

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 10, 2010

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Prelude: *Be Thou My Vision*.....W.T. Allen

\*Call to Worship

Great is the Lord –

*Exalted among the nations.*

Mighty is the Lord –

*King of heaven and earth.*

Holy is the Lord –

*Beyond our understanding. Let us worship our God and King!*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 26 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Life of the Church

Passing the Peace

**God's peace be with you.**

*And also with you.*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 (page 726)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 567 *Gloria Patri*

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*World without end. Amen, Amen."*

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*.....Paul Bouman

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

*Please feel free to stand or kneel at the altar rail as an indication*

*of a need for which you are praying in your own life or in the life of another.*

\*New Testament Reading: Matthew 3:1-17 (page 957)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 375 *Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose*

Sermon: **Baptism, Sins, and Jesus**

Pastor Wesley Oden

\*Hymn *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* (see insert)

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*.....H. Fleischer

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\*Please stand if able

Organist: Jane Allen

Worship Leader: Daryl Stevenson

Acolyte: Zeb Pollock

Children's Worship bulletins are available in the church foyer for ages 3-12.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Children ages 2-5 go directly to Children's Church prior to the service. Children's Church meets in room 116 on the first floor of the Christian Education building.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The season of Epiphany, which begins each year on January 6, is a time to remember that God has revealed Himself in Christ to all people. God's saving grace is not hidden for only the elite who know the password, but is revealed clearly and fully in Christ. Remembering the life and ministry of Christ, let us worship with gratitude and receptivity in every part of our being.

**If you are a guest here today,** we welcome you. We are glad that you are here. Please fill out a guest card located in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed.

**TONIGHT AT 6:00** we will covenant together to follow God in the coming year. Using John Wesley's annual Covenant Service, we will individually and corporately express our commitment to God and to one another.

**COME AND SING TO THE LORD!** Adult Choir rehearsals resume this Tuesday, January 12, at 7pm in the sanctuary. All who wish to sing with us are welcome!

**WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30** AWANA Puggles & Cubbies, Girls' AWANA Club, & Boys' AWANA Club meet; the adult prayer group meets in the church sanctuary.

**Girls' AWANA Club Ministry Opportunities** for 2nd semester. We have openings for five volunteers on Wednesday evening with our Girls' AWANA ministry which is for girls grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. If you are interested in learning more about these ministry opportunities please contact Kerri Lord, Heather Hannan, or Cindy Oden.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00. Pastor Wes will be directing our attention back to more of the nuances of prayer. Next Sunday 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 lead us to think about *Thanksgiving Prayer*.

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING** Praxis Week begins with *Koinonia* in Wesley Chapel at 7:00.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** Library Committee, Monday, 4 PM, Library  
 Trustees, Monday, 6:30 PM, Room 105  
 Discipleship Committee, 8:00 PM, Room 105

**SAVE THE DATES: FEBRUARY 6 & 7 "FAITH IN ACTION"  
 MISSION CONFERENCE WITH JOHN CROFT.**

***FEB. 6: Service Project, 1-5 PM; Tailgate Potluck, 5:45-7:45 PM***

***FEB. 7: John Croft in all three services; combined Sunday School classes***

**CHURCH SERVICES ON THE RADIO:** You can access all of our Sunday morning services at **89.9 FM**. A radio with a digital tuner and an antenna will give the best reception. Please let us know if you are able to receive the services and/or if you have trouble with reception.

<b>NEWS FOR INVESTORS</b>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 16,146	\$ 404,982
<u>Budget Needed</u>	<u>\$ 13,612</u>	<u>\$ 421,972</u>
Difference +/-	+ \$ 2,534	— \$ 16,990

**PRAYER ROOM:** the prayer room is available every day, 7:00am – 9:00pm (holidays excluded). You may reserve the prayer room online ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) or by contacting the church office. Walk-ins are welcome with consideration given to a previous reservation. Pastor Wes is posting new blogs on Mondays and Thursdays on the prayer website ([www.hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com](http://www.hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com)) and sending out daily tweets on twitter ([www.twitter.com/pastorwesoden](http://www.twitter.com/pastorwesoden)).

**YOUTH NEWS**

Tonight HSM – 6 PM at Pastor Jon’s – *Screwtape* begins

Tuesday Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 AM Community Room

Wednesday MSM – 6:30 PM *Purity* kickoff

Saturday **YOUTH MINISTRY STAFF/TEACHERS FELLOWSHIP, 9-11 AM**

**Upcoming: IMAGINE** Winter Retreat 2010 January 29-31 at Camp Hickory Hill: tubing, hot chocolate, games & activities, challenging messages, great times of worship

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Steve Edel at the death of his mother and for other families who have experienced a recent death; for people with health concerns: Steve Castor, Crystal Blake, Don Scholla (Sheri Reynolds’s Father), Brianna Austin, Ella Woolsey, Bonnie MacBeth, Meredith Kellogg, Al Smith, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, John McCormick (Vicki King’s Father), Sharrel McNeill (Rob McNeill’s mother), John Johnson (Sharon Johnson’s father), and Louis Case (Jon Case’s father); for people facing the effects of natural disasters, famine and war, and that God would continue to challenge us to be people of prayer.