

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 22, 2020  
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *Chorale Improvisation on "Now Thank We All Our God"* (S. Karg-Elert)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who reconciles us to himself through Christ.

***We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!***

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

***Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.***

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

***Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 9: ***Now Thank We All Our God***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: The Burgett Family

Songs of Adoration: ***Champion; What a Beautiful Name***

Song: *Joy in the Journey* (Michael Card)

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:9-18

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

Hymn of Preparation 327: ***O For a Heart to Praise My God***

Sermon: **But I Don't Want to Move Over**

~ *Joy in the Journey* Sermon Series ~

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***By Our Love***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Margarita Cooley

Music Ministry Team:

Collin Zehr, vocals; Linette Taylor, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;

Grace Deitrick, keyboard & vocals; Alison Young Reusser, cajón

*The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Anastasia Michele Liddick born on October 6, 2020 to Bethie, Nicholas and big sister, Evangeline.*

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The spirit of thanksgiving is not limited to one day a year; it is an imperative for every day. Because of all that God has done for us, we have every reason to give thanks. Even when life brings difficulty and pain, we know that God is good, and we give thanks. So today, let us continue to give thanks.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Youth Group meets today: Junior High (3:00-4:00) and Senior High (5:00-6:00). Youth Group will meet in the church gym wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

**WEEKLY VIDEO:** Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Pastor Wes's weekly video will be sent on Wednesday this week rather than Thursday.

**DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY,** the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the First Sunday of Advent. 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 the angel's appearance to Zechariah (Luke 1:5-25) and the people's response: *But We Don't Understand*.

**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](#) before December 5. Our numbers are down this year, so we encourage you to pray about giving through this vital ministry. In-person shoeboxes began their journeys on November 21. Contact [annmneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmneill@hwchurch.org) with questions. Thank you!!

**STEWARDSHIP: Budget Needed: \$378,59.52 / Budget Received: \$351,570.77**

**MISSION MOMENT** – Quoted in the November HWC *Missionary Mailbag*: Rod and Ellen Casali – “Praise God for 212 incredible students who have passed through our classroom this year. Many go out to serve in missions while others go into professions such as language teaching and speech therapy for those of you who stand alongside us in this great ministry of Bible Translation.” Sign up for the Mailbag emails – [donna.dean.zoller@gmail.com](mailto:donna.dean.zoller@gmail.com)

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Let us pray for believers and churches through Central America suffering repeated blows from hurricanes, including “Iota” this month. Physical suffering, not unlike persecution, calls for courage, faith and love to reach out to others crying out to God in such times.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Nate Esh, Suzanne Thomas (Wil and Jane Zike's daughter), 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 recent elections; 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 Cuba United Methodist Church (Pastor Rebecca Worth).

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