

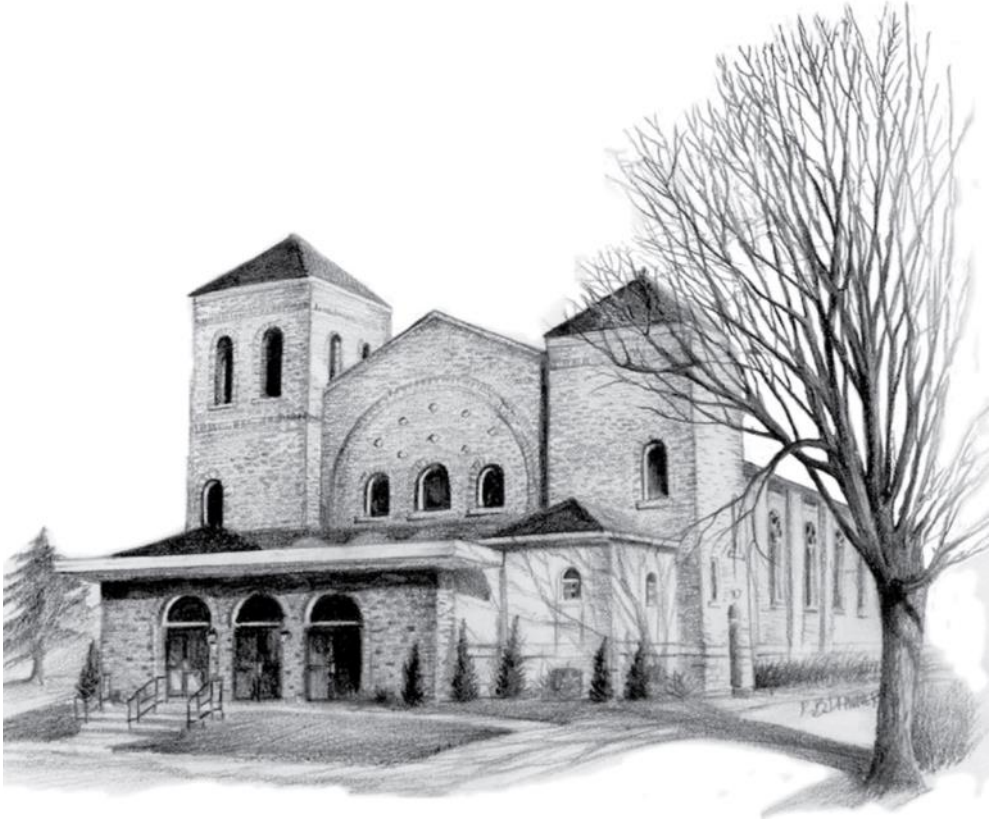


# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

11:00 A.M.

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Prelude: *Processional on "Lift High the Cross"*

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Call to Worship

Hymn: #183 *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon: *Wait for the Win*

*Ancient of Days; King of Kings* (Offering will be received during this song)

Confession & Time of Prayer

O God, giver of all that makes life good: we gather to give you our thanks, even as we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. We take for granted what we have; we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, giving little thought for those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few whose wealth exceeds our own than we are by the countless who possess so much less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; and open our ears that we may hear your words of assurance and pardon that "though our sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn #301: *O To Be Like Thee*

Scripture Reading: 3 John

Greeting One Another

Sermon: *When You Feel the Call of Hospitality*

*By Our Love*

Benediction

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**Acolyte:** Evelyn Esh

**Reader:** Jeanie Little

## **Musicians:**

Mike Jordan (vocal), Alison Young-Ruesser (vocal & guitar),  
Jill Jordan (violin), Gabe Huizenga (cajón), Sharon Johnson (piano)

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH** This Sunday is a bridge between Thanksgiving and Advent. As we come to continue our thanksgiving and begin turning our minds toward the Incarnation, may our worship be a means of expressing our gratitude for all Christ has done for us in Christ.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the First Sunday of Advent. We invite you to join us for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service is also streamed. This Advent season, Pastor Wes will preach about the disruption of Jesus's coming. Next week's sermon focuses the Mary and Joseph with their little baby in the Temple and the prophetic word spoken to them (Luke 2:22-40).

**KALEIDOSCOPE** meets in the Good Shepherd Room (Room 10) today; Ian Campbell will share his story of faith. On December 3 & 10, Kaleidoscope will return to the Community Room, where Dr. Alex Wright will share about Leadership *Ethics for Christian Leaders*.

**UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP** will not be meeting today. Happy Thanksgiving break!

**HWC Kids:** We're giving our volunteers a well-deserved break today so Kids Connect will look a little different! Two-year-olds and 6th graders will have their regular class this week. All other children and youth classes are going to be together for food, lesson, and fun in the Community Room!

- Kids Connect: This week, kids learn about the fall of Jericho and the rescue of Rahab. BIG IDEA: With God, there is victory! BIBLE: Joshua 5:13–6:25; Psalm 100
- November verse: “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” — Hebrews 10:23 (NIV).

**DECORATING FOR ADVENT:** Please join us on Saturday, December 2, from 10:00-12:00 noon. All are invited to help decorate the sanctuary and foyer for Advent. You are welcome to join us for the entire time or for as long as you can stay. Thank you.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed:** \$417,932.75 / **Budget Received:** \$389,924.13

**MISSION MOMENT**—What’s unique about our missionaries Drs. Romy and Linda Caringal? They are both medical doctors... They have served in multiple countries – Zambia, Nepal, Cambodia and more for 35 years with Global Partners... Beyond medicine they’ve served as field/area leaders and disciple makers... They began on loan to GP from the Wesleyan churches in their native Philippines. We pray for their present work in S.E. Asia.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – “ Your prayer is very important to us at this time when we are going through pain,” says Pastor and Bible teacher Paluka in Oicha, Democratic Republic of Congo, where a month ago 35 believers including children were killed in a brutal ADF (affiliated with Islamic State) attack. Life must go on in the midst of the pain. We pray for God to end the violence in that part of our world.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Kyle Boon, Linda Roth, Paul Roth, Matthew Pierson (Kim Prins-Moeller’s brother-in-law), James Bates, Vesta Mullen, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Grace Taylor, Karen Gaerte, Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter’s brother), Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Lenore Paige, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore’s father), Mark Mayhle (Doug’s brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Elijah 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 and in Israel, Gaza and the entire Middle East; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained by the police for more than a year; for Fillmore Wesleyan Church (Pastor Toni Jones).