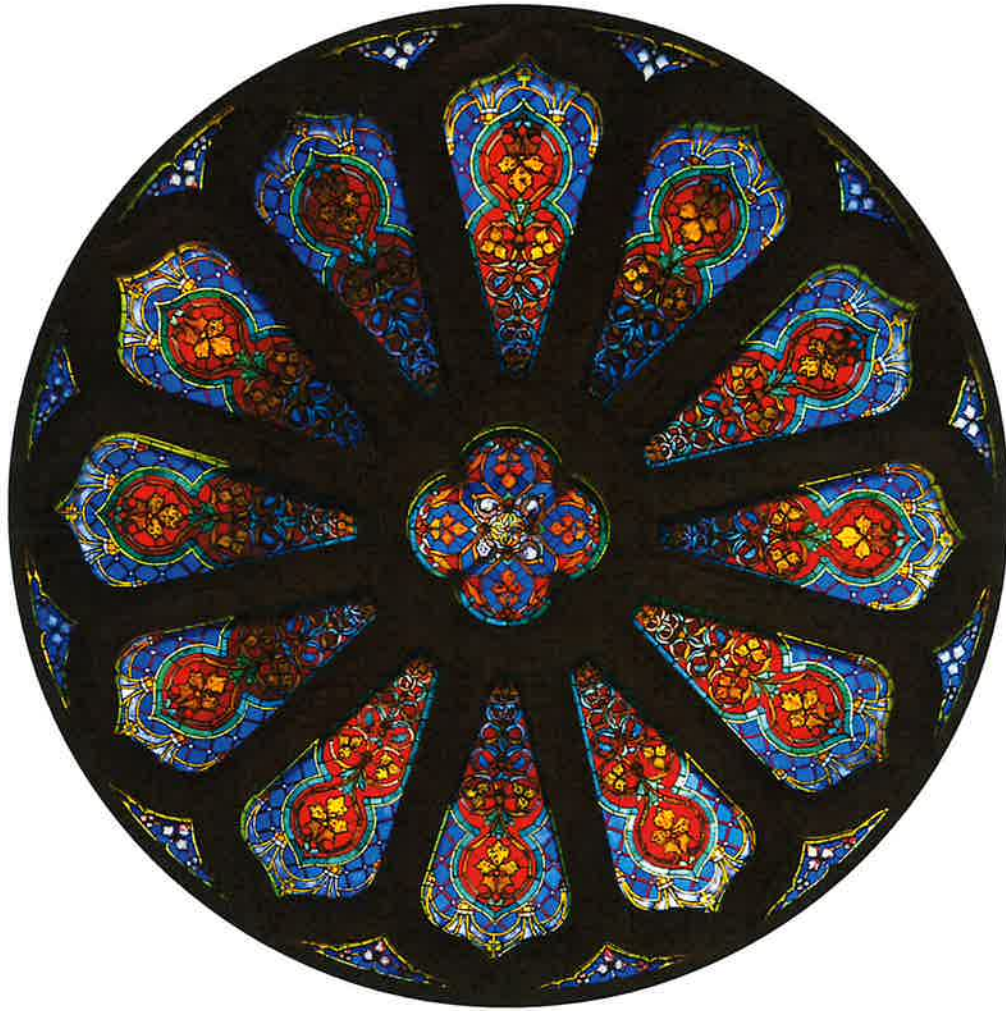


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"When author Madeleine L'Engle was asked, 'Do you believe in God without any doubts?' she replied, 'I believe in God with all my doubts.' We see in a mirror dimly, but what we see is important. We have treasures in our congregational traditions and doctrinal understandings, but they are mediated through earthen vessels."

– Bruce G. Epperly

Macalester Sunday | February 2, 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's Enrichment - Danielle Nolan-Eickholt: *Let's Talk about Death*

Sunday, February 2 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m. Death is a very important part of life and better understanding will lead to a more fully-lived life. Join us in a presentation given by Death and Mourning Doula, Danielle Nolan-Eickholt, as she talks about death, dying, and preparedness. Following the presentation will be time for questions and discussion. All are welcome.

TODAY - HOH Unplugged! | Sunday, February 2, Noon - 1:30 p.m. Great Hall - The Big Show! There will be a light lunch served and then a delightful and funny skit show - conceived of, written, and performed by the youth. All are welcome!

