

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

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

Prelude: *Adagio* (from Chorale No. 3) .....Cesar Franck

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 42)

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

*My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*

When can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

*These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.*

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?

*Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 393 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Sunday School Presentation

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1-16; 18: 1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

\*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Cantique de Jean Racine* .....Gabriel Fauré

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.*

Song of Preparation: *Be Still, My Soul*

New Testament Reading: Romans 4: 13-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

\*Hymn 398 *Commit Thou All Thy Grievs*

Sermon: **When Prayer Turns Us Upside Down**  
Pastor Wes Oden

\*Hymn 376 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Processional in E-flat major* .....David Johnson

\*Please stand if able

Worship Leader: Pastor Laurie Smalley

Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Jameson Rhett

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.** 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.

**BELL RINGING:** On November 11, 1918 at 11:00am, the armistice was signed that officially ended World War I. For a long time, churches rang their bells each year to commemorate this historic event of peace. Today, on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event, we are ringing our bell as a means of remembering a significant moment of peace in the past and as a reminder to pray for peace in the present and the future.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes will preach about *The Name in Prayer—Magic or Something Else?* (Philippians 2).

**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.

**PRAYER VIGIL EVENT:** We are now two weeks into our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil. Times are available for you to reserve in the prayer room, which may be done online anytime ([www.hwchurch.org](http://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 the night hours please enter the front doors that face Route 19.



#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Received (June 1—Present): \$347,112.35 / Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$351,518.20

**CHURCH SAFETY:** The Church Safety Committee has recently updated our Children's Ministry Workers Application and Code of Conduct. It is available on the church website at <https://www.hwchurch.org/children/>

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** The final day to bring a shoe box is tomorrow, November 12.

**MISSION MOMENT –** We pray for meaningful growth and fruit in the weekly Celebrate Recovery outreach each Thursday at 7 p.m. here at HWC. All are welcome to this biblical and balanced program to help folks overcome hurts, hang-ups and habits. Contact Cathy Morley ([585-567-8162](tel:585-567-8162) or [catmo57@hotmail.com](mailto:catmo57@hotmail.com)) for info.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH –** Ten days ago, for the second year in a row, and in spite of constitutional religious freedom, seven Coptic Christians traveling in a bus convoy for a Christian service outside Cairo were killed in an ambush by militant extremists. We pray for these Christians in their sorrow and all followers of Christ in Egypt.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Sheryl O'Brien, Bill Breuer, Gwen Mercer, Bethie Liddick, 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 the Cuba United Methodist Church (Pastor Rebecca Worth).



*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*



## Children's Church help needed during the Christmas season



Please sign up if you can help give our regular Children's Church teachers a break when we are having our 10:00 services during Christmas break.

December 23rd

2-3 year olds

4-5 year olds

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

December 30th

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

January 6th

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant \_\_\_\_\_



Thank you so much! If you have signed up, you will receive curriculum soon. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laurie at [lauriesmalley@hwchurch.org](mailto:lauriesmalley@hwchurch.org) or call the church office.

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## Thanksgiving Food Drive November 18



On Sunday, November 18, we will collect food for the Food Pantry at all three services.

To help us run the food pantry more efficiently and due to space limitations, please limit your donations to the items on the following list when shopping.

- Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Helpers (Hamburger, Tuna, Chicken), Ramen noodle
- Canned Tuna, Canned Pasta (Spaghettios, Ravioli, etc.), Soup, Canned Chili, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Baked Beans, Canned Beef Stew
- Boxed Rice, Boxed Potato Mixes (mashed, au gratin, etc.), Boxed Oatmeal Packets, Cereal, Boxed Pancake Mix, Syrup
- Disposable Diapers, Baby Foods
- Peanut Butter, Jelly or Jam, Crackers, Cookies, Fruit Snacks, Jello, Pudding, Jarred Applesauce
- Fruit Juices, Juice Boxes
- Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Liquid

\*\*Due to health and safety concerns, we do not accept opened items or home-baked goods.

\*\*\*We can also use your recycled plastic shopping bags if you would like to donate them.

NOTE: Monetary Donations (checks to Houghton Wesleyan Church with "FOOD PANTRY" on the Memo Line) provide fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, eggs, cheese, and milk, as well as emergency groceries for families in our community. The Food Pantry has a refrigerator and a freezer to store items.

*Perishable Pantry Donations may be brought to the church office throughout the year. Thank you for your continued donations!*

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