

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP NOVEMBER 4, 2018

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

Prelude: *I Love Thee* from Ingall's *Christian Harmony*.....arr. H. DeColl

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 71)

In you, Lord, we have taken refuge; let us never be put to shame.

*In your righteousness, rescue us and deliver us;
turn your ear to us and save us.*

Be our rock of refuge, to which we can always go; give the command to save us, for you are our rock and our fortress.

*Deliver us, our God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.*

For you have been our hope, Sovereign Lord, our confidence since our youth.

We have become a sign to many; you are our strong refuge.

*Our mouths are filled with your praise,
declaring your splendor all day long. Alleluia!*

*Invocation

*Hymn 404 *How Firm a Foundation*

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Operation Christmas Child

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 18:25-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Your Grace Still Amazes Me*Craig & Harrington
Evie, Mike and Amanda Cox

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in whom is all power in heaven and earth, help us in our constant struggle for power. Despite the teaching of your Word, something in us believes that power will solve our problems—that overwhelming others will make us agents of your eternal kingdom. Forgive us: for our lust for power, for our subtle attempts to exert power, for believing that the world will be changed by our accumulation of power. Help us to see, hear and obey your call to be servants through Christ, who became a servant even to death. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer**

Song of Preparation: *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

New Testament Reading: John 11: 1-6, 17, 30-44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Hymn 351 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Sermon: **God Doesn't Need a Hearing Aid**
Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn 339 *God of all Power, and Truth, and Grace*

*Benediction

Anthem: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*John Rutter

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*.....arr. D.R. Johnson

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Andrew Oden

Acolyte: Maya Cooley

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.

There are **KID'S BAGS AND BIBLES** available in the book shelf on the left side of the foyer next to the Men's restroom.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Following the New Testament scripture reading, children ages 2-5 will be dismissed for Children's Church which meets in the Christian Ed building in Room 116.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (33:3). We gather in worship today calling out to God, asking for Him to reveal the unsearchable richest of His grace. May God give us ears to hear.

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.

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil is now one week along. Sign up this morning in the sanctuary and CE building foyers or anytime online (hwchurch.org) for an hour or more. Please contact the church office if you do not have internet access or are unsure about signing up online. Please note that security personnel will be on duty from midnight to 4:00am to assist you. This year's theme is *Teach Us to Pray*. The prayer room has been designed in a variety of ways to help us experience this theme through thinking about The Lord's Prayer.



HOUGHTON AREA SENIOR CITIZENS CATERED LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 8. Program at 1 pm is "A Family Vacation." Join Dave Brubaker and his family as they journey to China for a teaching engagement and a visit with Houghton Academy students and families on their turf.

STEWARDSHIP

Received (June 1—Present): \$330,973.79 / Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$336,234.80

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes's sermon directs our attention to the story of Abraham and Sarah in Genesis 15 and 18: *When Prayer Turns Us Upside Down*. We gather for worship services at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY NOVEMBER 10, 1-2 PM. Come and pack a box or bring your packed boxes. Please bring any extra toys and supplies for the boxes this week and put them in the box in the Community Room foyer. Questions? Call Jess Romance or Laurie Smalley. The final day to bring a shoe box is November 12.

MISSION MOMENT – College time decisions, separation and even expenses are unique for missionary families. We pray for Hannah Fraser (One Mission) in Hungary making college choice. Other students include Eli and Anna Thede, Shehan Rodrigo, and Hannah and Nathan Caringal.

