

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Civilization is about learning ways to resolve tension and conflict without violence. But sometimes the best of us can teeter toward becoming profoundly uncivilized."

- Samuel Wells

Second Sunday of Christmas | January 5, 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, 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 East Wing for Sunday School. 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!

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

TODAY 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.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

O Little Town of Bethlehem
What Child is This
In the Bleak Midwinter
What is This Lovely Fragrance
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
The Bells of Hope

arr. Rhonda Grobe
Lynn Mizelli
arr. Rhonda Grobe
Timothy Waugh
arr. Rhonda Grobe

+ Opening Hymn 28

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Aaron David Miller, Organist

IN DULCI JUBILO

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

God who has chosen us before we ever were, we confess how we have heard your Word, but not allowed that grace and truth to transform us.

Offered life, we choose death; furnished hope, we cling tightly to our despair; extended fellowship, we walk in our loneliness; granted peace,

we idolize power and might; offered forgiveness, we are convinced we can save ourselves. Forgive us, God of promises. We are grateful: for life, for hope, for love.

All these, and more, you give to us in your Word of Truth and your Child of Grace, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *(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

Glo - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - - - o!

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Welcome and Announcements

Bell Anthem

A la Ru (Hispanic Carol, Hymn 45)

Jane McFadden

THE WORD OF GOD

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. Children will return to the sanctuary for communion.

Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-18 (NT, p. 91-92 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

The Word Became Relationship

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 57

The Snow Lay on the Ground

VENITE ADOREMUS

+ Affirmation of Faith — *The Nicene Creed*

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering — There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates are available at the sanctuary doors.
- **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 Bell Anthem

Echo Carol

Carl Wiltse

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: It is truly right and our greatest joy... 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.

Bell Anthems

*We Three Kings
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Cathy Moglebust
TLS

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:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn (*See Insert*)

As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

+ Benediction

Postlude

Sing We Now of Christmas

Kevin McChesney

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur Emeritus

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.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.8.5.5

Medieval Latin

Trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.

German folk tune, 14th century
Harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953

1. Good Christian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
 2. Good Christian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
 3. Good Christian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all To gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

The Snow Lay on the Ground

VENITE ADOREMUS 10.10.10 with refrain

English melody

Adapt. C. Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Harm. Leo Sowerby, 1941

Anglo-Irish carol; alt.

G C G D C

1. The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright, When Christ our Lord was
 2. 'Twas gen - tle Ma - ry maid, so young and strong, Who wel - comed here the
 3. Saint Jo - seph too was by to tend the Child, To guard Him, and pro -
 4. And thus that man - ger poor be - came a throne; For He whom Ma - ry

G Am G D G G C G D

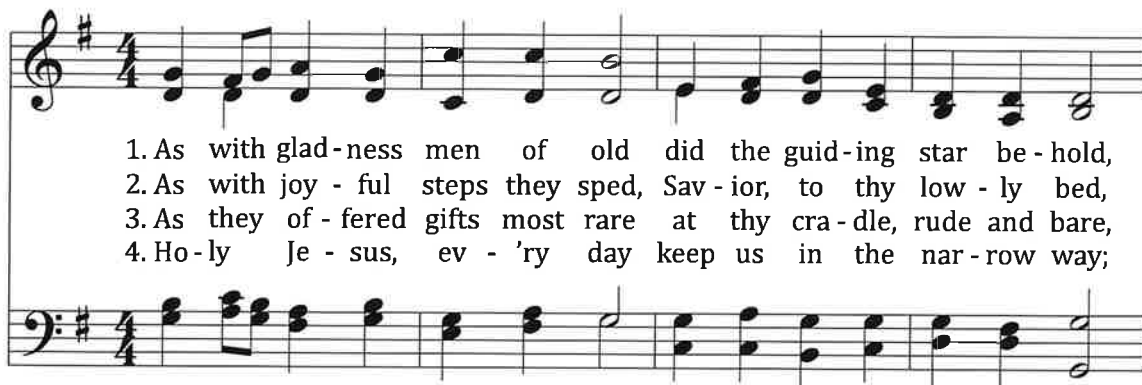
born on Christ - mas night. Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 Christ - child with a song. She laid Him in a stall at Beth - le - hem;
 tect His moth - er mild. The an - gels hov - ered round and sang this song;
 bore was God the Son. O come, then, let us join the heav - en - ly host;

