

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 27, 2020
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Go Tell it on the Mountain* (arr. Wilbur Held)

Welcome

Call to Worship (from John 1)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all humankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 115: ***Joy to the World***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Sarah Sardina

Songs of Adoration: ***There is a Higher Throne; Light of the World
This is the Christ***

Time of Prayer

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

Special Music: *Sweet Little Jesus Boy*
Josie Adenuga, soloist

New Testament Reading: Luke 24:1-35
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Song of Preparation: ***Show Us Christ***

Sermon: **My Eyes Have Seen the Glory**
Pastor Paul Shea

Song of Response: ***Hallelujah!***

Postlude: *Joy to the World* (arr. Michael Dell)

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: David Huizenga

Music Ministry Team:

Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. This morning we continue to celebrate the coming of Christ in human flesh even as we stand on the precipice of a new year. It is because Christ is born that we approach the new year in a spirit of hope and anticipation for what God is going to do in all of the circumstances of life. In this hour of worship, may God fill us with the hope of Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we stream our worship service at 10:00. Dr. Terry Paige will preach. Outdoor services are on pause.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED for the holidays at noon on December 31 and January 1.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: We give thanks to God and to all who gave generously to our Christmas Eve offering. If you have not given and would like to, please mark a check “Christmas Eve Offering” or make this designation for your online gift.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$457,184.42 / Budget Received: \$420,85.86

REMINDER: All gifts for calendar year 2020 need to be

- delivered to the church office by noon on the 31st
- mailed with a postmark date of December 31st or earlier,
- or need to be made online by December 31st at 2:00 p.m. with a gift date of December 31 or earlier.

MISSION MOMENT – New believers in Brno, Czech Republic, recently attended a training seminar on how to share their faith naturally with friends and family. The sessions led by a totally Czech team inspired many to be less timid about sharing Christ especially during the Christmas Season. We pray for young and old believers alike, and for us too, to let the Good News of Jesus shine in our conversations and lives.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We pray often for Christians in N. Korea, but once again they come to our attention because a comprehensive new 2020 report from 117 defectors outlines horrific treatment of Christians in recent years including torture and executions. Women and girls represent 60% of the documented victims. Let us never forget to pray for those suffering for the sake of Christ. (CT Online 12/21/10)

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Amy Ortiz (Luke Ogden’s sister), Nate Esh, 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, 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 Anchor Baptist Church, Wellsville (Pastor David Cacciola).

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