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Aaron David Miller, Organist

+Festive Procession of Bagpipes and Drum

Macalester College Bagpipe Ensemble

+Processional Hymn 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**Ah, Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope,
because we listen to the purveyors of fear.**

We do not know how to be loving because our role models are ridicule and anger.

**But you know how to forgive, God of kindness,
so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us.**

May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us;

may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace;

may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness,

but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who abides in 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



Welcome and Announcements

Sunday Series - Celebrating Gwyneth Walker

Matthew Culloton

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Katie Anderson

Psalm 71:1-6 (OT, p. 532 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Kyrie from *Missa super 'Dixit Maria'*

Hans Leo Hassler

The Macalester College Concert Choir; Michael McGaghie, Director

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Anthem

My Heart Be Brave

Marques Garrett

My heart be brave, and do not falter so,
Nor utter more that deep, despairing wail.
Thy way is very dark and drear I know,
But do not let thy strength and courage fail;
For certain as the raven-winged night
Is followed by the bright and blushing morn,
Thy coming morrow will be clear and bright;

'Tis darkest when the night is furthest worn.
Look up, and out, beyond, surrounding clouds,
And do not in thine own gross darkness grope,
Rise up, and casting off thy hind'ring shrouds,
Cling thou to this, and ever inspiring hope:
Tho' thick the battle and tho' fierce the fight,
There is a power in making for the right.

- James Weldon Johnson

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

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NT, p. 175 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Love Actually

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

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+ Affirmation of Faith

— excerpt from *The Second Helvetic Confession*, edited for inclusion

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

We believe faith is efficacious and active through love.

It also quiets the conscience and opens a free access to God,

so that we may draw near to God with confidence

and may obtain from God what is useful and necessary.

The same faith keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor,

strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession,

and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.

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


St. Francis' Prayer

Margaret Bonds

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness joy.

O Divine master grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand.
To be loved, as to love
For it's in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life.

+ 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 486

When the Morning Stars Together

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+ Benediction

Postlude

Minuet

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.



SUNDAY SERIES

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SING and CONCERT



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 are now available to the House of Hope Community in advance of the concert to pick up in the Church office. Please note, they will not be available at the door.

Cover Art: The Rose Window from the Elizabeth Chapel. Photo credit: Dick Crone

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

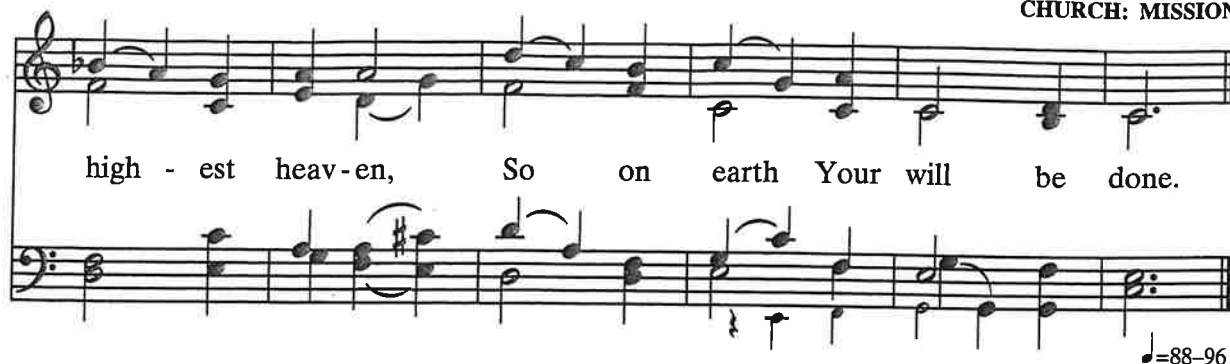
John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!



high - est heav - en, So on earth Your will be done.