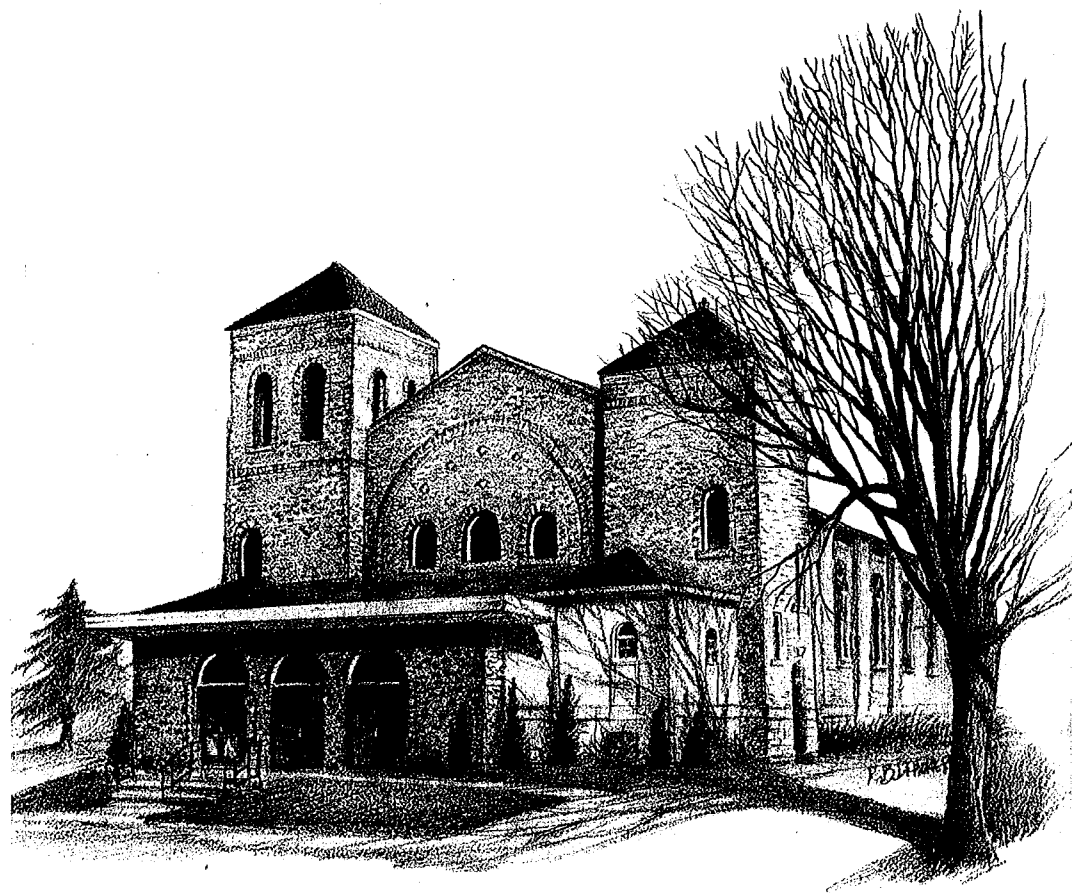
PERSECUTED CHURCH – Today is the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**. We join millions in seeking God's peace, comfort and courage for our brothers and sisters in Christ. More info always available at www.persecution.com or www.opendoorsusa.org

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Lucy Hess and her family at the death of her daughter, Beverly Reddaway and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Bill Breuer, Gwen Mercer, Bethie Liddick, Sheryl O'Brien, Paul Johnson, Phil Main, Dan Gurley, Florence Teuber, Roselyn Danner, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Gus and Louise Prinsell, Nancy Cole, Peter Lingenfelter, Doris Essepian, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Emily Crikelair; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for Tuesday elections; for the First Baptist Church, Cuba (Pastor Lynn Sullivan).



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*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

