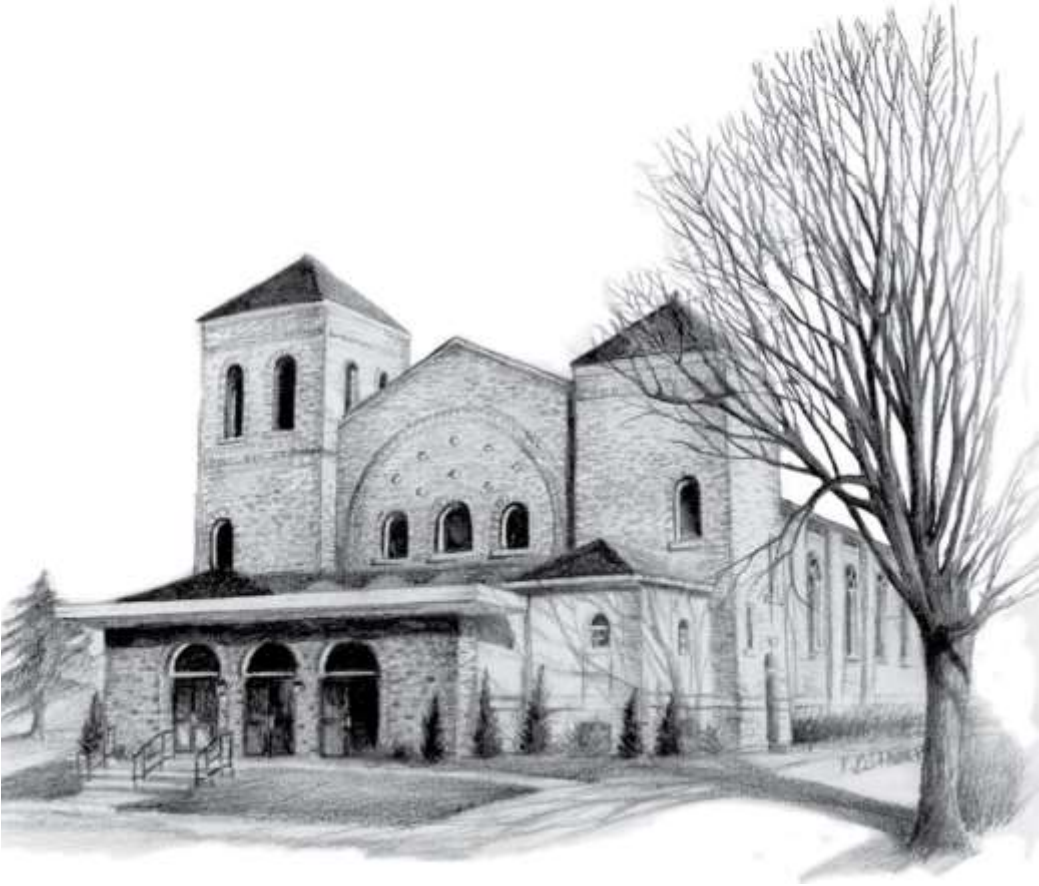


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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659, Johann Sebastian Bach)*
“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Nathan & Casda Danner

Hymn of Praise 108: ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *Advent Meditation* (Michael Larkin)

Children’s Sermon: ***For Such a Time***

Celebration of Ministry: Children’s Ministries

Songs of Adoration: ***Christ our Hope in Life and Death; Even So, Come***

Prayer of Confession

**Father, in this season of Advent, when we grasp for power and things,
remind us that Christ came in the weakness and humility of a child.
So, Lord, when we allow darkness to overcome the light, forgive us.
When we reduce Christmas to things, have mercy on us.
When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and believing in
Your Son, let your grace fill us. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope in Christ
alone, that we may watch and wait and once more rejoice to hear the glad story of
our Savior, Jesus Christ, who has come and who is coming. Amen.**

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25

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

Hymn 114: ***Savior of the Nations, Come***

Sermon: **Angelic Good News in Our Brokenness**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Benediction

Postlude: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 661, Johann Sebastian Bach)*
“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Violet Bates Scripture Reader: David Clem

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, Luke Ogden, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar; Jill Jordan, violin;
Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals

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 coming of the Christ Child and to anticipate the coming of Christ the King of kings and Lord of lords. 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 all that we are and do.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is the Second Sunday of Advent. We invite you to join us for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service will be streamed. Pastor Wes will preach about the angel’s appearance to Mary (Luke 1:26-38): *Good News in Our Uncertainty*.

HWC KIDS:

- ◆ Kids Connect: This week, kids learn about the time Esther talked to the king about her people. **BIG IDEA:** God gives us peace behind the scenes. **BIBLE:** Esther 5:1-8; 7:1-6; 8:1-8
- ◆ We delivered 38 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes from our church to the next donation spot on their way to children all over the world.
- ◆ Dress Clothes Drive: With the holidays and concert season coming soon, Fillmore Central School's PTO is requesting donations of new or gently used dress clothes in sizes 3T-young adult for those in need at FCS. Specific items needed: black or khaki dress pants, white colored shirts, ties, black dress shoes, dresses, tights, etc. A donation basket will be available in the CE foyer. Questions? Contact Emily at emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Foreign Christians in the host country for the World Cup, Qatar, are largely given freedom of worship. But Qatari believers are forbidden from even entering a church and leaving Islam carries the death penalty. While eyes are focused there let us pray for the 360 million Christians worldwide facing persecution.

MISSION MOMENT – In featuring HWC supported missionaries under Wycliffe Bible Translators, today we pray for Rod and Ellen Casali, who are training and equipping future Bible translators at Canada Institute of Linguistics in British Columbia. We pray for Rod as he develops software tools and advances research in language phonology. May their labors spread God’s Word for all peoples.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$401,276.00 / Budget Received: \$355,653.63

ARE YOU STRESSING OUT OVER THE HOLIDAYS?

- FINANCES?
- THE WINTER BLUES?
- SCHOOL?
- NEWS?
- LIFE?
- WE ALL STRUGGLE!

Celebrate Recovery is a place to share your struggles with others in a confidential, non-judgmental environment. COME JOIN US ON THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD ROOM.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Marilyn Main, Jeff LaLonde (Andrea Tanner's father), David Ortlip, Marilyn Main Vesta Mullen, Terry Ayers, 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 Crosstown Alliance Church, Wellsville (Pastor Jeremy Gorham).