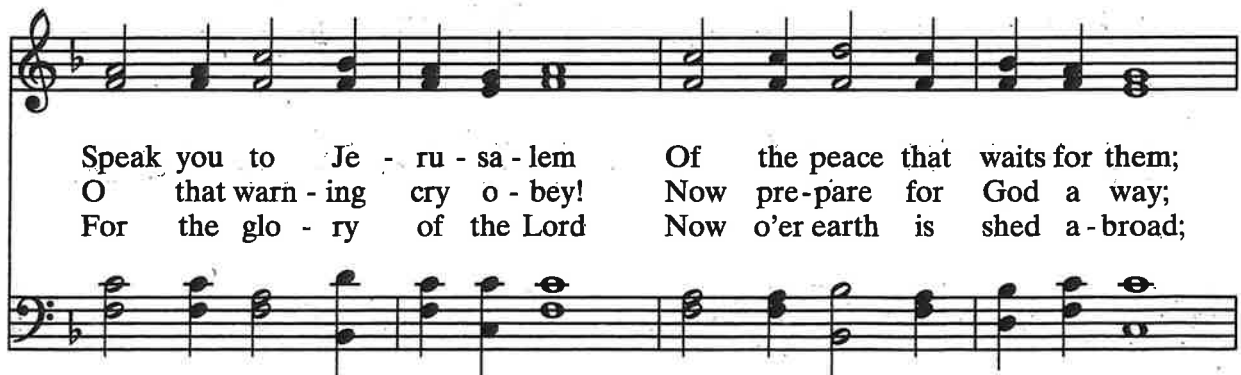
Genevan Psalter, 1551



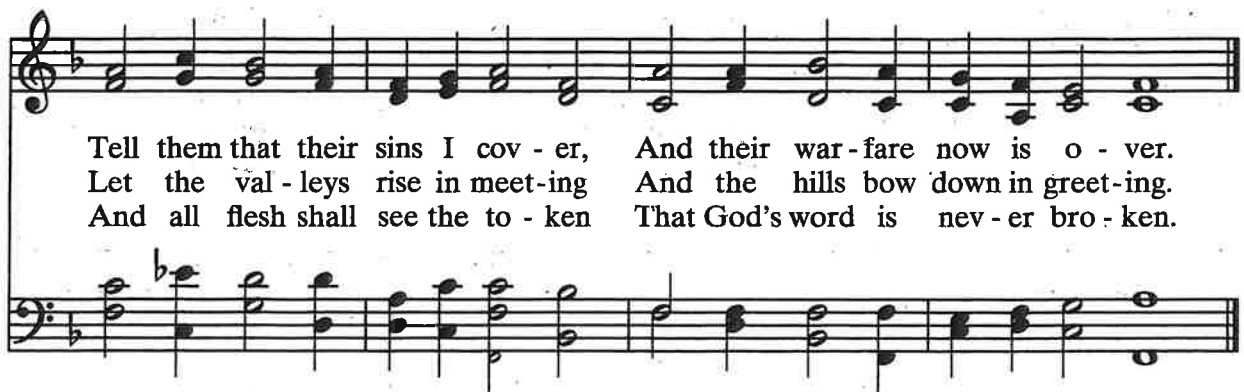
1. Com-fort, com - fort you my peo - ple, Tell of peace, thus says our God;
 2. For the her - ald's voice is call - ing In the des - ert far and near,
 3. Make you straight what long was crook-ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness Bowed be-neath op - pres-sion's load.
 Bid - ding us to make re-pent-ance Since the king-dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way;
 For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, And their war-fare now is o - ver.
 Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing And the hills bow down in greet-ing.
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken That God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Once in Royal David's City

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IRBY 8.7.8.7.7

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848; alt.

Henry John Gauntlett, 1849
Harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and
 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by day like
 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re -

cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by
 Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble,
 us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak and help - less,
 deem - ing love, For that Child so dear and gen - tle.

In a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry was that moth - er
 And His cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, op-pressed, and
 Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feels for all our
 Is our Lord in heaven a - bove; And He leads His chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 on To the place where He is gone.



News & Opportunities

December 15 – 22, 2024

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: 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

**Youth White Elephant Christmas Party | TODAY
December 15 | 6-8 p.m. | Youth Room** - Join us for
Christmas treat and a party! We'll Celebrate, chat and
have an exciting white elephant gift exchange!

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.

Loaves and Fishes – Volunteer Opportunity Monday, December 16 | 2:45 - 6:30 p.m.

Help set up, cook, serve, and clean up after meals
at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 510 Hall Ave.,
Saint Paul. Meal preparation begins at 2:45 p.m. At
4:30 p.m. the meal serving crew begins packaging
the meals for distribution, and clean up should be
completed by 6:30 p.m. Please remember a hat or
hairnet is required. Youth are welcome – this is a
great family opportunity. For more information or to
volunteer, contact Kevin Loney or Norma Herther at
651-493-0752 or 612-356-7203.

"What Sweeter Music: Christmas with The Singers" - TODAY, December 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. Today's concert,
December 15, is at Nativity in St. Paul. Tickets and
info at 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



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.

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

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 15, 2024

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

Monday, December 16, 2024

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 2:45 p.m. Loaves and Fishes (2:45 volunteer, 5 p.m. meal), St. Matthews Catholic, 510 Hall Ave.
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 3:30 p.m. Tableaux Setup, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Nominating Committee Meeting, Room 1

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Library Committee Meeting, Great Hall/Library
- 5 p.m. Carols and Christmas Cheer, Assembly Rm
- 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 19, 2024

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

Friday, December 20, 2024

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

Saturday, December 21, 2024

- 5 p.m. Tableaux Service, Sanctuary

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 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, Hallway Outside Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Christmas Carol Sing-along, 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.



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