

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP JANUARY 13, 2019

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

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude "Mein Jesu, der du mich"*Johannes Brahms

*Call to Worship (Psalm 47)

✦ Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

***God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.***

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

***The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of
Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.***

*Invocation

*Hymn 2 ***O Worship the King***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Sunday School

Anthem: *Beati quorum via*Charles Villiers Stanford
The Houghton College Choir

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *I Will Lift Up My Eyes*Jocelyn Hagen

Prayer of Confession

God, you are reconciling all things to Yourself. By entering our world, you revealed the depths of your love to us; in Your coming You gave us life, and called us Your children. You have been faithful to us, but we confess that we have not been faithful to You. You want to transform us into new creations, but we are content with the old. You want to take us to new depths, but we have settled for the surface. You have set us free, but we hold on to the chains of our past. Forgive us, Lord, for our sins: those we confess, those we hide; the sins we ignore and justify, and those against our neighbor. Help us to live as citizens of Your Kingdom so that the world sees Your glory and Your love. 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: **By Our Love**

*New Testament Reading: Luke 2:41-52

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Following the scripture reading, children will be dismissed for Children's Church.

*Hymn 534 ***Like as a Mother Comforteth***

Sermon: **The Boy Who Amazes Everyone**

Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn 537 ***Jesus Loves Me! This I Know*** (add. verse on screens)

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Prelude in G major, BWV 541*J. S. Bach

*Please stand if able

Worship Leader: Andrew Oden

Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Zoey Clem

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of James Stanton Bates on October 24, 2018 to Joanna and Peter and sisters Violet and Cora.

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 invites us into His presence because He loves us and cares for us and desires relationship with us. As the church of Jesus Christ in this place, we ask ourselves what it means for us to be the church. As we worship, may you open your mind and heart to Christ that we will see and hear clearly God's design for us.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00. Next week's sermon (Mark 1:21-28) calls us to think about how amazing Jesus is— what he teaches and what he does.

SMALL GROUPS BEGIN THIS WEEK. Anyone interested in starting or joining a Small Group fellowship are encouraged to contact Pastor Paul for information. paulshea@hwchurch.org.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets from 7 to 9 pm on Thursday nights in the Good Shepherd Room (lower level of the church). Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our lives.

PRAYER ROOM: the prayer room is available every day, 7:00am – 9:00pm (holidays excluded). You may reserve the prayer room online (www.hwchurch.org/prayer-room/) or by contacting the church office. Walk-ins are welcome with consideration given to a previous reservation.

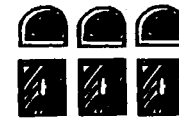
STEWARDSHIP

Received (June 1—Present): \$498,499.29 / Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$489,068.80

MISSION MOMENT – We pray for Steve and Ruth Strand who bear weighty responsibilities in Buffalo -- Ruth as Director of Spiritual Care at Jericho Road Community Health Center, Steve as Acting Administrator and teacher at Houghton College Buffalo. They constantly reach out to urban churches and neighbors with hearts filled with Christ's love.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – It is not unusual that two young adult women, Nadeen and Fatima, in southern Morocco have been forced to keep their faith secret while they still live with their families. They meet secretly but fellowship with a local house church is even out of the question. Pray for safety, Christian growth, and for their families to find Jesus.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Evelyn Heil, Jean-Louis Roederer, Eileen Spear, Sheryl O'Brien, Roselyn Danner, Gwen Mercer, Bethie Liddick, Bill Getty, Bev Rhett, Nancy Cole, Gus and Louise Prinsell, Florence Teuber, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Eila Shea, Peter Lingenfelter, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Dan Gurley, Paul Johnson; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the Christian Temple First Congregational Church, Wellsville (Pastor Michael Friday).



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*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

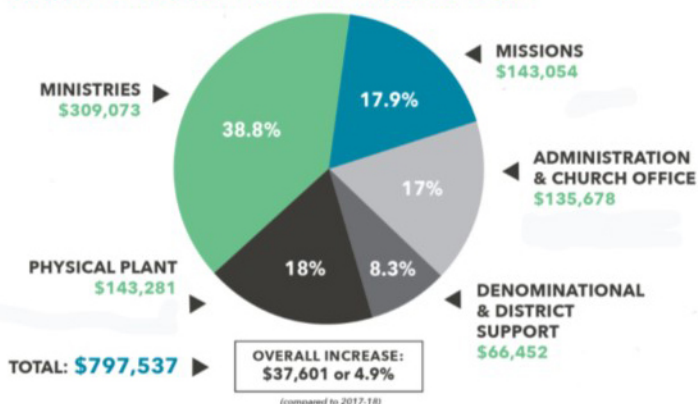
PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

Laurie Smalley, *Children's Ministry Director*

STEWARDSHIP

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The start of a New Year is a time of new beginnings as we think back on the past year and look for opportunities to do things better in the coming year. How can we be better stewards of what God has entrusted to our care – resources like time, energy, and money?

God's extravagant generosity to us comes in the form of Grace – freely given to all. We respond to this grace with thankfulness and gratitude. Because God's grace is an "indefinable gift," one would expect our expressions of gratitude would be radical in return – coming from the very core of who we are. Simply put, stewardship is a spiritual discipline rooted in our relationship with God.

May you find freedom and joy in the discipline and obedience of generosity.

