

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 14, 2018

As the prelude begins, let us observe silence as we prayerfully anticipate this hour of corporate worship of Almighty God.

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele," BWV 654 ..J. S. Bach

Choral Introit: Christ the AppletreeStanford Scriven
The Houghton College Choir

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 103)

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits –

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

*Invocation

*Hymn 80 **Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *My Song in the Night* ...Traditional American, arr. Paul J. Christiansen

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *How Great Thou Art*arr. Dan Forrest

Prayer of Confession

God, you are reconciling all things to Yourself. By entering our world, you revealed the depths of your love to us; in Your coming You gave us life, and called us Your children. You have been faithful to us, but we confess that we have not been faithful to You. You want to transform us into new creations, but we are content with the old. You want to take us to new depths, but we have settled for the surface. You have set us free, but we hold on to the chains of our past. Forgive us, Lord, for our sins: those we confess, those we hide; the sins we ignore and justify, and those against our neighbor. Help us to live as citizens of Your Kingdom so that the world sees Your glory and Your love. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer**

Please feel free to use the altar as your place of prayer as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.

If kneeling is difficult for you, please use the red chairs or stand by the altar rail.

Our Response to Prayer: **Compassion Hymn**

*New Testament Reading: Mark 6:30-44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 301 **O to Be Like Thee! Blessed Redeemer**

Sermon: **How Much Bread Do You Have?**

Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn 294 **Take My Life and Let it Be** (Tune of Hymn #87; repeat last line of text)

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Gloria* (from *Fifteen Pieces Founded on Antiphons*, Op. 18)..Marcel Dupré

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Sarah Derck

Acolyte: Maya Cooley

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

Nursery: We provide a fully staffed nursery for infants up to two years of age. The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building.

Children's Church: Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon for Children's Church: 2 and 3 year olds meet in room 116; 4-5 year olds in room 115 in the Christian Education Building.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. God invites us into His presence because He loves us and cares for us and desires relationship with us. As the church of Jesus Christ in this place, we ask ourselves what it means for us to be the church. As we worship, may we open our minds and hearts to Christ that we will see and hear clearly God's loving purposes for us.

HOLY COMMUNION: We practice open communion in the Wesleyan Church: all who come in faith of Christ's redeeming power are welcome. As the ushers release your row, come to the front, tear off a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat it, then return to your seat by the outside aisle. Feel free to remain at the altar rail in prayer. If you prefer to be served in your seat, inform the usher; we have trays of bread and cups to serve you. Pastor Wes has cups of juice and gluten-free wafers at the communion table. If you desire the grace of God in your life, enabling you to love God with all of your being and to love others through the Spirit in you, you are invited to receive the bread and cup of God's grace in Christ for the sins of the whole world.

TONIGHT small groups resume. A group meets at the church at 5:30.

KID'S CLUB starts again on Wednesday Jan 17th at 6 pm. You can find the Kid's Club schedule for the spring on the church website and our HW Kid's Facebook page. We can still use one or two more assistants for the spring.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00. Next week's sermon (Mark 8) ponders Jesus' question: *Can You See Anything Now?*

ALL WOMEN Join us for our Winter Gathering: "Finding the Gifts in the Messiness of Your Life" on Saturday, February 3 from 9 am to 11 am in the Community Room. Spend the morning together with other women, enjoying breakfast, worship time, and inspiring moments, hearing how God brings us gifts, even in the challenging times of our lives. No need to sign up, just come and enjoy the morning with us. Child-care provided.

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) or by contacting the church office. Walk-ins are welcome with consideration given to a previous reservation.

HISTORICAL BOOKS: At the celebration of Houghton Wesleyan's sesquicentennial in 2002, we published a history book of our church. Since much has changed and transpired over the past 15 years, we have updated and published a revised edition of the 2002 edition. This 24-page book provides a brief overview of our denomination and a longer history of the Houghton congregation. If you have been around for a while, you will connect with many of the articles and pictures. If you are relatively new to the church, this book will familiarize you with the colorful history of this town and this church. The books are available in the church office or in the sanctuary foyer. The books are free, but donations would help to defray the printing costs.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Tim Nichols, Bob Brown, Jayne Swanson, Louise Prinsell, Hudson Hess, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith's son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Ellis Brotzman, Chuck Barrett (Wendy Ott's brother), Sheryl O'Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepian, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Ella Woolsey, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Micah Christensen, Linda Roth, Emily Crikelair; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for healing and unity in our nation; and for Bellville Wesleyan Church (Pastor Rob Grimes).

For more information about church activities, and to read Pastor Wes's weekly blog, visit our website: www.hwchurch.org.



