

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP JANUARY 27, 2019

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

Prelude: *Chorale Voluntary on Land of Rest*Robert Lind

*Call to Worship (from Philippians 2)

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

Rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Invocation

*Hymn 75 ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry

Anthem: *How Great Thou Art*Dan Forrest

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 47

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**Doxology*

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Children of the Heavenly Father*arr. B. Eric Nelson

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, Lord, what we are: we are not the people we like others to think we are; we are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls. We do not, however, want to hide our true selves from you. We believe that you know us as we are, and yet you still love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge; teach us to love ourselves for your sake; give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt and fear and take us into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask that you would break our bondage and set us free. Through Jesus Christ we pray, 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: ***He is Lord***

*New Testament Reading: Mark 1:16-28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 86 ***My Jesus, I Love Thee***

Sermon: ***Are You Amazed by Jesus?***

Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn 356 ***Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Allegro maestoso* from Sonata VFelix Mendelssohn

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Austen Kewin

Acolyte: Jameson Rhett

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. Life is a maze of ups and downs, of joys and sorrows. Our decisions about our days reveal both who we are and who we want to be. As we make decisions and as we live in relationship with each other, we come to turn our attention fully and as one body to our Lord Jesus Christ. In our worship today, may God give us a clear vision of our lives together and of His grace to help us live together as He intended.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00. Pastor Wes preaches from Matthew 8:5-13, thinking about Jesus' question: *Is Jesus amazed by our faith?"*

STEWARDSHIP

Received (June 1—Present): \$519,954.17 / Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$519,635.60

PRAYER GROUP – Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm. in Room 9 below the sanctuary a growing number gather for prayer for the community and church. All are invited to join each Wednesday evening.

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.

SUNDAY SERMONS ON THE INTERNET: You may access the Sunday sermon on the church website (www.hwchurch.org) or on iTunes (www.itunes.com). The services are available on iTunes by late Sunday afternoon and on our website by late Monday morning.

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.

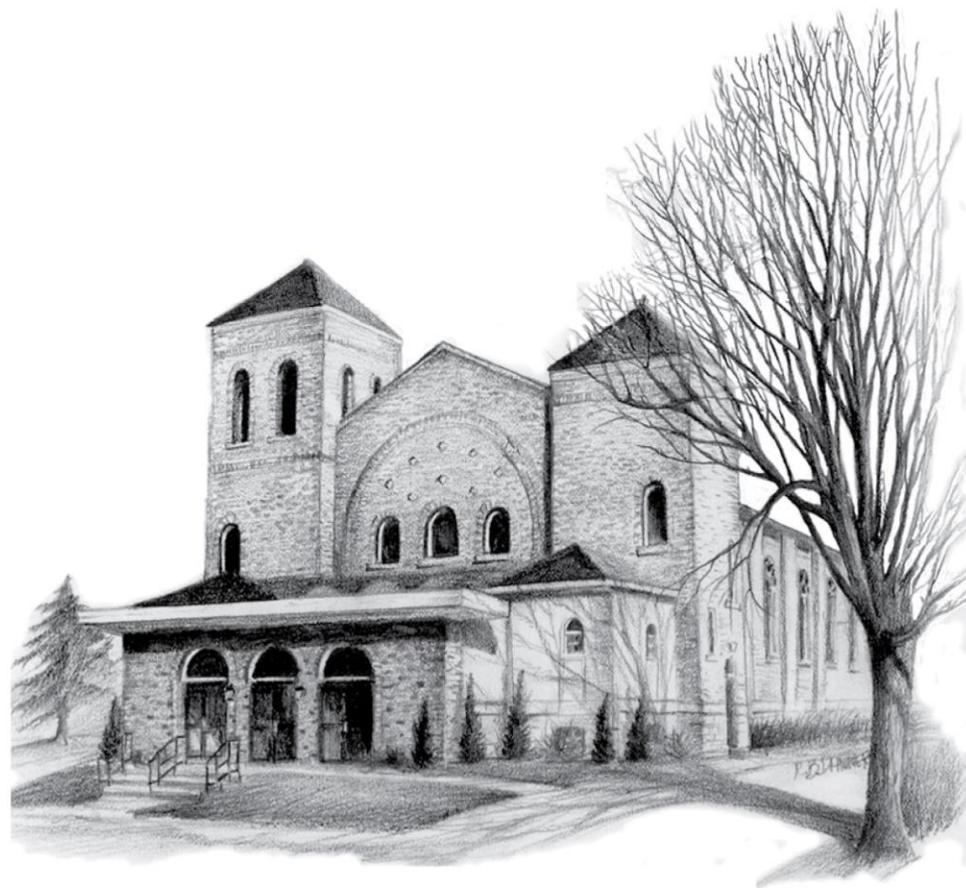
MISSION MOMENT– Leah Doty in E.Asia follow-up: The seven believers who were jailed for unauthorized Christmas celebrations were released in less than a week, but not before sharing the whole story of Jesus with other prisoners. God hears and answers prayer. And keep praying for clarity in Leah’s language research.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – As Christians in N. America need growing wisdom and grace to deal with shifting cultural trends and even laws, our global sisters and brothers face swirling winds of increased persecution in many areas. www.opendoorsusa.org spells out trends in the new 2019 World Watch List.

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



*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 Pastor*

SATURDAY



PLEASE JOIN US

for a

COMMUNITY MISSIONS BRUNCH

The gospel is bearing fruit & growing throughout the whole world
Colossians 1:6

February 9
2019

9:30-
11:30am

Houghton
College

Special Guest: Jo Anne Lyon
Music by: The Escriban Family

Houghton College Dining
Reinhold Campus Center
One Willard Avenue
Houghton, NY 14744

Buffet breakfast provided by
Houghton College dining services:
Adults \$6
Children 4-12 \$4
Family Max \$15

Tear off, place in offering plate or in box in foyer.

RSVP by January 30 Pay at Door

NAME _____

Phone/Email _____

NUMBER ATTENDING:

_____ Adults _____ Children _____ Family