

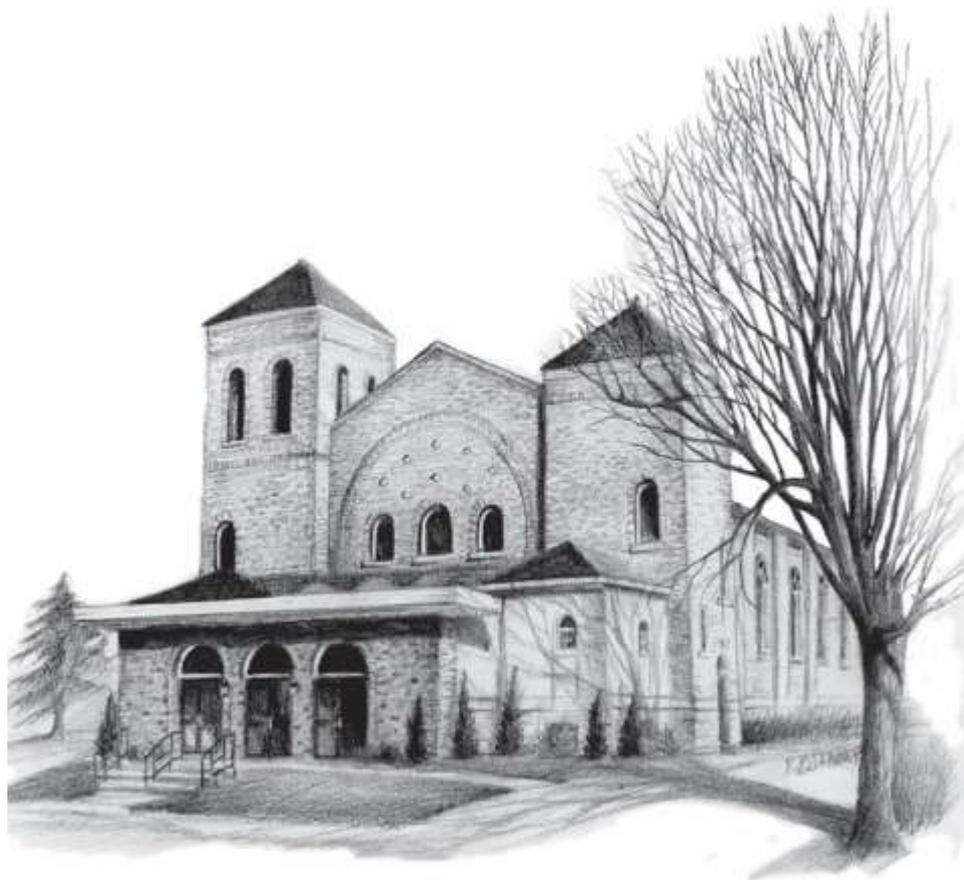


# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 7, 2021  
11:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *Adoration* (Florence B. Price)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,  
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

***For we do not have a high priest who is unable  
to empathize with our weaknesses,***

***but we have one who has been tempted in every way,  
just as we are—yet he did not sin.***

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,  
***So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.***

Hymn of Praise 273: ***And Can it Be?***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Kris and Cory Thede

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: ***Christ is Risen; Kyrie Eleison***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: [Ecclesiastes 9:1-4, 11](#)

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

Hymn 270: ***Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness***

Sermon: **The Myth that Makes Us Empty**

Pastor Wes Oden

Closing Song: ***Goodness of God***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Ann McNeill

Music Ministry Team:

Emily Quick, vocals; Linette Taylor, guitar & vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Meghan Taylor, cello; Dan Zambrano, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** As we worship today, we praise God for who he is and we give thanks to God for all that he has done for us and for this world. May our worship enable us to open our hearts and lives to all that he desires to say to us and do in us.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Next week's sermon is from Psalm 17, *The Myth that Makes Us Ungrateful*. 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.

**MARY BOOMHOWER MEMORIAL SERVICE** is this Saturday, November 13, 11:00 a.m. here at the church.

### **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 [annmcneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmcneill@hwchurch.org).
- **HWC KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are serving up a new series, Plate It, this month! Kids will be studying the Old Testament prophets and getting a glimpse of how to prepare a loving relationship with God. This week, through the story of Elijah and the widow at Zarephath, we learn that step one is to trust God. For more information, visit this link: <https://growcurriculum.org/kidsseries-plateit/>. Join us in memorizing this month's Scripture - Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETS THURSDAY EVENINGS** 7:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room . All are welcome.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed: \$353,122.88 /Budget Received: \$315,025.03

**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 [annmneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmneill@hwchurch.org) with questions.

**MISSION MOMENT** - It's a privilege to welcome Cory and Kris Thede and son, Fritzlin to HWC today as they bring an up-to-date report on the nation and the church in Haiti. The Thedes have served in medicine, agriculture, and discipleship and church work with Global Partners for 28 years. We pray with them for stability, peace, and the rule of Christ's Kingdom in this place of so much turmoil.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Today is International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. We attempt to remember our oppressed brothers and sisters every Sunday, not just once a year. But it is heartwarming that millions join us in prayer today that God will protect His people and make them faithful witnesses for Him in spite of many levels of suffering.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the friends and family of Bob Brown, Diana Hanna (Priscilla Beardsley's sister), Mary Boomhower (Memorial Service, November 13, 11:00am) and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Gus Prinsell, Don Yeddo (Paul Rowley's step-father), John Knapp (Eli's father), Howard Berry (Donnie Stockin's brother), Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter's brother), 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, for peace amid threats of war; for the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, Williamsville (Pastor Pat Jones).