

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
10:00 MORNING WORSHIP JANUARY 6, 2019

Prelude: *Prelude on "Dominus Regit Me"*John B. Dykes

*Call to Worship

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,

And I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

for I am gentle and humble in heart,

And you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy,

And my burden is light."

*Hymn 14 **Great God, We Sing that Mighty Hand**

*Welcome

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 62

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*We Sing in Adoration: **My Hope is in You, Lord
Restless**

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *My Heart is Filled*.....Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy, we begin this New Year with a passion to know you. Forgive us that in the past year the noise of our world so often made us deaf to your words of love. Forgive us when in the past year we allowed the busyness of our lives to minimize our thoughts of your life-giving grace. Forgive us that in the past year the attraction of what we might possess too often turned our attention away from the gift of joy you offer us. Today, help us to hear your words of pardon that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and will fill us with an ever-growing joy in surrendering all that we are to you. 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 Reflection: **I Will Give You Rest**

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 4:6-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

*Song of Preparation **Be Still, My Soul (In You I Rest)**

Sermon: **Resolving to Rest**
Rev. David Huizenga

*Hymn 449 **Like a River Glorious**

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Fugue in G (Gigue) (BWV 577)*J. S. Bach

*Please stand if able
Organist: Nicholas Liddick

Worship Leader: Paul Young
Acolyte: Clayton Templeton

Music Ministry Team:

Jeff Babbitt, Vanessa Farnsworth, Robin Pawling, vocals; Dave Buteyn, guitar;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard; Dianna Clem, flute;
Dan Zambrano, bass; AC Taylor, percussion

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: During the 10:00 services, we will staff 2 children's church rooms. Room 116 will have the 2-3 year olds and room 115 will have the 4-5 year olds.

JUNIOR CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin again on January 13th.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The season of Epiphany celebrates the revelation of God in Christ to the whole world. This season of the Church year is also a time to remember God's calling on the Church to bear witness to Christ. As we worship this morning, may God open our eyes to His call on us and His plan for the world.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00. Over the next few weeks, Pastor Wes will lead us to think about some of the ways in which Jesus brings and feels amazement in his interactions with others. Next week's sermon (Luke 2:41-52) focuses on the question: *Does Jesus Understand That?*

PRAYER ROOM: the prayer room is available every day, 7:00am – 9:00pm (holidays excluded). You may reserve an hour in the prayer room online (www.hwchurch.org/prayer-room/) or by contacting the church office (567-2264). Walk-ins are welcome with consideration given to a previous reservation.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: We give thanks to God and to all who gave generously to our Christmas Eve offering. At this time, we have received \$20,961.05. If you have not given and would like to, please mark a check "Christmas Eve Offering" or make this designation for your online gift.

YOUTH

- No Life Group this week
- No Prayer Breakfast this week (Prayer Breakfast begins Jan. 15)
- Jan. 13 Youth: "Go to Sunday School with Your Parents Day" and Youth Ministry Staff go to the Youth Room
- Nerf Wars 6-8 pm January 13

STEWARDSHIP

Received (June 1—Present): \$481,260.00 / Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$473,785.40

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets in the Good Shepherd Room on Thursday Evenings from 7-9 PM.

MISSION MOMENT – Leah Doty and a fellow linguist are on an important trek making audio recordings to study Oby language sound systems this week in L. Pray that they will learn much without attracting undue attention.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Believers in one S. E. Asian country live under constant pressure for practicing their faith. During a December 29th service seven were arrested for "not obtaining permission" for their Christmas celebration. Pray for speedy release and good outcomes in a troubling situation.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: John-Louis Roederer, Evelyn Heil, Eileen Spear, Sheryl O'Brien, Bill Breuer, 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 Brookside Wesleyan Church, Wellsville (Pastor Robin George).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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