



Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 24, 2021
11:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Welcome

Songs of Adoration:
Build Your Kingdom Here; Oh How Good it Is

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Kevin and Cindy Austin

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Hymn of Praise 467: ***Christ is Made the Sure Foundation***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: [Joshua 7](#)

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

Hymn 472: ***Christ from Whom all Blessings Flow***
(6 verses, on screen)

Sermon: **The Myth that Makes Us Lonely**
Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Let us Consider***

Benediction

Postlude: *Toccata in F major* (Dieterich Buxtehude)

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Pastor Cindy Oden

Music Ministry Team:
Kristen Sanasith & Rachael McVeigh, vocals; Dan Wartinger, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. God tells the prophet Jeremiah, “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know” (33:3). We worship today calling out to God, asking for Him to reveal the unsearchable richest of His grace. May God give us ears to hear.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Next week’s sermon is from Joshua 7, *The Myth that Makes Us Forgetful*. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:45 a.m. and for indoor/streaming blended worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45 a.m.

HARVEST TREAT BAG DRIVE-THROUGH INVITATION: Saturday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. You are invited to come to the church parking lot to receive a bag filled with treats. The Pastoral Staff will be dressed-up to give out the treat bags and to greet you as you drive through the parking lot. Children and youth are invited to dress-up as well or to decorate your vehicle.

HARVEST TREAT BAG DRIVE-THROUGH DONATIONS BY MONDAY EVENING: Donations of candy, individual, pre-packaged pretzels, goldfish crackers, and gummy fruit snacks are greatly appreciated for filling the treat bags for the Harvest Drive-Through. Please drop your donation off in the container inside the door at the church office by Monday evening.

THURSDAY EVENING'S *LECTIO DIVINA* has been cancelled.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES:

- Kids activity bags, worship bulletins, and Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary!
- There will be no nursery and no 11:00 children's church today due to low staffing and lack of demand.
- **KIDS' CLUB** is a weekly Wednesday evening Bible Club for children in grades 1-6. We meet for fun from 6:15-7:30 in the Christian Education building. Kids enjoy singing, Bible learning, an activity, and a craft related to the night's lesson. Come to the welcome desk in the foyer to sign in. If your child isn't registered, [click on this link](#) to do so, recording in the Breeze platform their contact and safety information. Contact person is annmceill@hwchurch.org.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$321,020.80
Budget Received: \$289,327.43

CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETS THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:00 p.m. in Room 105 across from the Library. All are welcome.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES COLLECTION WEEK is November 14th to the 20th at noon.

HWC KIDS: This week in Sunday School, we're talking about how God blessed Job in bigger ways than before and learning that no problem is too small (or big) for God. Everyone is invited to memorize our monthly verse with us: Job 37:5 - *God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding.* Kids, say your verse to three adults, then mark your accomplishment on the chart at the Welcome Desk to get a prize!

WE HAVE OUR VERY OWN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BUILD-A-SHOEBOX PAGE! Won't you join our church & our area friends and neighbors to help us reach our 100 online box goal? Online boxes help to deliver shoebox gifts containing culturally sensitive toys and gifts to hard-to-reach areas of the world. We can still pack our own shoeboxes and drop them off at the church before November 19th, or even leave individual gift items in the church bin for Houghton Academy students to pack up during their packing party the week before. Whatever way you and your family choose to send the love of God through Christ to the world, you will be blessed. You may contact annmceill@hwchurch.org with questions.

MISSION MOMENT - We welcome Kevin and Cindy Austin on home ministry from discipleship ministries in The Czech Republic. They've already travel 12,000 miles to twelve states. We pray for continued safe travel and fruitful connections with supporters, friend and family. May God provide deeper and renewed contacts and spiritual growth with friends in Czech when they return.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Anti-extremism laws have given authorities in Russia tightened control over believers, churches and seminaries. Evangelical leaders are seeking ways to comply to recent amendments which require state-sponsored religious training for all leaders. Evangelical seminary president and Baptist Union leader, Peter Mitskevich says, “We want to work legally in Russia so we can focus on influencing Russia for the gospel.” We pray for wisdom for Christ’s followers.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Sith Sanasith (Souly’s brother), Denise Zambrano, 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), 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, 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, for a safe end for the missionaries kidnapped in Haiti, for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees, particularly Afghans; for peace amid threats of war; for the Christ Chapel Wesleyan Church (Pastor Mike Leamon).

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