

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Blessed be the mind that dreamed the day the blueprint of your life would begin to glow on earth, illuminating all the faces and voices that would arrive to invite your soul to growth."

- John O'Donohue

Baptism of the Lord | January 12, 2025 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:

- **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!

Today at 11:15 a.m.:

Capturing Your Family Stories with Brenda Hudson | Sunday, January 12 | Assembly Room

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 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!

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Andante and Variations
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Felix Mendelssohn

Introit

Deo Gracias
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

William Byrd

+ Processional Hymn 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Lord Jesus Christ, you are always arriving in our world.

You are always appearing in our midst.

You are always making your ways and your will known among your people.

Forgive us for remaining distracted and dissatisfied.

Forgive us for filling our lives with clutter and noise.

Forgive us for failing to heed your call.

**Help us in this season to remain alert and attentive,
that we might not miss your invitations for new life among us.**

(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.**

+Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Judy Brooks

Isaiah 43:1-7 (OT, p. 672 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of his name,

Make his praise to be glorious.

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 3:15-17, 21-22 (NT, p. 60 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

Re-Member

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 391

Take My Life

HENDON

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**In the season of Epiphany, we remember the waters of baptism
that claim us and remind us that in life and in death, we belong to God.
We remember our call to a broken and fearful world,
the spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples, to unmask idolatries,
to hear the voices of people's long silenced,
and to work for justice, freedom, and peace
as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth together.**

Renewal of Baptism and Anointing of Oil

*If you wish to mark this reaffirmation of your baptism with the anointing of oil, please come forward.
When we baptize, it is with recognition that we are each a child of God. If you come forward, we will
ask for your Christian name which is commonly first and middle names.*

**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

Sing Unto God

G.F. Handel

Sing unto God, and high affections raise,
To crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.

+ 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 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

+ Benediction

Postlude

March

Felix Mendelssohn

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

Assisting in the service for the Renewal of Baptism and Anointing with Oil are the Sacred Bells.

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 loving memory of Lindsay Jean Knutson.

Cover Art: This depiction is from the bottom center predella of the John the Baptist window on the west side of the sanctuary. In this depiction John baptizes Jesus in the River Jordan.
Photo credit: Dick Crone.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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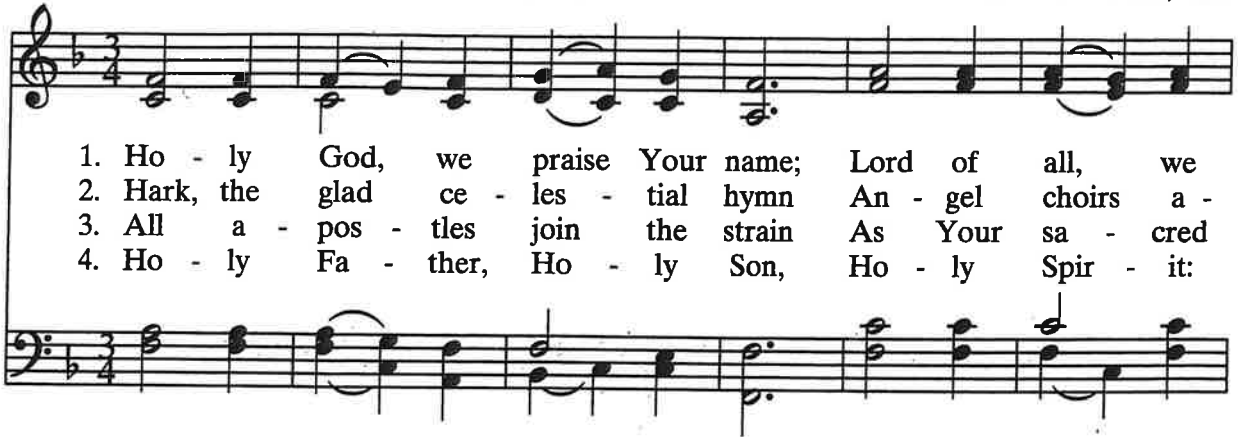
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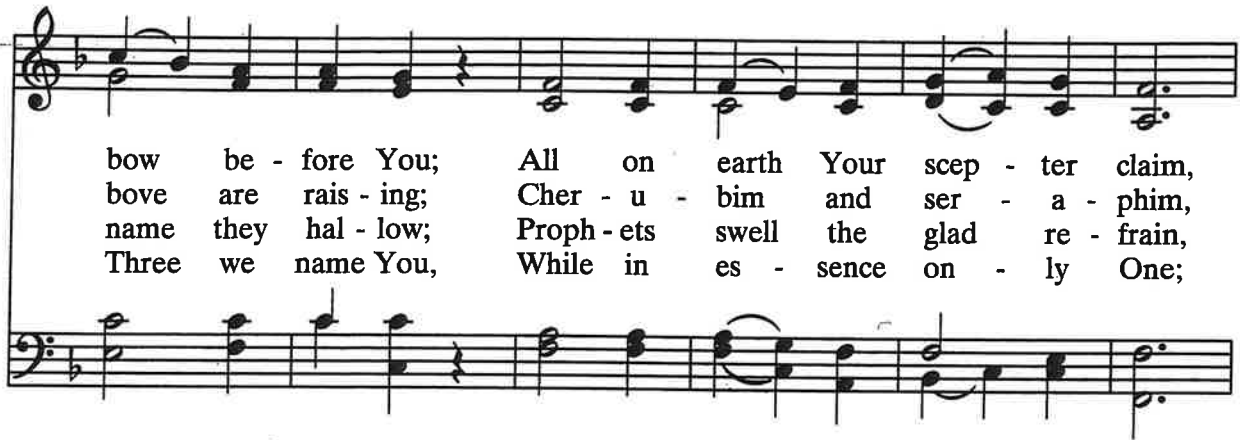
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Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819