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Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak 426

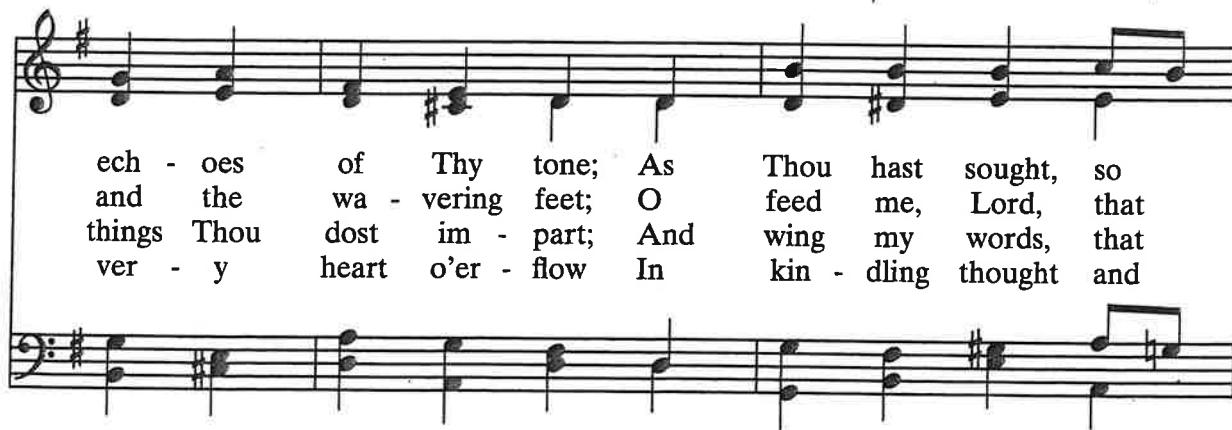
Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872

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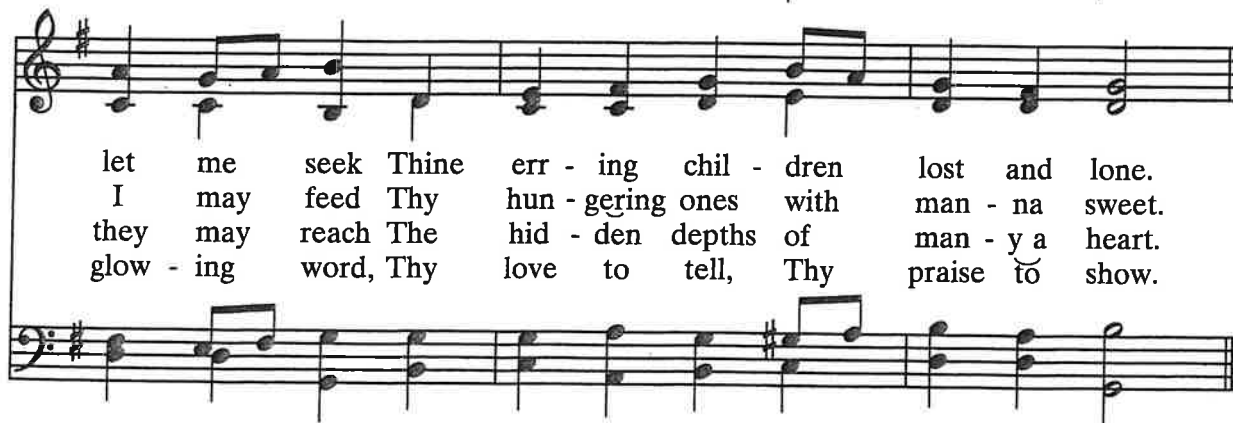
Robert Schumann, 1839



1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing
 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wan - dering
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The pre - cious
 4. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord, Un - til my



ech - oes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet; O feed me, Lord, that
 things Thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and



let me seek Thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed Thy hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
 Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
 Until Thy blessed face I see,
 Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

When the Morning Stars Together

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Albert F. Bayly, 1969; alt.

As in *Tochter Sion*, Cologne, 1741

1. When the morn-ing stars to-geth-er Their Cre-a - tor's glo - ry sang,
2. When in syn - a - gogue and tem-ple Voic - es raised the psalm-ists' songs,
3. Voice and in - stru-ment in u - nion Through the a - ges spoke Your praise,
4. Lord, we bring our gift of mu - sic; Touch our lips and fire our hearts,



And the an - gel host all shout-ed Till with joy the heav-ens rang,
Of - fer - ing the a - do-ra - tion Which a - lone to You be - longs,
Plain-song, tune - ful hymns, and an - thems Told Your faith-ful, gra-cious ways.
Teach our minds and train our sens - es, Fit us for these sa - cred arts.



