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# Outdoor Worship Service
## The First Sunday of Advent
## November 28, 2021 at 8:45am

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Christopher, Kimberly, and Marian Prins Moeller

Songs of Adoration: ***Do it Again; Even So, Come***

Meditation: *Sing, O My Soul* (Jessie Harris)

Time of Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5; Matthew 3:1-6

Isaiah 40: **1** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.**2** Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. **3** A voice of one calling: In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. **4** Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. **5** And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Matthew 3:**1** In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea **2** and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." **3** This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' " 4 John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. 5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. 6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

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

Sermon: **Prepare the Way of the Lord**
Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*** (alternate tune)

Benediction

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Scripture Reader: Emily Spateholts

Music Ministry Team:
Amanda Cox, Jeff Babbitt, Kristen Sanasith, vocals;
Dan Wartinger, guitar & vocals

**Children's Sermon this week is on Leaving the Results to God https://youtu.be/RcckN8gCEwE**
**(available after 8:00 a.m. Sunday)**

# A N N O U N C E M E N T S FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH**. The season of Advent is a time of expectancy and preparation. Advent is a time for Christians to prepare—body, mind and spirit—to celebrate the birth of the Savior. As we prepare, let us open ourselves to the truths of God's word and to the leading of the Holy Spirit to make Christ the center of our Christmas.

**WE ARE PRAYING TODAY FOR JIM AND DONNA ZOLLER,** who leave this week for ten days in Egypt representing Houghton Wesleyan Church at the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Wesleyan Standard Church of Egypt. They are taking a drawing of our church and a monetary gift as part of our ongoing support of the Church in Egypt.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the Second Sunday of Advent. We invite you to join us for outdoor worship at 8:45 and indoor/ streaming worship at 11:00. Pastor Wes will preach about the holy family's round trip journey to Egypt (Matthew 2): *Advent as a Return Trip*.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:**

- Children's Church Today! Kids are released during the greeting time.
- **KIDS' CLUB** meets this coming Wednesday 6:15 to 7:30.
- **HWC KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us today for the last course of our "Plate It" series to learn from the prophet Jeremiah that we can *leave the results to God*. As he reminds the people of his time to anticipate the Savior's arrival, we also begin the season of Advent today, anticipating the celebration of Christ's birth. Enjoy using the family Advent materials to countdown to the celebration!

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

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETS THURSDAYS AT 7 P.M.** (Good Shepherd Room)

**NOTE:** The Outdoor Service (8:45 a.m.) is broadcast for listening on 106.9 FM in your vehicle in the church parking lot or for local radio reception.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The Bible Exposition class at 9:45 a.m. is live-streamed each week. Dr. Paul Young and class are studying the letter of 1st John. New viewers are welcome.

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**CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETS AT 7 PM IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD ROOM.**

**STEWARDSHIP** Budget Needed: $401,276.00 / Budget Received: $358,813.36

**MISSION MOMENT** – The Lilias Trotter Center (LTC) trains indigenous pastors, teachers, and ordinary Christians on deeply informed witness, discipleship and church planting amongst Muslim. We pray for strength and safety for our own Dr. Don Little teaching faithful workers in person in Kenya and Burundi this week.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – There are many places where political and economic anarchy and instability threaten the ability of Christian work of all kinds. Ministries for orphans, the sick, children's education, other services, and even regular worship gatherings are under siege in Haiti and elsewhere. We pray God's wisdom, protection and boldness for local leaders and workers.

**"NATIVITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD" DECEMBER 12TH, 1:00-3:00PM, A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT, AT** Houghton Wesleyan Church. Enjoy the beauty and diversity of nativities from all over the states and the world, set up in our front atrium. Everyone is welcome! If you are willing to loan a nativity for the event, please contact Emily Spateholts (emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org) for more details or to set up a drop-off time.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Ted Norton, 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 Revive Church, East Aurora (Pastor Kevin Beers).

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## Do It Again

**Verse 1**
Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

**Your promise still stands**
**Great is your faithfulness,**
**faithfulness**
**I'm still in your hands**
**This is my confidence**
**You've never failed me yet**

**Verse 2**
I know the night won't last
Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing
your praise again
Jesus you're still enough
Keep me within your love
My heart will sing
your praise again

*Chorus*

**Bridge**
I've seen you move
You move the mountains
And I believe I'll see you do it again
You made a way
Where there was no way
And I believe I'll see you do it again

*Chorus*

## Even So Come

**Verse 1**
All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway
a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

**Verse 2**
Call back the sinner
wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation
shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

*Chorus*
**Like a bride waiting**
**for her groom**
**We'll be a Church ready for You**
**Ev'ry heart longing**
**for our King we sing**
**Even so come Lord Jesus come**
**Even so come Lord Jesus come**

**Verse 3**
There will be justice
all will be new
Your name forever
faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

*Chorus*
**Like a bride waiting**
**for her groom**
**We'll be a Church ready for You**
**Ev'ry heart longing for our King**
**We sing**
**Even so come Lord Jesus come**
**Even so come Lord Jesus come**

**Bridge** (Sing 3x)
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon

*Chorus*
**Like a bride waiting**
**for her groom**
**We'll be a Church ready for You**
**Ev'ry heart longing for our King**
**We sing**
**Even so come Lord Jesus come**
**Even so come Lord Jesus come**

## Sing, O My Soul

Sing, O my soul with confidence
Sing, O my soul with praise.
Bring back to mind His faithfulness
For He is good always

Sing, O my soul with confidence
Sing of His perfect ways
Let my song be of thankfulness
For He is good always

**You are faithful, constant and true**
**My soul is secure,**
**my heart is made new**
**I am thankful, my hope is in You**
**I'll sing Hallelujah**
**for all that You do,**
**O, I'll sing Hallelujah**
**for all that You do**

Sing, O my soul with confidence
Sing of His perfect ways
Let my song be of thankfulness
For He is good always

*Chorus*

O there is nothing
And no one greater
Sing Hallelujah for who You are,
how great You are
(Repeat)

*Chorus*

## Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

**Verse 1**
Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

**Verse 2**
Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne