



# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

11:00 A.M.

JANUARY 22, 2023

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Prelude: *God is Seen* (arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw)  
Houghton University Choir, conducted by Dr. Kevin Dibble

Welcome

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

Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *Here I Am, Lord* (arr. Ovid Young)

Children's Sermon: *Ready at the Right Time*

Songs of Adoration: *Love Come Down; Champion*

Prayer of Confession

**Most gracious heavenly Father, you have proven to us that you are good. You create and rule over all that is. Nevertheless, so often we allow ourselves to be overwhelmed with anxiety and fear about possessions we crave, the needs of everyday life, the present and the future. We confess that our worry is rooted in a skewed view of who you are. Forgive us for doubting your care and for doubting the truth about who you are. Fill us with faith to seek you and to trust that you are more than enough. Through Christ. Amen.**

Time of Prayer

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

Offertory: *O Love* (arr. Elaine Hagenberg)  
(*Offering Received*)

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-17

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

Hymn 312: *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* (Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Sermon: **The Church Looks Like...**  
Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Let Us Consider*

Benediction

Postlude: Processional on "Lift High the Cross" (arr. D. Busarow)

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Avery Chapman

Scripture Reader: Christian Welker

Music Ministry Team:

Emily Quick, Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;  
Dianna Clem, flute; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Life is a maze of ups and downs, of joys and sorrows. In the midst of our lives, we live with confidence that Jesus is Lord and that this truth is the bedrock of how we live. In our worship today, may God open our eyes to the power and grace of Jesus for us and for the whole world.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we gather for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service will be streamed. Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons on metaphors of the church. Next Sunday's sermon is from Ephesians 4: *The Church Is Like a ....*

### **HWC Kids**

•This week in Kids Connect, kids hear about how Jesus began his ministry by calling the right people to work together with him. **BIG IDEA:** God makes us ready at the right time. **BIBLE:** Matthew 4:12-23

**MISSION MOMENT** – Don Little has arrived in Chad for two weeks of meetings with workers which include two days of intense seminar presentations in French on discipling Believers of Muslim Background. Participants include up to 70 seminary students, pastors, evangelists and local and expat workers. Also, two new Liliias Trotter Center on-line courses have begun with students from and serving in every continent. We pray for these current strategic outreaches.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – The latest 2023 World Watch List (Open Doors) finds Sub-Saharan Africa – the epicenter of global Christianity – is now also the epicenter of violence against Christians, as Islamist extremism is spreading across the region. The Hatian Wesleyan outreach in Burkina Faso is part of that region. We pray for all believers facing opposition and violence to know Christ's strength and joy.

**SHORT TERM MISSIONS SUPPORT APPLICATIONS** are available on HWC webpage under "Global Outreach." Applications should be sent to the church office as soon as possible and no later than March 15.

**CHURCH PICTURES** - Our staff and volunteers would love to know every HWC attender by name and on sight! So if you're willing to give us a head shot (picture) of yourself *only for our internal use* please send it to [emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org](mailto:emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org). The pictures will not be published or visible anywhere beyond our own data base. Alternatively, we'll have someone available to snap a photo before or after each worship service on January 29 and February 5. Thanks!

**STONE SOUP FUNDRAISER** for Valley Preschool January 27, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy some warm soup and fellowship on a winter evening in the church Community Room while supporting Valley Preschool through this donation dinner! Stone Soup (beef or vegetable soup), breads, rolls, and dessert. To order ahead please contact Casda Danner at [casdadanner@hwchurch.org](mailto:casdadanner@hwchurch.org) or order online at <https://tinyurl.com/vpsstonesoup>. Take-outs available.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Budget Needed:** \$529,684.32 / **Budget Received:** \$508,981.76

**HOUGHTON ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP:** “But Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.’” Houghton Royal Family Kids Camp (Houghton RFKC) needs you to take 6 days out of your summer to help lead 52 deserving children toward Jesus. We need men and women as counselors (individual, roving and activities counselors), dramatists and more! We especially need male volunteers. For more information about the Houghton Wesleyan’s Church ministry to area children from hard backgrounds, visit our website at [www.houghtonrfkc.com/get-involved](http://www.houghtonrfkc.com/get-involved). To volunteer: fill out the application and reach out to 3 references BEFORE February 25; participate in a 20-minute interview on March 9th; and attend a required Sunday afternoon training on April 23. Questions: Call, text or email Nancy Louk Murphy at (585) 376-4053 or [houghton.rfkc@gmail.com](mailto:houghton.rfkc@gmail.com)

### DATES IN JANUARY

- January 25 Food Drive-through (reservations begin Jan. 17)
- January 27 (5:15-6:30pm) Stone Soup Fundraiser for Valley PreSchool
- January 27-29 Youth Retreat at PennYork

See the January *Highlights* newsletter for more information.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family of Valerie Trexler who died Thursday 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 since last December; for Riverside Assembly of God Church, Wellsville (Pastor John Francisco).