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wholeheartedly serving others*



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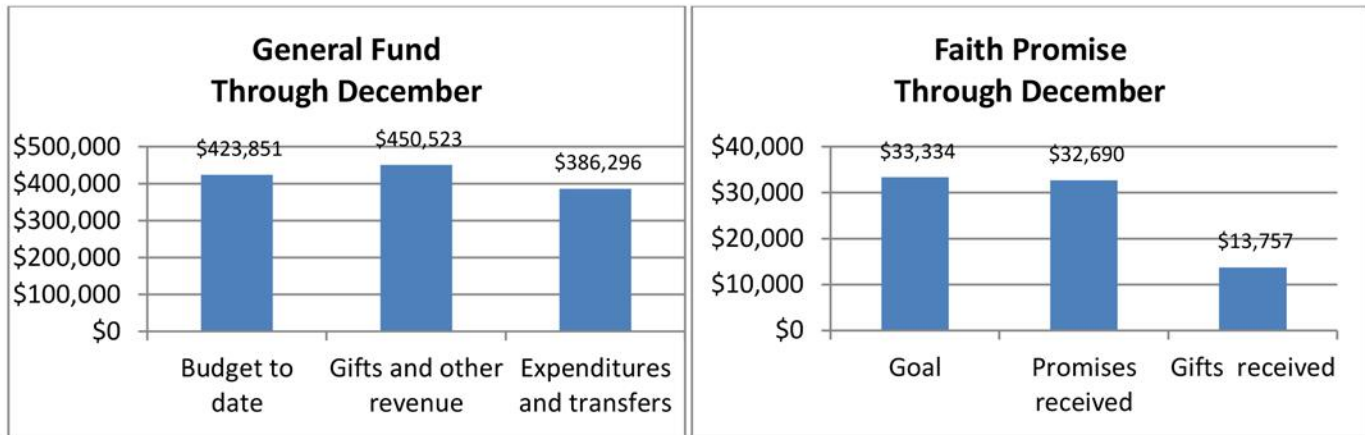
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STEWARDSHIP

January is a time of new beginnings. It's a time to evaluate our lives—our priorities, our attitudes, our resources. It's a time to think about stewardship. It's a time to honestly evaluate the way we steward our time, our energy, our resources, our money. It's also a time to remember that all we have is from God and to remember that we are accountable to him for what we do with what he has given us.

Reflecting back on 2017 and looking forward to a new year, how might you take a step of stewardship faith? Is there a way in which you might more consistently serve? Do you have gifts lying dormant that might fit perfectly with a current need? Is it possible that you are spending an inordinate amount of mental and emotional energy holding a grudge or nursing a hurt from which God is calling you to the freedom of forgiveness? Is God prompting you to be more generous with your money, gifts and time toward his kingdom?

May you find freedom and joy in the discipline and obedience of generosity.



NEW YEAR...NEW GROWTH! Consider joining with others in **SMALL GROUPS**

to deepen fellowship and Body Life, and strengthen discipleship. **Groups begin the week of JANUARY 14.**

Please contact leaders for more information since space is limited in most.

Time	Place	Leaders	Info
Sundays: 11:00 am	D. Gurley home	JL Miller 585-567-9691	Video & discussion. Child care provided.
5:30 pm	HWC Room 105	Wartingers 585-330-4628	N.T. Wright, <i>Surprised by Hope</i> . For young families, childcare provided.
5:30 pm	D. Mayhle home	Doug Mayhle 585-567-8241	Discussion (TBD) followed by shared light supper.
5:30 pm	P. Shea home	Paul Shea 585-567-4597	Inductive study of Bible book TBD
6:30 pm	J. Leax home	Deborah Young 585-567-8066	D. Willard, <i>The Allure of Gentleness</i> .
Mondays: 6:30 pm	B. Hutton home	M. Jordan 585-567-4642	Group Discussion TBD.
Tuesdays: 6:30 pm Every other week	HWC Room 105	L. Dashnau 585-437-2134	Gary Thomas, <i>Cherished</i> . For married couples. No childcare provided.
Wednesdays: 6:30 pm	J. Fink Home	J. Fink 814-558-6285	F. Chan, <i>Crazy Love</i> . For Young Couples, limited space
6:00-7:15 January 31-March 7 only	HWC Room 10/or TBD	M. Walters 585-567-8411	"Spiritual Cardiology." For new Believers or those "stuck" in their walk with God.



January 14 we resume Adult Sunday School classes.

All are welcome to find a class that fits your interest!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

Here are the five options for 9:40-10:40 a.m.

- When Moms Pray, Room 7
- II Timothy Exposition, Paul Young, Room 9
- Book: N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*, Michael Jordan, Room 10
- Book: Brady Boyd, *Speak Life-Restoring Healthy Communications in How you Think, Talk, and Pray*, Jason Mucher, C.E. Room 105
- Kaleidoscope Topics and Guests, David Daugherty/Peter Luckey, C.E. Community Room

Note:

On February 4 & 11 all adult class meet in the Community Room at 9:40 am for Mission Guest presentations!