



# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 27, 2022  
11:00 SERVICE

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Prelude: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (arr. Paul Manz)

Welcome & Call to Worship

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.***

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

Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *Let Us Draw Near to God* (Mark Hijleh)

Children's Sermon: God is With You

Celebration of Ministry: Local Outreach

Songs of Adoration: ***I Know Whom I Have Believed; Kyrie Eleison***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Romans 14:16-19

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

Hymn 472: ***Christ from Whom All Blessings Flow***  
(alternate verses on screen)

Sermon: **Righteousness, Peace and Joy**

Rev. Dr. Joey Jennings

Song: ***Oh How Good it Is***

Benediction

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Music Ministry Team:  
Jeff Babbitt and Kristen Sanasith; vocals;  
Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The apostle Paul commends to Colossian Church to “sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.” As we gather today, may our songs, prayers, engagement with scripture and fellowship with each other be a means of expressing our gratitude to God for who he is and for all that he has done and is doing.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** This Wednesday, March 2, 6:30pm, in the Church Sanctuary, we will join millions of Christians around the world as we enter into the season of Lent. This service is a time of reflection, song, silence and (for all who desire) the imposition of ashes.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the First Sunday in Lent. Pastor Wes begins a Lenten series of sermons from Leviticus. Next week’s sermon, The Holy Life of Sacrifice (Leviticus 1-7), calls us to wholehearted engagement with God in prayer. We will be outdoors at 8:45 and indoors/streaming at 11:00.

**KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL** continues today. If you didn’t join us in person at 9:45 you may access the digital materials any time. This week, kids learn who Jesus is through the transfiguration. **THE BIG IDEA:** Jesus is with us even though we can’t see him. **THE BIBLE:** Luke 9:28-36; Romans 8:31-39.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** I John; Film- The Chosen; Book- *Spiritual Conversations with Children* (NEW); Moms that Pray; College – 945 Light (next week)

**KIDS’ CLUB:** God's great rescue continues as our topic for Kids' Club this Wednesday night at 6:30. We welcome children who have yet to come this year, so come on out! Please let [annmcneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmcneill@hwchurch.org) know so we can get enough craft supplies together for your kids. Bible trivia question: How long did the Israelites wait for Moses to come down from his meeting with God on Mt. Sinai?

**MISSION MOMENT** – Joel and Barb Trudell ask prayer for their 20-member SIL team gathered from US, UK, Germany, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda in Cape Town this past week. Travel in this COVID time has been tricky, but thank God for this gathering after several years separated and pray that they will have been refreshed, energized and refocused for the tasks ahead in 2022. (Pick up your household’s *Global Missions Partner Directory* in the church foyer.)

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – While we worship together, there are many Christians around the world unable to meet with other Christians other than one-on-one in the dark of night. Christians in Afghanistan report living in daily fear of being hunted down by the Taliban. We pray for Christians there and wherever they are forced to hide their faith at risk of losing their lives. (see [OpenDoorsUSA.org](http://OpenDoorsUSA.org))

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed: \$609,939.52/ Budget Received: \$581,944.62**

#### **Weekly events:**

- **Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study** meets from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room
- **Wednesday Prayer Group** meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 105
- **Thursday Evenings Celebrate Recovery** meets from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room

**LET’S WELCOME OUR NEW AFGHAN NEIGHBORS:** Thursday, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the church Community Room you are invited to a “Town Meeting” to discuss how we can help Afghan Newcomers. Contact is [annmcneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmcneill@hwchurch.org).

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family of Gladys Andrews (visitation Tuesday, March 1, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and service at 11:00 a.m., both at the church) and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Ann Irving (Ann McNeill’s mother), Jennifer Brown, Walter Schilke (Stephan’s father), Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Don Yeddo (Paul Rowley’s step-father), Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter’s brother), Sith Sanasith (Souly’s brother), Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Lenore Paige, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen’s brother), Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, 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), Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters; for all affected by the coronavirus, for refugees, for protection, wisdom and peace for the people and leaders of Ukraine; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained by the police since December 26; for the Northern KonXions United Methodist Church, Rushford (Pastor Craig Buelow).