C Am G Am G Dsus2 D G Refrain G

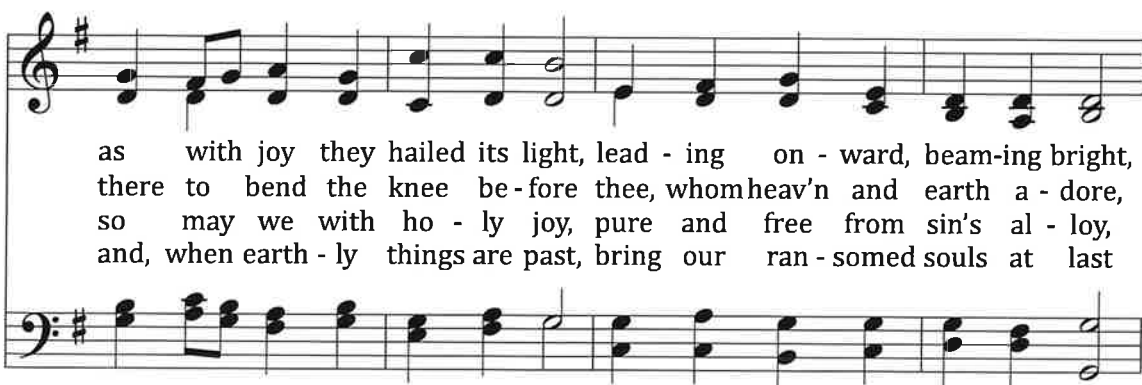
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 The ass and ox - en shared the roof with them. Ve - ni - te a - do -
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 To praise the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

re - mus Do - mi - num. Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.

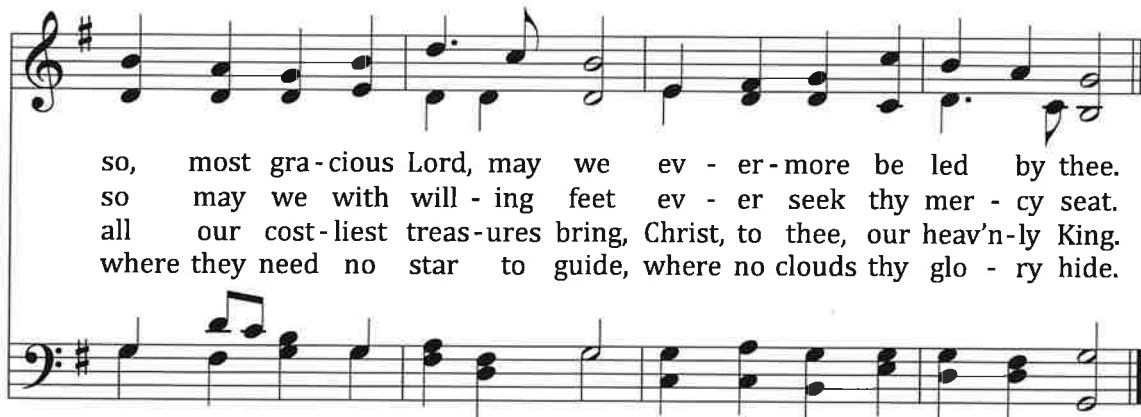
As with Gladness Men of Old



1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore,
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led by thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
all our cost-liest treas-ures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

5. In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down.
There forever may we sing
alleluias to our King!

Carols for Handbells and Harp — January 5, 2025

The Bells of Hope:

Nancy Berry, John Brentnall, Barb Couture, Liz Elliott, Leslie Erickson, Patricia Freeburg, Maureen Long, Lori Nelson, Beth Cummins-Postigo, , Martha Rhode, Patty Spahn, Christina Wood, Heekyung Yoon. Timothy Short, Director

Additional Participants:

Musicians assisting the Bells of Hope include James Buxton (harp), Sophie Stein (percussion), Jeffrey Van (guitar) and Jessica Bandelin (soprano).

The Bells of Hope extends their appreciation to our neighbor congregations for the loaning of additional handbells: Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church, St. Clement's Episcopal Church, and Central Lutheran Church.

The Handbell Program

Now celebrating its 45th year, The Bells of Hope is the second oldest musical ensemble at the House of Hope. The ensemble rehearses weekly and is comprised of congregants and community friends; they offer monthly musical offerings for worship. In addition, the ensemble collaborates with instrumentalists and vocalists as an extension to their repertoire, and for the purpose of expanding the art of handbell ringing to this and other faith communities. The ringers participate throughout the year with Music in Mission projects which includes a partnership with Keystone Communities, and assisting in services at Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church.

Sacred Bells is a bell ensemble designed for interested ringers (with or without ringing experience; congregants and community members) to support hymn-singing and to complement corporate prayer. Ringers meet on the Sunday morning to prepare ringing patterns for the service that same day. Sacred Bells ring 4-5 times annually.

Anyone interested in learning more about bell ringing or becoming involved in the handbell program, contact Tim Short, music associate: TimS@hohchurch.org



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