

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2020
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Amazing Grace* (arr. Craig Phillips)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 404: *How Firm a Foundation*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: The Brennan Family

Songs of Adoration: *Thrive; Amen (Because He Lives); Speak, O Lord*

Prayer of Confession

Time of Prayer

Please feel free sit, stand, or kneel as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.

Scripture Reading: John 9 (selected verses)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. *All: Thanks be to God!*

Hymn of Preparation 302: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Sermon: **Why Should I Pay Attention?**

~ Joy in the Journey Sermon Series ~

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Behold Our God*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Pastor Paul Shea

Music Ministry Team:

Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;
Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals; Gabriel Negus, cajón

*The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Emilie Joy Hager on October 28
to Sarah and Patrick and big brother, Miles.*

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Our nation and world are dealing with difficult times. We engage in worship to remember that God is present in the struggles and that God is greater than the struggles. During our time of worship today, may God give us grace to feel him near, grace to hear him speak and grace to see him at work.

YOUTH GROUP MEETS TODAY: Junior High (3:00-4:30) and Senior High (5:00-6:30).

KOINONIA will be streamed from the church website from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. tonight.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to join us for streaming worship at 10:00 and outdoor worship at 11:15. Due to the current pause in indoor gatherings, the 10:00 service is streaming only but the 11:15 service is open to all. Pastor Wes will preach about *A Sign of Grace* and our response, *But, I Don't Want To* from 2 Timothy 4.

OCC: So many lives have been changed through the love contained in Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts - both those of needy children and their extended families. Please join us in our final push to pack boxes online [HERE](#) and in person. Our numbers are down this year, so we encourage you to pray about giving through this vital ministry. Our deadline is November 20th. Contact annmneill@hwchurch.org with questions. Thank you!!

STEWARDSHIP: Budget Needed: \$362,594.54 / **Budget Received:** \$334,767.70

MISSION MOMENT – Have you heard of Ambassadors Football International? Since 1990 with local programs in five regions, 25 nations, over 888 workers and 2,345 associates the goal is “Showing people the way to Jesus through football.” We support and pray for Jon Ortlip, Director, and this ministry developing culturally relevant and locally led camps, sports clubs, training and connection to local churches.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Pray for Armenian and Azerbaijani believers in the wake of war and the recent tenuous peace agreement. The hurt and devastation of prolonged conflict in this region leaves Christians wondering how to bring the genuine peace of Christ ...even between themselves. Ethnic and political division and brutal history makes us realize how much we too must work for healing amongst believers in a divided America.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for family and friends of Samuel Hugh Paine, Jr. who died this week and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Calvin Schierer, Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Karen Szymanski, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Bethie Liddick, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for all effected by the coronavirus—grieving, ill, healthcare professionals, the workforce at risk and leaders; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government and for our response to the elections this week; for the logistics and safety of faculty, staff and students at all of our area public schools as well as Houghton College and Houghton Academy; for the Houghton Rehabilitation and Nursing Center; for the First Baptist Church, Cuba (Pastor Lynn Sullivan).

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