

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP FEBRUARY 17, 2019

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

Prelude: *Theme and Variations on "How Great Thou Art"* ...Michael Burkhardt

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

*God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.*

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

*The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

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\*Invocation

\*Hymn 377 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Youth

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

\*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Hymn Improvisation on "Holy, Holy, Holy"* .....Michael Burkhardt

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed by you; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ who through his grace forgives us for all of our sins. 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.*

\*New Testament Reading: Matthew 8:18-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

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

Sermon: **Is It Enough to Be Amazed by Jesus?**  
Pastor Wes Oden

\*Hymn 444 *When Peace Like a River*

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* .....arr. William T. Allen

\*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Sarah Derck

Acolyte: Ellie Brubaker & Evie Cox

**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 and is available during services.

There are **KID'S BAGS AND BIBLES** available in the book shelf on the left side of the foyer next to the Men's restroom.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Following the New Testament scripture reading children ages 2-5 will be dismissed for Children's Church which meets in the Christian Ed building in Room 116.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Epiphany is a time to reveal the nature of Jesus. The story of Jesus calming the storm provides us with a clear image of who Jesus is and of what it means to live in light of who he is. May God open our eyes and hearts to see him and to live in him.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK** Elders: Tuesday, 7pm

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Wes preaches from Luke 11:37-54, asking the question: *Do Jesus' Expectations Amaze Us?* We come together for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

**MISSION MOMENT**— We pray for the people of Haiti during the recent rise in violent demonstrations calling for renewed economic, social and political reform. May God raise up leaders to guide the country courageously and at the same time grant His People, the Church, spiritual power to demonstrate the character of Christ.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH**— We pray that the upcoming summit between North Korean and USA leaders will also unleash religious freedom in N. Korea. Pray that the 50,000-plus Christians in detention centers and prison campus will be released. See [www.opendoorsUSA.org](http://www.opendoorsUSA.org)

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Pastor Wes is organizing a membership class in March. If you are interested in becoming a member or knowing more about membership, this class is for you. If you are interested in knowing more about who we are as the Houghton Church, this class is for you. If you are already a member but would like a review, this class is for you. Please contact the church office ([office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org)) if you are interested in attending.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Received (June 1—Present): \$555,291.10 / Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$565,485.80

**PRO LIFE PRAYER:** There is a united effort to spend time in prayer about issues of life. If you are interested in participating in this effort, you are invited to the prayer room on Saturday, February 23 from 1-4 PM. Call Barbara Elliott for more information (716-801-2077).

**PRAYER GROUP** – Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm. in Room 9 below the sanctuary a growing number gather for prayer for the community and church. All are invited to join each Wednesday evening.

**SUNDAY SERMONS ON THE INTERNET:** You may access the Sunday sermon on the church website ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) or on iTunes ([www.itunes.com](http://www.itunes.com)). The services are available on iTunes by late Sunday afternoon and on our website by late Monday morning.

**LIVE STREAMING:** All of our worship services are live streamed through the church website and through streaming devices (AppleTV, Roku, etc.). If you use Roku, you will need to find the services on our new Roku app. Search for Houghton Wesleyan Church. Our new app will enable easier access.

**WNY WOMEN OF WORSHIP EVENT AT HOUGHTON COLLEGE APRIL 13** with J.J. Heller, Carol McLeod, September McCarthy, Sarah Derck, and Terese Main. Join women from all over the region in an amazing one-day event that will lift, restore, and motivate your spirit.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Jean-Louis Roederer, Roselyn Danner, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Sheryl O'Brien, Gwen Mercer, Gus and Louise Prinsell, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhett, Florence Teuber, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Paul Johnson; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Wellsville (Pastor Carl Knitter).



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

LAURIE SMALLEY, *Children's Ministry Pastor*

# STEWARDSHIP

We just completed a time for thinking specifically about the world—the world around us and the world beyond. Our church has a long history of involvement in the work of God locally and globally. This is reflected in overseas trips, local interactions and funding for both and more. Here is a summary sketch of our financial involvement.

Annually, we commit 17-20% of our Community Financial Plan for others. This money received through general offerings underwrites our Local Outreach—Food Pantry, Benevolent Fund (crisis needs for people in our church and in our area), Celebrate Recovery, FCS snack bags for needy children, Foster Care, Wellspring Ministries and more. Your gifts also allow us to support missionaries and ministries around the world—Rochester, Buffalo, South Dakota, Czech Republic, China, Indonesia, Thailand, Haiti, Australia, the Middle East, West Africa, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Eleuthera and more.

In addition to the general offerings, we have periodic opportunities to express our generous gratitude to God as needs arise. For example, the 2017 Christmas Eve Offering enabled us to send more than \$13,600 to the relief effort in Puerto Rico. And this year's Christmas Eve Offering is just shy of \$22,000 for the building project of The Wesleyan Church in Egypt!

We also realize that many of you support people and organizations outside of what you give through the church. We are thrilled to be part of such a generous gathering of disciples of Jesus.

As you continue to serve God, may you find freedom and joy in the discipline and obedience of generosity.

