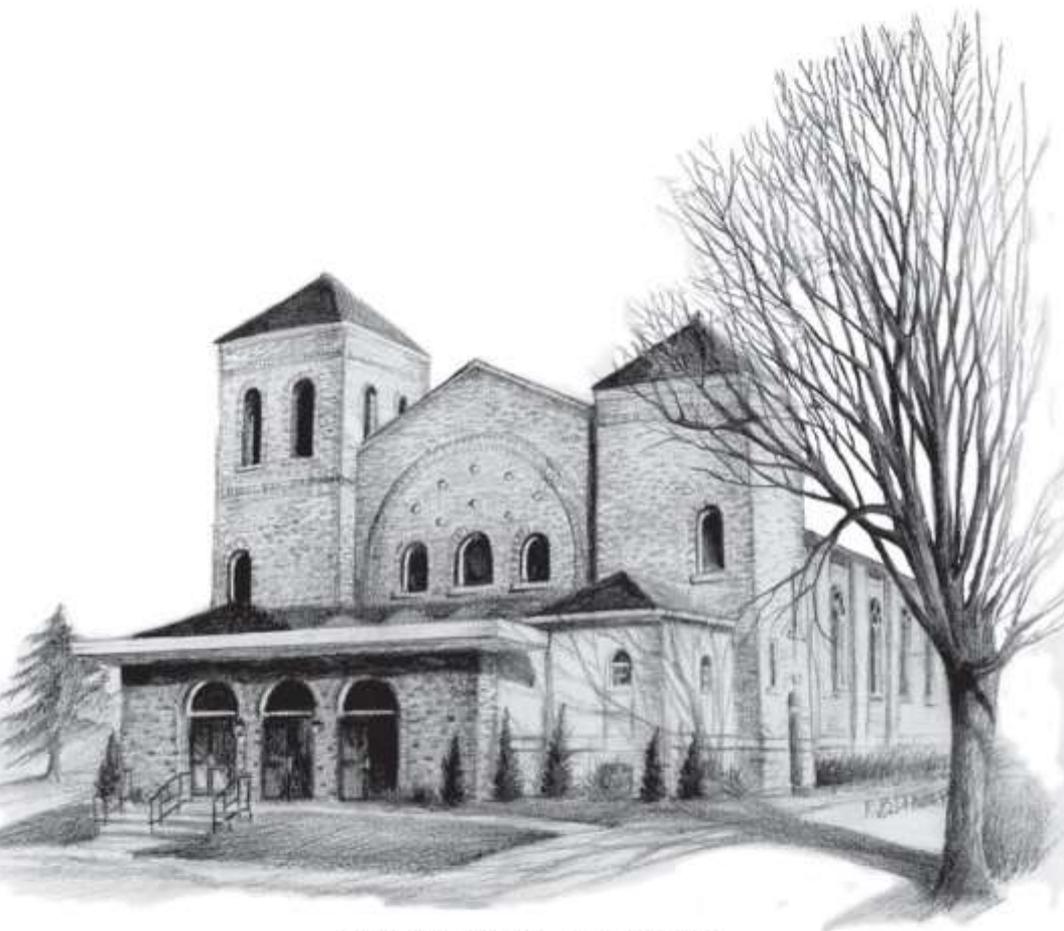




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 8, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Trumpet Processional* (Alfred Fedak)

Welcome

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.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 288: ***Arise, My Soul, Arise***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: ***Death Was Arrested; Kings of Kings***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:25-32

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

Hymn: ***Grace Greater than Our Sin*** (on screen)

Sermon: **Truth, Grace, Forgiveness**

Rev. Dr. Michael Jordan

Closing Song: ***Jesus Paid it All***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Sara Massey

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates & Mike Cox, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;
Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist exclaims, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" We come to worship today to offer to God our praise. May God fill our hearts and lives with his glorious presence.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Michael Jordan, Dean of the Chapel at Houghton College as our guest preacher.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for online and in-person worship at 10:00 and for outdoor worship at 11:15. Pastor Wes will preach from Esther 6, asking *Where Is God When the King Can't Sleep?*

NEXT SUNDAY WARREN BYERLY MEMORIAL SERVICE AT 3 P.M. followed by burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

BAPTISM AND DEDICATIONS: We are planning a baptism service on Sunday, August 22, 3:00pm in the church sanctuary. If you or someone in your family is interested in being baptized or in having your children dedicated, please let me know.

ICE CREAM GATHERING: Sunday, August 22, following the baptism service (3:30pm), you are invited to an hour of ice cream and fellowship in the church grounds. The church will provide ice cream and toppings. This is an opportunity to reconnect with others and to welcome Houghton College students who are on campus early.

MEMBERSHIP: If you are interested in becoming a member of HWC or are interested in knowing more about membership at HWC, contact me right away. Pastor Wes is hosting a membership class on Monday, August 16, 7:00pm..

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children ages PreK-6th grade can join us in the Community Room during the sermon for a time of learning and fun. Our August series, "Famous," continues today! Here's what GROW has to say: " Lots of kids dream about becoming famous . . . and why shouldn't they? It sounds awesome to have fans who celebrate your wins with you! On the flip side, it would be pretty tough to have people always watching, even when you're not having the best day. In Famous, we are going to talk about a family in the Bible who lived in such a spotlight. Through their stories, kids will learn that no matter our celebrity status, we can make things right, God gives us friends, we can ask for God's guidance, we can give God what we have. Fame and fans may come and go, but you don't need to be liked by everyone when you're loved by God!" *Reminder: Because our children are not eligible for the vaccination at this time and the CDC and our Task Force recommend masking for those that are unvaccinated, please remember to send your child(ren) with a mask for Sunday School for their protection and the protection of others. Thanks!*

THE FAMILY ROOM IS OPEN FOR USE! Your children are ALWAYS welcome in the sanctuary but this cozy space across from the prayer room is available for parents or guardians to take a child who needs food, a clean diaper, or space to wiggle and play. A TV for streaming the service is also available.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP – Room 105 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY IS MEETING THIS WEEK. Hope to see both new and old faces again on Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room!

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$144,459.36 / **Budget Received:** \$124,612.34

VALLEY PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS are available at the VPS Bulletin Board, in the church office, and online at <https://hwchurch.org/2021-22-vps-application-fillable/>

MISSION MOMENT - Cory and Kris Thede request prayer for Haiti as political tensions are still high following the murder of Haiti's President. Meanwhile the Thedes ask prayer for wisdom on when to return to Haiti, and to make the best use of these months Stateside visiting churches, equipping themselves with more training to being agents of healing and freedom in Christ, and other fruitful ministries.

PERSECUTED CHURCH—Christians make up more than half of all Mozambique's population but in the northern provinces Islamic insurgency has sent 800,000 fleeing and at least 300 believers killed in 100s of churches attacked. Pray for churches and Christian agencies ministering to thousands in displacement camps. People of all ages and all faiths are calling for help. Jesus hears as we join in prayer.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family of Mary Kingdon who died last week (Memorial Service, Wednesday, 10:00am in High Point NC) and for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Donna Hess, Denise Zambrano, Peter Luckey, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Karen Gaerte, Lenore Paige, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen's brother), Amy Ortiz (Luke Ogden's sister), Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Cindy Lastoria, 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 affected 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 Levant Wesleyan Church, Falconer (Pastor Al Meyers).