

# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

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

Prelude: *Variations on "Kum Ba yah"* ..... John A. Behnke  
(1) *Someone's Praying, Lord* (2) *Someone's Crying, Lord* (3) *Someone's Singing, Lord*

## \*Call to Worship

God makes the sun to rise and set;

He causes the summer and winter to come and go.

***He is faithful from generation to generation.***

God helps plants grow and flowers bloom;

He gives us food to eat, places to live, people to love us.

***He is faithful from generation to generation.***

God is always with us, always guiding us, keeping His promises to us.

***He is faithful from generation to generation.***

Let us praise and give thanks to our faithful God!

***Alleluia, Amen!***

## \*Invocation

\*Hymn 9 ***Now Thank We All Our God***

## \*Words of Greeting and Peace

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God!***

## \*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Hymn-tune Prayer on "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"* arr. J. Spong  
(for text, see hymn #101)

## Prayer of Confession

**O God, your being is love and all your works toward us are mercy. Forgive us when we stray from our confession of faith into thinking that you are like the gods of this world, who demand destructive sacrifices in exchange for your favor. Cleanse us from the injustice that goes hand in hand with idolatry. Illuminate our minds with knowledge of who You are, acknowledging you as the Source, the Giver, whose attitude toward us is one abounding in unfailing generosity and steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, who trusted you through death to new life, 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: ***Give Thanks***

New Testament Reading: I Thessalonians 5: 12-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God!***

\*Hymn 312 ***Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me***

Sermon: **Prayer—A Pitstop or a Journey?**

Pastor Wes Oden

\*Hymn 43 ***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Pasticcio* ..... Jean Langlais

\*Please stand if able

Worship Leader: David Huizenga

Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Evie Cox & Ellie Brubaker

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.** We come today to give thanks to God for all that he has done for us, promised us and is doing for us. May our worship be a genuine expression of our hearts so that we will not only express ourselves to God but also open ourselves to God as he speaks to us.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the historic church calendar. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. We will light the Advent candle, hear the words of the prophet proclaiming the Messiah's coming, and ponder what His first and second coming means for us. During Advent, Pastor Wes will preach about the Surprises of Christmas as the Kingdom Comes. Next week's sermon is *Your Kingdom Come in History*.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Good Shepherd Room on the lower level of the sanctuary. *Celebrate Recovery* is a biblical and balanced program that has helped people overcome their hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Based on the actual words of Jesus found in the Sermon on the Mount, CR has helped people for over twenty-five years grow toward full Christ-like maturity.

**A CELEBRATION OF SHIRLEY JACOBSON'S LIFE** will take place in the church Community Room on the evening of November 30 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a time of visitation with her family followed by the Celebration from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**DECORATING PARTY:** Please join us on Saturday, December 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. All ages are invited to help decorate. Thank you!

**COMING TO A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEAR YOU: CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
The *Kaleidoscope* class will be hosting a Celebrate Recovery meeting during the Sunday School hour on December 9th. Come join us and experience what a CR meeting is about!

**THE FLOWER COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS.** You may purchase poinsettias we have already ordered (\$12.00) or you may bring your own on December 14. Please leave \$12 with Patty Stalker in the church office and fill out a reservation form indicating your preferences. If you wish to honor a loved one, please leave this information with Patty by December 13.

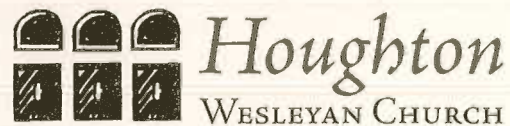
#### STEWARDSHIP

Received (June 1—Present): \$372,359.60 / Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$382,085.00

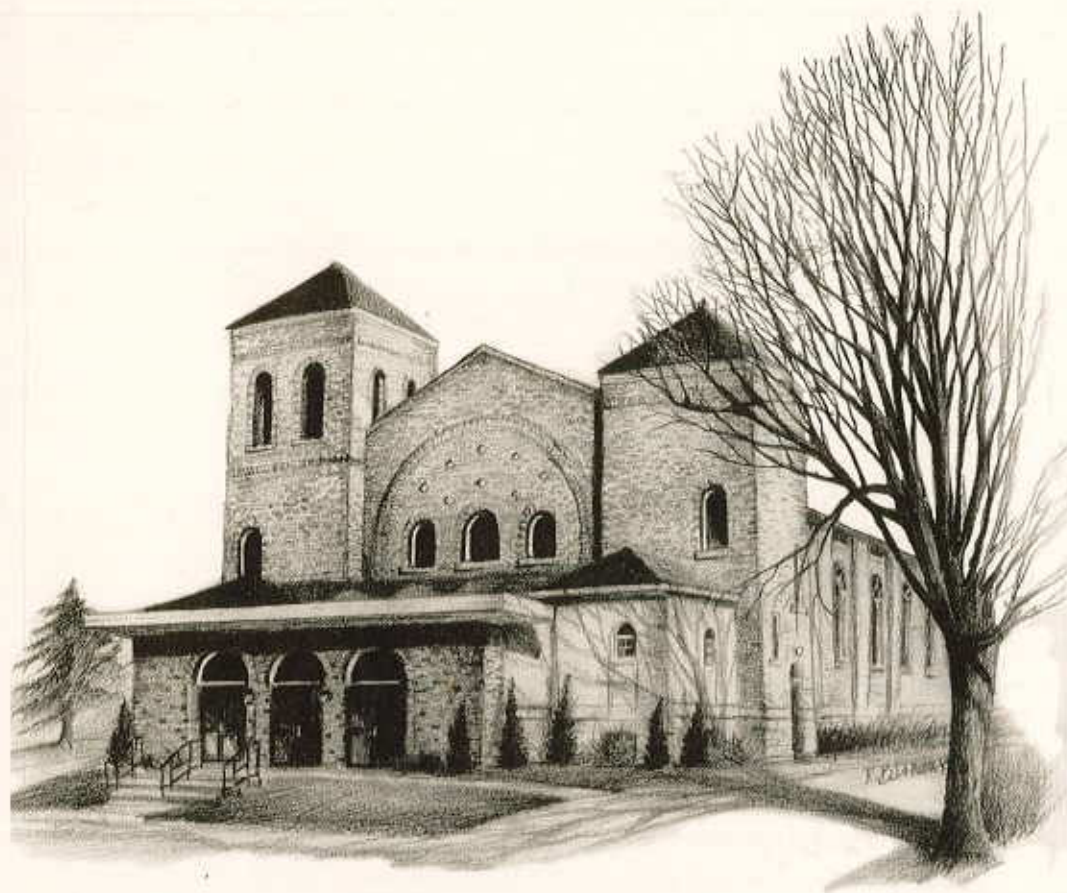
**MISSION MOMENT** – The Governor of NYS has pledged to sign into law a measure that would greatly restrict life-affirming medical professionals and pregnancy resource centers such as CompassCare in Rochester, which our church supports. Pray for courage and wisdom for this ministry to women facing life-changing crises. See [www.compasscarecommunity.com](http://www.compasscarecommunity.com).

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Besides more well-known religious opposition, a trio of organized crime, corruption and governmental instability produce obstacles for the church and Christians in many parts of the world. We pray for Christians faced with the discouraging “normalcy” of constant pressure, threats, and hardships. May God grant patient endurance and triumphant faith.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family of Shirley Jacobson and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Ray Ott, Eileen Spear, 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 Freedom Baptist Church (Pastor Robert Downer).



*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*

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