

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 26, 2020

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

Prelude: Nun bitten wir den Heiligen GeistDieterich Buxtehude

*Call to Worship (from Colossians 3)

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Invocation

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

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: College Ministries

Anthem: Give Me Jesusarr. Benjamin Harlan

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40: 25-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Andante tranquillo (from Sonata III).....Felix Mendelssohn

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 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 Response: **Servant Song**

*New Testament Reading: John 13:1-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn 423 **May the Mind of Christ, My Savior**

Sermon: **How Do We Interact with Each Other?**

Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn 434 **Our God is Love, and All His Saints**

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: Trumpet Tune in C majorDavid Johnson

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Shea

Acolyte: Ellie Brubaker

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.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Preschool Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon: they meet in the Nursery (Christian Ed Building).

There are **KID’S BAGS AND BIBLES** available in the bookshelf on the left side of the foyer next to the Men’s restroom.

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.

TONIGHT Koinonia meets at the CFA Recital Hall at 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN’S GATHERING: What’s Your Story? How Your Journey Shapes Your Identity. Escape the wintry cold! Join us for a morning of inspiration, yummy food, and fellowship on Sat., Feb. 8 from 9 am to 11 am in the Community Room. Child-care provided. No need to sign up. Just show up and enjoy!

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00.
Pastor Wes preaches about *What Is Our Role in the World?* (Exodus 19; Acts 1).

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 9 below the sanctuary. All are welcome to join us.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY IN HOUGHTON meets on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to share hurts, habits and hang-ups.

MISSION MOMENT – Stacia N. has been home in WNY during her father's illness and death on January 16. He was a prayer warrior and faithful witness to God's grace. We pray for Stacia and family and for her return to serve in Eastern Europe.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: There is increased pressure on believers in central China with churches shut down and meetings forbidden. Though constantly on edge Christians and pastors remain strong and uncompromising in their faith, meeting in small groups. (Open Doors USA)

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1—Present): \$ 508,130.74
 Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 525,896.02

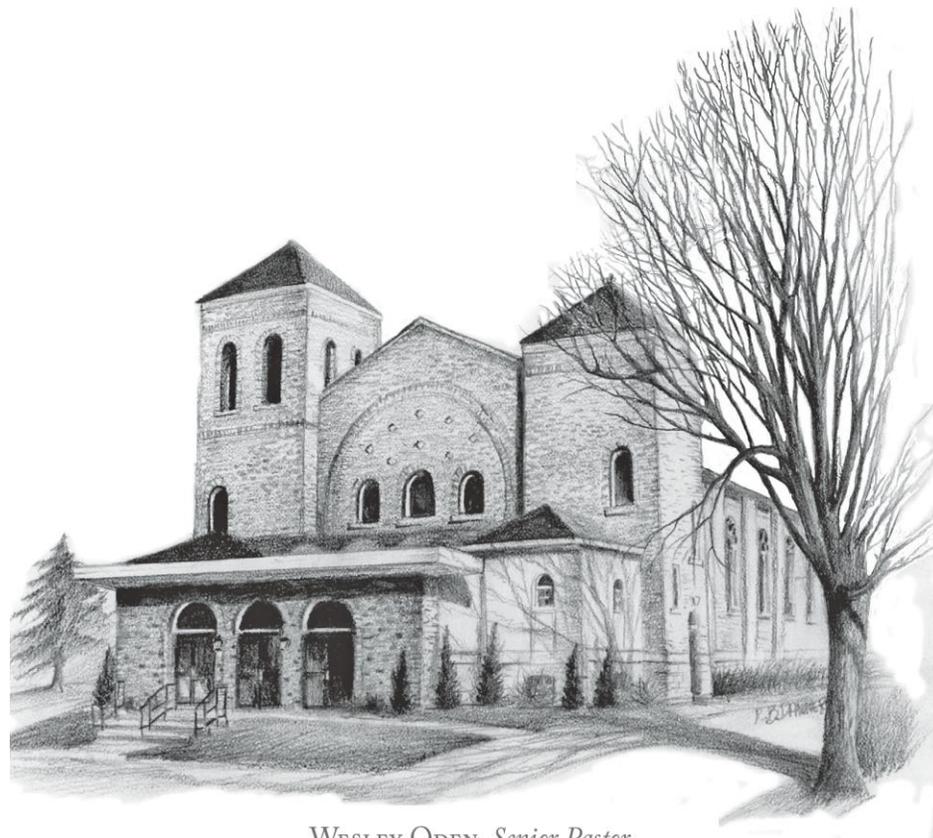
LIVE STREAMING: All of our worship services are live streamed through the church website and through streaming devices (AppleTV, Roku, etc.). If you use Roku, you will need to find the services on our new Roku app. Search for Houghton Wesleyan Church. Our new app will enable easier access.

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) or by contacting the church office. Walk-ins are welcome with consideration given to a previous reservation.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Chris Stewart, Karen Szymanski, Phyllis Osgood, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Jerry Isaman (Joe Breton's step-father), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Paulette Schierer, Ruby Schierer Williams, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhett, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Fillmore (Father Dennis Mancuso).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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