

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

## 8:20 MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

**Worship through Song**

**Offering**

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27: 11-26

**Song**

**The Cross Casts a Shadow  
on Our Decisions**  
Pastor Wes Oden

**Song**

Scripture Reader: Mike Jordan  
Acolyte: Micah Schilke

## 9:40 MORNING WORSHIP

**Pre-Service Worship**

**Worship through Song**

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27: 11-26

**The Cross Casts a Shadow  
on Our Decisions**  
Pastor Wes Oden

**Song**  
(Offering)

Scripture Reader: Jeff Babbitt  
Acolyte: Evelyn Raymond

*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.*

Music Ministry Team:

Jeff Babbitt, Robin Pawling, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;  
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Sarah Gurley, keyboard & vocals;  
Dan Zambrano, cello; Dan Wartinger, bass; Dustin Woodard, drums

*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 and is available during services.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon for Children's Church for both services: they meet in room 116 in the Christian Education Building.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** (Kinder-3rd Grade) is dismissed during the 8:20 service during the song before the sermon.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The season of Lent is an historic time for reflection, repentance and surrender in the shadow of the cross as we prepare ourselves, individually and corporately, for the death and resurrection of Christ. As we reflect on our sin and on God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us contemplate our generous response to God in our lives.

**WEDNESDAY KID'S CLUBS** do not meet February 28 (Winter Break). We resume meeting March 7.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the Third Sunday in Lent. We will continue to ponder the shadow of the cross. Next Sunday's sermon focuses our attention on *The Cross Casts a Shadow on Our Limitations with God*. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** On Saturday, March 3 (9:00am – Noon), Pastor Wes is hosting a membership class for all who are interested in becoming members of Houghton Wesleyan and for all who are interested in knowing more about Houghton Wesleyan. The class will focus on our mission, our history, our theological distinctives and our vision for the future as a body of believers. If you are interested in attending, contact the church office by Friday, March 2.

**EASTER BAPTISM:** If you are interested in being baptized at the 7:45 a.m. Resurrection Service on Easter morning, April 1, please contact Pastor Wes. He will be hosting a preparatory class in mid-March.

**MISSION MOMENT** – Hephzibah Children's Home in GA which has been supported by the Wesleyan Denomination and our church for many years is phasing out as an on-site home. We praise God for the many lives touched in 118 years of loving ministry. We pray for guidance for new directions in foster and special needs care.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** - All eyes have been on the Winter Olympics in Korea and some of the North/South drama. We continue to pray for de-escalation of division and conflict, but also must not forget that by most standards, Christians in N. Korea are among the most oppressed and persecuted in the world. We keep our Christian family there in our prayers. (See *Open Doors* Persecution Watchlist.)

**PASTOR WES'S BLOG:** Pastor Wes posts a new blog most Wednesdays. You may subscribe on the church website ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) in order to receive an email each week when the blog is posted.

**SUNDAY SERMONS ON THE INTERNET:** Access the Sunday sermon on the church website ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) or on iTunes ([www.itunes.com](http://www.itunes.com)). The services are available on iTunes by late Sunday afternoon and on our website by late Monday.

**LIVE STREAMING:** All of our worship services are live streamed through the church website and through streaming devices (AppleTV, Roku, etc.). If you use Roku, you will need to find the services on our new Roku app. Search for Houghton Wesleyan Church. Our new app will enable easier access.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family of Pastor Casper Farrow and all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Roselyn Danner, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Tim Nichols, Bob Brown, Louise Prinsell, Hudson Hess, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith's son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Chuck Barrett (Wendy Ott's brother), Sheryl O'Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepian, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Ella Woolsey, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Micah Christensen, Linda Roth, Emily Crikelair; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our nation; and for Rushford United Methodist Church (Pastor Lawrence Russell).

For more information about church activities, and to read Pastor Wes's weekly blog, visit our website: [www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org).



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wholeheartedly serving others*



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