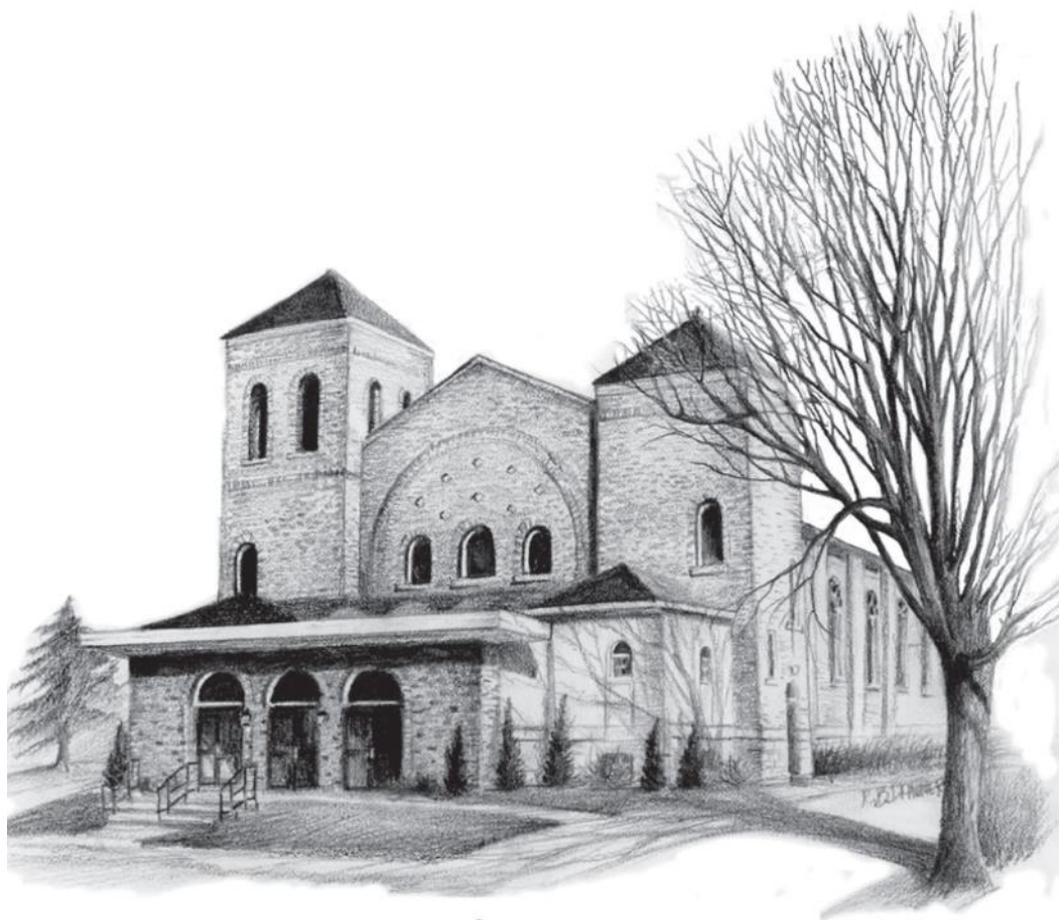




Houghton
WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 13, 2022
11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *From Depths of Woe* (arr. Robert Powell)
Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (arr. Charles Callahan)

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 335: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *Out of the Depths* (arr. John Ferguson)

Children's Sermon: *Powerful Perspective*

Celebration of Ministry: Valley Preschool

Songs of Adoration: *Kings of Kings; Jesus Paid it All*

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

Hymn 155: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Sermon: **The Scandal of the Cross**
Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Song: *Before the Throne of God Above*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Jordan Speta Scripture Reader: James Mullen

Music Ministry Team:

Emily Quick, Mark Zachary, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jan Schilke, keyboard; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The season of Lent is an historic time for reflection, repentance and surrender in the shadow of the cross as we prepare ourselves, individually and corporately, for the death and resurrection of Christ. As we reflect on our sin and on God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us contemplate our response to Jesus our Redeemer.

COMMUNION: We are serving communion today using prepackaged cups.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we continue our Lenten journey exploring the work of the cross in our world and in our lives. Next week, Pastor Wes will preach about The Magnetism of the Cross (John 12:20-36). We will be outdoors at 8:45 and indoors/streaming at 11:00.

THURSDAY, 6:30 TO 7:30 P.M. A Lenten Organ Meditation: This service of worship will include organ solo works and congregational singing of hymns appropriate to Lent. Since it falls on St. Patrick's Day, it also will include an emphasis on the Trinity and a hymn ("St. Patrick's Breastplate") whose text is attributed to St. Patrick

EASTER BAPTISM: If you are interested in being baptized on Easter Sunday morning, contact Pastor Wes (office@hwchurch.org).

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: If you are interested in becoming a member of HWC or in knowing more about membership at HWC, contact Pastor Wes (office@hwchurch.org). He will be hosting a membership class in March.

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL continues today. If you didn't join us in person at 9:45 you may access the digital materials any time.

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 annmneill@hwchurch.org know so we can get enough craft supplies together for your kids.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

I John with Paul Young in the Community Room; Film- The Chosen in Room 105; Book- *Spiritual Conversations with Children* (NEW) in the Good Shepherd Room; Moms that Pray; College – 945 Light (begins today)

COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS – Today, Sunday at 9:45 a.m. something new: "945 LIGHT." It's a time to fellowship, learn and pray together. Join us below the sanctuary next week and every Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$642,041.60 / **Budget Received:** \$606,238.21

MISSION MOMENT – The Georges in Western Australia have recently experienced unusual flooding and an outbreak of Covid 19 in the Perth region. Also family illness has added stress. Always pray for God’s peace and strength as our missionaries lift up Christ in whatever crisis comes along.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – In January the new 2022 World Watch List – the top 50 countries where it is most difficult to follow Jesus as released. Islamic, communist, and clan oppression, religious nationalism, and dictatorial paranoia are among main causes. No matter the roots, we pray for Christ to grant safety, faith and hope to all who follow Him.
(OpenDoorsUSA)

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Grace Taylor, 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, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore’s father), Mark Mayhle (Doug’s brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters; for all affected by the coronavirus, for refugees throughout the world, 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 Belfast Free Methodist Church (Pastor Calvin Smith).