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Outdoor Worship Service

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021 at 8:45am

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Shelley & Dan Noyes

Songs of Adoration: ***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus; Christ is Come; Come and Worship***

Meditation: *Come, All You Unfaithful* (Lisa Clow, Bob Kauflin)

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.**

Celebration of Ministry: Church Library

Scripture Reading: Hosea 11:1-4

[1] "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. [2] But the more they were called, the more they went away from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images. [3] It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. [4] I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them.

Matthew 2: 13-23

13 When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." **14** So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, **15** where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." **16** When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. **17** Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: **18** "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." **19** After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt **20** and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." **21** So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. **22** But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, **23** and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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

Sermon: **Advent as a Return Trip**
Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***What Child is This?***

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Doug Gaerte

Music Ministry Team:
Amanda Cox, Grace Deitrick, Collin Zehr, vocals;
Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

***The rose on the platform celebrates the birth of Dorothy Jean Ogden,
born September 25, 2021 to parents Hannah and Luke and big brothers Brooks and Ezra.***

**Children's Sermon this week is on SNOWFLAKES https://youtu.be/0pkxBKj17f0
(available after 8:00 a.m. Sunday)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Advent is a bittersweet time: it's a time of hopeful anticipation for what God is going to do and a time of painful waiting for God to do what He has promised. Today, we are reminded that the promises of old are still true and that the presence of God with us is still real.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is the Third 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 prophecy of Jesus being born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2): *Advent as a Bakery*.

HWC KIDS: CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY! Kids are released during the greeting time. **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: This week, kids can rejoice that an angel foretold the birth of John the Baptist, who would prepare the way for Jesus. THE BIG IDEA: Jesus came to bring good news to the world. • Join us in memorizing this month's verse: Luke 2:14 - Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests. • **KIDS' CLUB WEDNESDAY** will conclude the 2021 year on December 8th at 6:30 with our Christmas Party for club member families.

POINSETTIAS: The church welcomes your Christmas poinsettias to help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. We have ordered a number of poinsettias for $12.00 each or you may bring your own to drop off at the Church office by December 17th. If you would like to purchase one or more poinsettias, you may use the online giving option, mail a check to the church (indicate poinsettias), or drop off payment at the church office. If you wish to purchase or donate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call or email Patty (567-2264 or office@hwchurch.org with your information by December 13th.

BAPTISM SERVICE: Sunday, December 19, 10:00am, we will be in the sanctuary for a baptism service. Come celebrate with those who are being baptized. If you are interested in being baptized, please let Pastor Wes know right away.

CAROL SING: Sunday, December 19, 4:00pm, join us in the church parking lot for a time of singing your favorite Christmas Carols. After the singing, we will roast marshmallows and make S'mores.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: We will host two Christmas Eve Services: 4:00 (Outdoors) and 6:00 (Indoors/Streaming). Both services will include the Lighting of the Christ Candle, a Children's Time, Congregational Candle lighting, the reading of the Christmas story and music.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING – Our offering will help provide the Wesleyan Hospital on the island of LaGonave, Haiti, the equipment and capacity to produce their own supply of oxygen and eliminate dependence on mainland supplies in these turbulent times. You are invited to give in all the normal HWC venues and designate: "Christmas Eve Offering."

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

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: $417,327.04 / Budget Received: $367,925.27
REMINDER: *All gifts for calendar year 2021 need to be · delivered to the church office by 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 – The Wesleyan Standard Church in Egypt this week celebrates 100 years of lifting up Christ in that historic and strategic land. Though our delegates, the Zollers, were unable to travel due to new restrictions, our greetings and gift, along with our prayers will let them know of our support.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We pray for the children like Sele in Nigeria and in many places whose parents in ministry have been imprisoned and as in his case, killed. Think of their personal and emotional struggles, but also their walk of faith in God after the violence and disruption. May God give comfort and renewed faith in Him.

"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 the family of Ted Norton and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: 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 affected 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 Fillmore Wesleyan Church, (Pastor Rob Engler).

The Little Chapel donation trailer is parked at the Church during December.

"The Tiny House of God" was built on wheels to travel from church to church, community to community. Its mission is to be a collection point for bibles and other Christian literature (Bibles, books, devotionals, children's materials, etc.) that are no longer used and donated for the purpose of being distributed to people who deeply desire the gospel. These materials equip pastors and missionaries in places that have few resources. The Little Chapel started its ministry in 2021 and is shipping materials via Love Packages in Butler, Illinois who has a network of distributors throughout the world. Drop off your materials at any time! There are primarily two criteria in deciding what material we accept: Some thing that will lead someone to faith in Christ and/or something that will disciple a believer (please ensure that materials are in good condition).

Winter Clothing Collection

An emergency request: From now to mid-December drop off donations of sweatshirts, sweatpants, warm coats and boots for men, woman and children at the church office for the Vive Shelter in Buffalo. (Request comes from The Strands and Urban Advocacy/ Jericho Road.)

Children Participate in the Christmas Eve Services

The children of the church are invited to participate in living nativities during the Christmas Eve services. The outdoor service takes place at 4 p.m. on December 24th and the indoor service at 6 p.m. The church will supply the participants with animal ears or an angel halo, but children who prefer not to dress up may also participate by holding flowers. There is no need for a rehearsal as the children will simply line up at the front and take their cues from Miss Ann and Miss Emily, the narrators.

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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

Christ is Come

The word of the prophets, centuries old
The birth of Messiah
has been long foretold
That unto you, now unto you

Christ is come, let all creation sing
God's own son,
oh hail the newborn King
The word made flesh
now dwells among us
Christ is come

Those born in darkness
have seen a great light
The Redeemer of our hearts
has been born this night
Now unto you, unto you

Chorus

Prince of Peace, Yeshua,
Messiah, the Son of Man
Holy One, King of kings,
Lord of lords, the Great I Am
Comforter, Counselor,
Author and Finisher
Divine Truth Revealer,
Deliverer, Healer
You are God, Jesus, You are God

Chorus

Come and Worship

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship, come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light
Come and worship, come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King
Come and worship, come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear
Come and worship, come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King
Come and worship, come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

O Come All You Unfaithful

Verse 1
O come, all you unfaithful
Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone

Verse 2
O come, barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying
Come, see what your God has done

Chorus
Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you

Verse 3
O come, bitter and broken
Come, with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love

Verse 4
O come, guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done

Chorus

Bridge
He's the Lamb who was given
slain for our pardon
His promise is peace
for those who believe
He's the Lamb who was given
slain for our pardon
His promise is peace
for those who believe

Verse 5
So come, though you have nothing
Come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done

Chorus

What Child is This?

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet
with anthems sweet,
While shepherds
watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear,
for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise a song on high,
The Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.