

As the prelude begins, let us observe silence as we prayerfully anticipate this hour of corporate worship of Almighty God.

Prelude: *Prelude on "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"* William T. Allen

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 27)**

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?
When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.
***Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.***

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
***For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will
hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.***

I remain confident of this: I will see the
goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

***Invocation**

*Hymn 97 ***Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners***

***Words of Greeting and Peace**

Ministry Spotlight: Children's Ministry

Anthem: *The Lord is My Shepherd* Howard Goodall

Old Testament Reading: Haggai (selected verses)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: ***Thanks be to God!***

***Doxology**

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *In the Garden*

Paul and Debbie Young, Amanda Cox

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are enamored with ourselves. We fight for rights that are primarily for us rather than others. We work diligently to gain more for ourselves when we see so many who have so little. We are typically far more interested in being served than in serving. Forgive us for the self-centered spirit that drives us. Open our hearts to Christ that we might be more interested in giving than receiving, more interested in submitting than controlling. Through Christ's mercy we claim the pardon You offer us that when we confess our sins, You are faithful to forgive us our sins. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Please feel free to use the altar as your place of prayer as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father. If kneeling is difficult for you, please use the red chairs or stand by the altar rail.

Our Response to Prayer: ***Be Still, My Soul***

*New Testament Reading: John 2:13-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: ***Thanks be to God!***

*Hymn 381 ***All the Way My Savior Leads Me***

Sermon: **The God Who Desires to Be Present With Us**
Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn 429 ***He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Prelude on "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* ... William T. Allen

*Please stand if able
Organist: Judy Congdon
Worship Leader: Mason Sebian
Acolyte: Joseph Derck

Children's Worship bulletins are available in the church foyer for ages 3-12.

Nursery: We provide a fully staffed nursery for infants up to two years of age. The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building.

Children's Church: Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon for Children's Church in room 116 in the Christian Education Building.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist calls us to praise God with all our might and with every instrument available to us. We are here today to offer the praise of our voices, hands, eyes and ears and to surrender all that we are the Almighty God who creates us and loves us.

HOLY COMMUNION: We practice open communion in the Wesleyan Church: all who come in faith of Christ's redeeming power are welcome. As the ushers release your row, come to the front, tear off a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat it, then return to your seat by the outside aisle. Feel free to remain at the altar rail in prayer. If you prefer to be served in your seat, inform the usher; we have trays of bread and cups to serve you. Pastor Wes has cups of juice and gluten-free wafers at the communion table. If you desire the grace of God in your life, enabling you to love God with all of your being and to love others through the Spirit in you, you are invited to receive the bread and cup of God's grace in Christ for the sins of the whole world.

TODAY is "Stand with Churches across America for kids in foster care." As part of the Royal Family KIDS, we embrace, defend and pursue children who are in need. See standsunday.org for more information.

MEETING THIS WEEK: Elders, Tuesday, 7:00 pm

KID'S CLUB meets each Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:15. Kids 1st through 6th grade are welcome! Please talk to Pastor Laurie for details.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes will preach about *The God Who Calls Us to Be Like Him* (Zechariah).

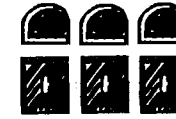
NEXT SUNDAY EVENING AT 5:00 is the closing celebration of our three-week, 24-hour-a-day prayer vigil. We will have opportunity for sharing, singing and prayer in the sanctuary.

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil is now two weeks old. Times are available for you to reserve time in the prayer room, which may be done online anytime (www.hwchurch.org) or in either the sanctuary or CE building foyers this morning. Call the church office if you need assistance (567-2264). Security personnel are available at the church (Midnight – 4:00am). During these hours please enter the front doors that face Route 19.

MISSION MOMENT – Ha Sapa New Life Native Ministries is gearing up for seven large outreach events during the Christmas season in western South Dakota. We pray for Pastor Dale Salway and his people as they share God's love and compassion with meals, gifts and the Good News at four reservations and several urban centers.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - Following last week's International Day of Prayer we are reminded of why we pray. Best estimates find that 215 million Christian believers experience high, very high, or extreme forms of persecution. Pray for families of 23 Christian leaders in Mexico specifically killed for their faith in the last year!

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Bob Brown, Jayne Swanson, Leonard Watson, Louise Prinsell, Laura Habecker, Hudson Hess, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith's son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Ellis Brotzman, Chuck Barrett (Wendy Ott's brother), Sheryl O'Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepian, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Warren and Ella Woolsey, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Micah Christensen, Linda Roth, Dick Gould, Emily Crikelair; for the injured and grieving at the shooting in Sutherland Springs; for the people of Puerto Rico and others recovering from recent disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for healing and unity in our nation; and for the Christ Chapel Wesleyan Church (Pastor Mike Leamon).



Houghton
WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

Laurie Smalley, *Children's Ministry Director*

Thanksgiving Food Drive Next Sunday, Nov. 19

Items needed:

- Pasta, Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Boxed Rice, Cheese
- Canned Meats, Soup, Chili, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Baked Beans
- Tea, Coffee, Dry Milk, Evaporated Milk, Fruit Juices
- Instant Potatoes, Hamburger, Tuna & Chicken Helper, Potato Casseroles, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal, Boxed Oatmeal Packets, Granola Bars, Soups
- Disposable Diapers, Baby Foods
- Sugar, Flour, Brown Sugar, Brownie Mixes, Cake Mixes, Frosting
- Peanut Butter, Jelly or Jam, Crackers, Cookies, Cooking Oil, Bisquick
- Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Liquid, Paper Products, Pet Food
- Monetary Donations (checks to Houghton Wesleyan Church with "FOOD PANTRY" on the Memo Line)

Monetary donations are welcome to provide fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, eggs, cheese, and milk, as well as emergency help for families in our community.



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

The Food Pantry has a refrigerator and a freezer to store items. This year we have distributed food for 65 families. Many are turning to the local church for help.

NOTE: Pantry Donations may be brought to the church office throughout the year.



COLLEGE STUDENT SURVEY

Help Us Find Our Sheep!

We love college students and want to do a better job of connecting with you. Would you take a moment to complete this brief survey?

Drop form into the large box in the lower entrance foyer. THANKS!

1. I attend Houghton Wesleyan on average: most Sundays; 2-3 Sundays per mo.; occasionally
2. I participate in: Prayer Vigil; KOIN; Small Groups; Other _____
3. I'd appreciate connecting via: Email list; Monthly *HWC Highlights*; Facebook and media
4. I already/or would like to serve in (check all that apply): children/youth programs; nursery; music;
 nursing home; community needs; break mission outreach; tech team

Any other comments: _____

NAME: _____ Email Address: _____

THANKS!