



# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 6, 2022  
11:00 SERVICE

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Prelude: Fugue in C major, BWV 545 (J. S. Bach)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Truly our souls find rest in God; our salvation comes from him.

***Truly he is our rock and our salvation;  
he is our fortress, we will never be shaken.***

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; our hope comes from him.

***Truly he is our rock and our salvation;  
he is our fortress, we will not be shaken.***

Our salvation and our honor depend on God; he is our mighty rock, our refuge.

***Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him,  
for God is our refuge.***

Hymn of Praise 377: ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *Till and Tend My Heart* (Jane Marshall)

Children's Sermon: *Names*

Songs of Adoration: ***King of Kings; Restless***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 18: 1-14

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

Hymn 327: ***O For a Heart to Praise My God***

Sermon: **Praying with Vulnerability**

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion:

***You Say; Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon   Acolyte: Lily Sisson   Scripture Reader: Pastor David Huizenga

Music Ministry Team:

Mike Cox, Joanna Bates, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jill Jordan, violin

**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.

**PRAYER VIGIL EVENT:** Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil is now one week old. You can sign up this morning in the sanctuary foyer or anytime online ([hwchurch.org](http://hwchurch.org)) for an hour or more. Please contact the church office if you do not have internet access or are unsure about signing up online. The prayer room has been designed in a variety of ways to help us experience this theme. We have also designed a new prayer page on our website with all prayer materials and prayer room pictures.



**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus on *Prayer that Is More Than We Imagine*. Next week's sermon is from 1 Kings 8, *Praying with Faith*. Please join us for worship at 8:30 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour and KidsMin Connect for all ages is at 9:45 a.m.

#### **HWC Kids:**

- Kids Connect: November series - "Behind the Scenes" - The most important part of any play is what happens "behind the scenes." There's lighting, wardrobe, casting, playwriting — so much has to happen perfectly to bring the production together! In the story of Esther, there is a whole lot going on behind the scenes, too. In this four-week series, kids will discover the most important character in Esther's story isn't always center-stage, but can often be found behind the scenes working, helping, giving support and giving peace. (Spoiler alert: It's God!)
- This week, kids learn about who Esther was, and how she became queen. THE BIG IDEA: God works behind the scenes. THE BIBLE: Esther 2:1—18; 2 Thessalonians 2:13—17
- November memory verse: "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose." — Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Today we join millions around the world focusing prayers on this International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. In recent smuggled letters from North Korea, which is in the news because of increased tensions, Christians report that nearly half million secret believers remain true to the Lord and are grateful for prayers around the globe.

**MISSION MOMENT** – We praise God that a recent delegation from Global Partners was able to safely fly in with emergency supplies and funds for LaGonave Hospital and other ministries in Haiti. Thank God for MAF planes and staff that help. We pray for God to intervene for the desperate needs of people in Haiti.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox and spread the good news of Jesus' love! Boxes, labels, packing lists and more available in the CE building foyer. Finished boxes can be left on the table. Boxes are due by next Sunday, November 13th.

**PRAYER BINDER WORKSHOP LED BY KATRINA KOEHLER**

- Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon in the Good Shepherd Room
- Cost: \$15 for Community Members, \$10 for University Students, \$5 for Repeat Participants
- R.S.V.P. by November 7 to [katrina.koehler@houghton.edu](mailto:katrina.koehler@houghton.edu)

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed:** \$353,122.88 / **Budget Received:** \$309,722.04

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Vesta Mullen, Bob Stalker, Terry Ayers, Mark Getzin, Scarlett Guildemeister, Kim Pegula, Mim Case, Grace Taylor, Jennifer Brown, 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, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters including the recent storms; for refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained by the police since December 26; for Genesis Bible Church (Pastor Marc Chamberlain).