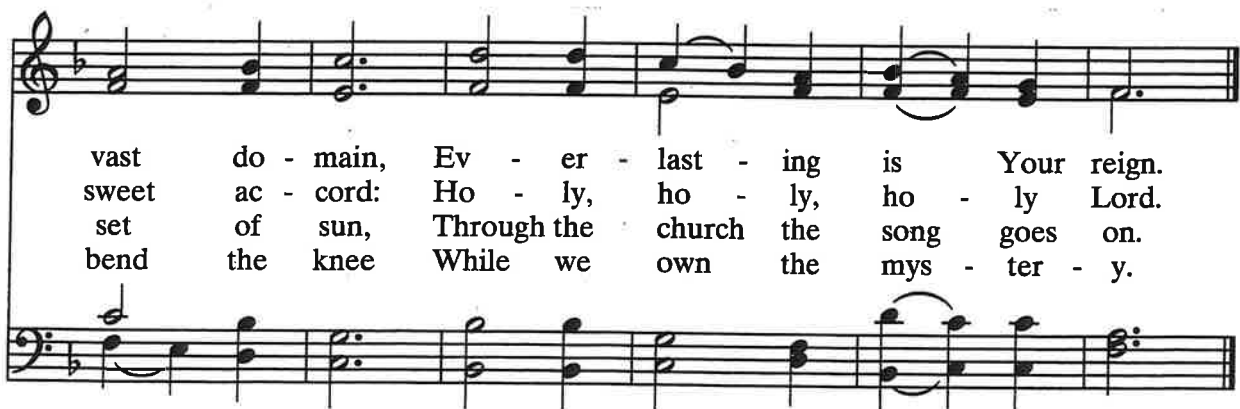
1. Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we
 2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3. All a - pos - tles join the strain As Your sa - cred
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:



bow be - fore You; All on earth Your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 Three we name You, While in es - sence on - ly One;



All in heaven a - bove a - dore You. In - fi - nite Your
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heavens with
 And the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You, And a - dor - ing



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.


Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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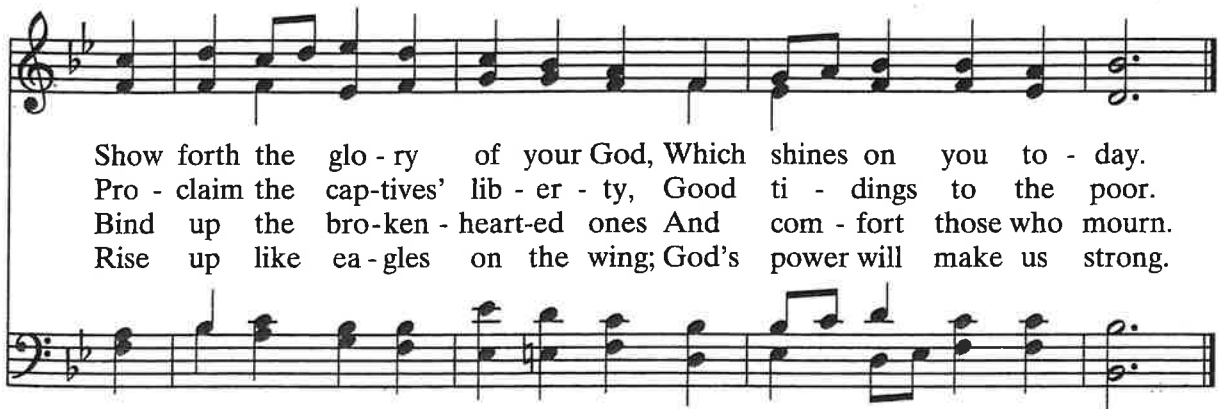
FESTAL SONG SM

