



SECOND SUNDAY  
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DECEMBER 4, 2022

8:30 SERVICE

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Ogden Family

Songs of Adoration: ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel;***  
***Sing We the Song of Emmanuel; Hope is Alive***  
(Offering received during the third song)

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.**

Children's Sermon: ***Plans***

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

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

Sermon: **Angelic Good News in Our Uncertainty**  
Pastor Wes Oden

Communion:  
***Come, All You Unfaithful; Breath of Heaven; Emmanuel***

Benediction

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Acolyte: Emalyn Mucher      Scripture Reader: Pastor Cindy Oden

Music Ministry Team:

Emily Quick, Levi Webb, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;  
Dan Zambrano, cello; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Nico Seddio, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Advent is a bitter-sweet 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 worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service will be streamed. Pastor Wes will preach about the angel's appearance to Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25): *Angelic Good News in Our Self-Protection*.

### **HWC KIDS:**

- ⇒ City of Angels: "Why are there so many Christmas songs about angels? Because angels show up all throughout the Christmas story with great news! In this four-week series, kids will explore the foundational stories of Jesus' birth with a focus on the angels who were there to witness them! From the city where Jesus was born, to the cities we live in today, the angels' message is just as important now as it was then! Jesus is God's plan, calms our fears, makes everything new, and is God's love for everyone."
- ⇒ This Week: Kids hear about how an angel appeared to Zechariah and told him he would have a son. **THE BIG IDEA:** Jesus is God's plan. **THE BIBLE:** Luke 1:5—25; Isaiah 11:1—5
- ⇒ December Memory Verse: "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people'." — Luke 2:10 (NIV)
- ⇒ December Kids Club: Christmas Campout on Saturday, December 17th from 9:30-11:00am

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** We will host two Christmas Eve Services: 4:00 and 6:00. 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 CAROL SING AND COOKIE RECEPTION DECEMBER 18 AT 4:00 P.M.** Bring your instruments. Bring a plate of cookies to share (leave them in the church kitchen before joining voices in celebrating our annual Carol Sing in the Sanctuary.

**THE CHURCH WELCOMES YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** to help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. We have purchased a number of poinsettias which you may purchase for \$12.00 each or you may bring your own to drop off at the church on December 16th. If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email ([office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org)) or call Patty Stalker at 567-2264 with your information by December 12th.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – We pray for Nicaraguan Pastor Wilber who is watched by spies from police in his own congregation every Sunday. He is on a government watch list but is confident that “he is in God’s hands.” In many parts of the world pastors are in similar situations.

**MISSION MOMENT** – Our next Wycliffe partners are John and Sylvia Christensen with ongoing Bible translation progress amongst the Kisar of Indonesia. We pray for health and wisdom as they continue that work and other consultations now based out of Washington State.

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING:** We pray and prepare for our partnership offering for ongoing construction of Wycliffe Thailand’s essential new office and equipping center that will impact Bible translation across Asia for future years.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed:** \$417,327.04 / **Budget Received:** \$372,135.28

#### **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 family and friends of Marilyn Main and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jeff LaLonde (Andrea Tanner’s father), David Ortlip, Vesta Mullen, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Mim Case, Grace Taylor, 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), Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore’s father), Mark Mayhle (Doug’s brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, 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 Brookside Wesleyan Church, Wellsville (Pastor Dennis Yingling).

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