Then Your wis - dom and Your great-ness Their ex - ul - tant mu - sic told,
When the sing-ers and the cym-bals With the trum-pet made ac - cord,
Choir and or - ches - tra and or - gan Each a sa - cred of - fer-ing brought,
Then with skill and con-se - cra - tion We would serve You, Lord, and give



All the beau - ty and the splen-dor Which Your might-y works un - fold.
Glo - ry filled the house of wor - ship, And all knew Your pres-ence, Lord.
While, in - spired by Your own Spir - it, Po - et and com - pos - er wrought.
All our powers to glo - ri - fy You, And in serv - ing ful - ly live.





News & Opportunities

February 2 – 9, 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

HOH Unplugged! | Today, February 2, Noon - 1:30 p.m. Great Hall - The Big Show! There will be a light lunch served and then a delightful and funny skit show - conceived of, written, and performed by the youth. All are welcome!

Youth Group

Sundays, February 9 and 16
Youth Room | 6-8 p.m.
Snacks, chat, games and more.



Choir School Wednesday rehearsals for St Cecilia, St Nicholas, and

Cantamus Choirs began January 8. Alleluia Choir starts today, February 2.

New choristers welcome!

Register online at:
www.hohchurch.org/choir-school

Children's Library Open House

Sunday, February 9 | 11:15 a.m.

Join us in the Children's Library for an open house with cookies in celebration of the books returning following the construction project.



Souper Bowl of Caring | Sunday, February 9. During February, HOH will participate in **Souper Bowl of Caring**, a financial collection to support food pantries. Watch for our Youth as you leave the sanctuary holding stock pots for your donations.

Welcoming Class

**Sunday February 9
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.

Sunday-Weekday Connections

**Tuesday, February 25
Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.**

Join us for dinner and conversation. Annie McMillan will be our speaker. Annie grew up at HOH and now sings in the Motet Choir. Her memoir, *We Chose Each Other*, is a mother's story of survival, laughter, and love on the North Shore. Register by Thursday, February 20 at:
<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.



Earth Care - A Winter Walk

Winter's gray days and bone-chilling temperatures can make it tempting to stay indoors rather than venturing out for a walk. But, as the days grow incrementally longer and temperatures a bit milder, February beckons you outdoors to enjoy the quiet of the season and glimpse its spare beauty.

Deciduous trees stand bare-boned like living sculptures; the color, texture, and variety of their bark now more evident. Evergreens sway in myriad shades of green, silver, gold, and blue. Red berries, gold branches, even orange tassels on shrubs can catch your attention and delight you. After a storm, hedges, fences, and yard ornaments are outlined in snow. So, bundle up and let the surprises of winter's landscape warm your spirit.

Week Beginning February 2, 2025

Macalester Sunday, February 2, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 8:45 a.m. Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed, Room 1/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
- 12 p.m. HOH Unplugged, Great Hall

Monday, February 3, 2025

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

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Rm 1/Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Library

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 11 a.m. Didier Seminar Committee, Room 1
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Room/Kirk Parlour
- 5:30 p.m. Matthew 25 Meeting, Room 1
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 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, February 6, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining A&B
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour/Chapel/Bridal Room
- 7 p.m. Community Sing with Gwyneth Walker, Sanctuary

Friday, February 7, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 12 p.m. Office and Building Closed

Saturday, February 8, 2025

- 7:30 p.m. Singers Concert, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 9, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 8:45 a.m. Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed, Room 1/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Library Open House, Children's Library

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For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website www.hohchurch.org.

MACALESTER SUNDAY: A SHARED HISTORY HOUSE OF HOPE & MACALESTER COLLEGE

We are grateful to Reverend Dr. Edward Duffield Neill for his contributions in founding House of Hope [and Macalester College]. However, his views regarding indigenous people on whose ancestral land our church and city now stand were deeply troubling and in some cases expressed in ways we now find abhorrent. With humility we know that we too are flawed in ways apparent now and others that time will tell. Still, we are called to discern and act to the best of our understanding and to recognize where we have harmed or where we have benefited from others' harmful acts. Given what we have come to understand about Rev. Dr. Neill we are called to recognize the harm done and to work toward wholeness and understanding and righting those harms.

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church is not defined by our founder, yet we recognize our complicity with the past. Therefore, we wish to state:

- We believe all persons are of equal value, dignity, integrity, and respect.
- We believe Black and Brown lives matter to God and to us.
- We believe in the freedom and integrity of the LGBTQIA+ Community and are a Covenant Network Church of the PCUSA.
- We believe we are stewards of the Earth and are an Earth Care Congregation of the PCUSA.

Statement approved by HOH Session October 17, 2023.

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