Ruth Duck, 1974

William H. Walter, 1894



1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God, Which shines on you to - day.
Pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, Good ti - dings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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SUNDAY SERIES

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SING and CONCERT: Save the Dates!



Community Sing: Gwyneth Walker - An American Icon

Thursday, February 6 | 7 p.m. | Sanctuary

Featuring The Singers and the House of Hope Motet Choir as musical leads, the community is welcome to come meet American composer Gwyneth Walker, and join voices together, learning and sharing a handful of Dr. Walker's most popular choral works. Musical scores will be provided free of charge.

The Singers: Celebrating Gwyneth Walker

Saturday, February 8 | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Gwyneth Walker so often captures the zeitgeist of the moment through her musical works and selection of texts. A proud New Englander, Dr. Walker has over 400 commissions to her credit and has been honored with two Lifetime Achievement Awards and an Alumni Award from the Hartt School of Music. Generations of choristers have found inspiration and humanity lodged between the pages of her sheet music – we're thrilled to host her for this special event.

Tickets will soon be made available to the House of Hope Community in advance of the concert to pick up in the Church office.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News & Opportunities

January 12 - 19, 2025

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 Group

Sundays, January 12, and 19
Youth Room | 6-8 p.m.

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. Today, we will offer a liturgy of baptismal renewal and anointing during the service.

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!

Affordable and Supportive Housing in the Twin Cities with Emily Goldthwaite

Sunday, January 26 | Assembly Room

11:15 a.m. Emily Goldthwaite, Director of Congregational Organizing for Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Emily has served in both local churches and nonprofit service agencies in the Midwest, and in Palestine and Israel. She will provide an update on Beacon's work to provide housing in the Twin Cities. She will provide a preview of legislative advocacy and updates on Prior Crossing and Gladstone Crossing. Rev. Goldthwaite will also share how we can take action toward the vision that all people have affordable housing.

Summit Sinfonietta

Sunday, January 26 | 2 p.m.

Summit Sinfonietta, directed by Dr. Donald Lovejoy, will present a free concert of music for winds at HOH. The repertoire includes Serenades by Richard Strauss and Wilhelm Berger, along with Jan Koetsier's Variations on an aria from Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, January 28 | Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner and conversation. Shana Wagner will be our speaker. Shana has been coming to House of Hope since she was eight years old. She became a member in the mid 1970's. Like many of us, she became more active a bit later in life. She lives in Maple Grove, and thankfully, she likes to drive! **Please RSVP using this link:** <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

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

An Eco-Resolution

January beckons us with the possibility of new beginnings as we look ahead to the coming year and consider what we might do differently to make the world a better place. What can we do to reduce our impact on our already stressed planet?

If you haven't already done so, this is a great time to sign up for renewable energy with Xcel Energy's Renewable* Connect® Flex program. As one of the nation's largest voluntary renewable energy programs, Renewable* Connect® Flex allows Xcel customers an easy way to subscribe to up to 100% affordable and clean wind and solar energy. A renewable energy subscription offers various options, flexible enrollment and requires no equipment installation. For more information visit mn.my.xcelenergy.com/s/renewable

Week Beginning January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 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. Welcoming Class, Library
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, January 13, 2025

- 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, January 14, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 4:30 p.m. Matthew 25 Committee, Room 1/Zoom

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Room/Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, January 16, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Library Committee, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Assembly Room/Chapel/Bridal Room

Friday, January 17, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Tween Night, Skyzone Oakdale

Sunday, January 19, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 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. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, January 20, 2025

The Office and Building is Closed
in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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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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