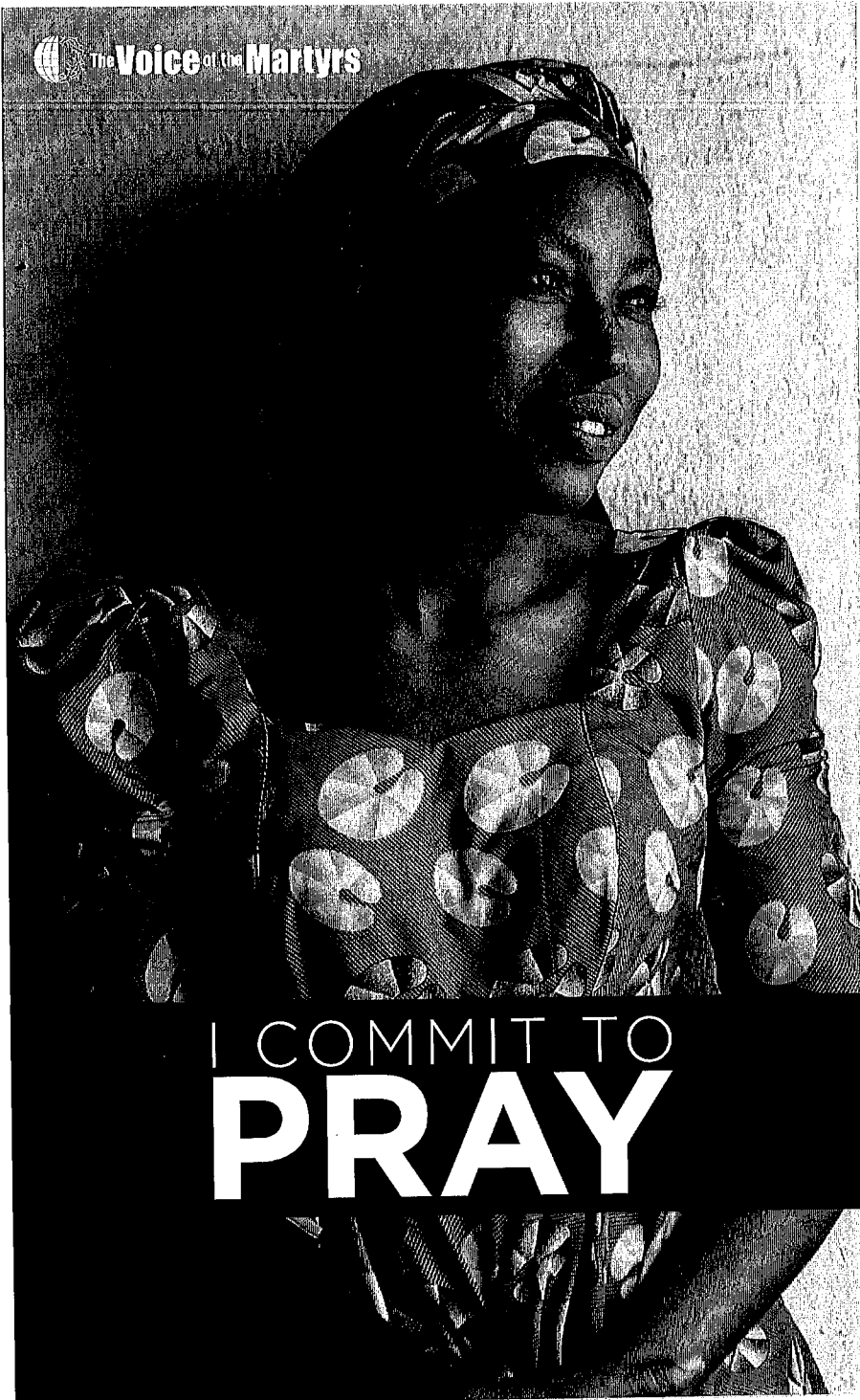
JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

Laurie Smalley, *Children's Ministry Director*



I COMMIT TO
PRAY

10 WAYS TO PRAY

FOR OUR PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Pray our brothers and sisters will

1. Sense God's presence (*Heb. 13:5*)
2. Know we are praying for them (*2 Tim. 1:3*)
3. Experience God's comfort
(*2 Thess. 2:16-17*)
4. See God open doors to evangelism
(*Col. 4:3*)
5. Boldly share the gospel (*Acts 4:29*)
6. Mature in their faith (*Col. 1:28-29*)
7. Be granted wisdom in covert ministry
work (*Acts 9:23-25*)
8. Remain joyful amid suffering (*Acts 5:41*)
9. Forgive and love their persecutors
(*Matt. 5:44*)
10. Be rooted in God's Word (*2 Tim. 3:16-17*)