

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP MARCH 10, 2019

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

Prelude: *Variations on "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"* Robert Lind

*Call to Worship (from Hebrews 12)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,

For our God is a consuming fire!

*Invocation

*Hymn 103 ***I Will Sing the Wondrous Story***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Sunday School/Children's Church

Old Testament Reading: I Chronicles 11: 1-3; 14: 8-17

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-Tune Prayer on "Savior, Thy Dying Love"* Jon Spong

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 26:1-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

*Hymn 86 ***My Jesus, I Love Thee***

Sermon: **Anointed for Death**
Pastor Wes Oden

*Song of Response: ***There is a Redeemer***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Fugue in D minor, Op. 65, No. 6*

Felix Mendelssohn

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Gudy Stevenson

Acolyte: Jameson Rhett

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Arthur Wylde Montanye on February 10, 2019 to Emily and Tim and big brother, Oliver.

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. The season of Lent is designed by the ancient church fathers as a means of reminding Christ's disciples that the passion, suffering and death of Christ are central to our faith. Though this is a solemn season in which we contemplate our sin, it is also a season to give thanks that Jesus goes to the cross to be our Redeemer and the Redeemer of all people and to call us to be agents of his redemption for others.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is the Second Sunday in Lent. Pastor Wes continues in Matthew 26 (17-30), leading us to ponder the Last Supper and our Lord who is *Broken for the World*. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00.

RUSSIAN POTLUCK TOMORROW from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room: Come greet the Russian guests. Come and fellowship with us and share your dish with the group. We will supply the plate settings and the cups. Come drink some Russian tea with us!

SHORT-TERM MISSION FUNDING REQUESTS – Submit applications by March 15. Link is available on www.hwchurch.org/global-outreach/ or stop by the church office.

POVERTY SIMULATION: Tuesday and Wednesday this week in the Community Room. 6:30 -9:00 p.m. Contact Austen Kewin about opportunities to still walk on for this profound experience.

KID'S CLUB will not meet this week due to the Poverty Simulation. On March 20 we will carry on the tradition of having the **Buddy Keith Memorial Grand Prix & Sailboat Races** in the Community Room for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade. All kids are welcome to participate and everyone is welcome to come and watch! Contact Pastor Laurie with any questions.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Pastor Wes is organizing a membership class this month. 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) if you are interested in attending.

EASTER BAPTISM: If you are interested in being baptized at the 7:45 a.m. Resurrection Service on Easter morning, April 21, please contact Pastor Wes. He will be hosting a preparatory class in the next couple of weeks.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1—Present): \$602,254.56
 Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$611,336.00

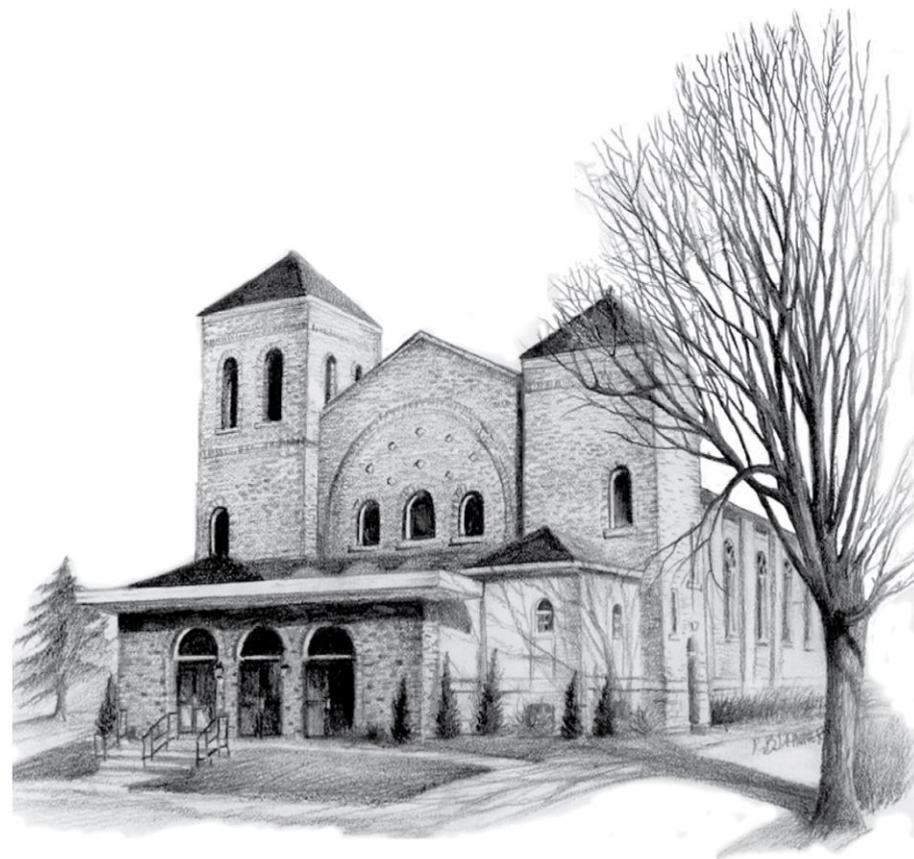
MISSION MOMENT – The Genesee Rapids are not just a baseball team, they are also a means of bearing witness of Jesus Christ. Pastor Paul Shea will serve as the Team Chaplain this year and we will have weekly opportunities to interact with the players and coaches here on Sundays. Please pray for the team's preparations and a spirit of unity in Christ. There is an urgent need for 8 families to host players this summer, June 3 through July 23. Host families provide a bed to sleep in and breakfast. For more information please contact Ralph Kerr (716-969-0688).

PERSECUTED CHURCH – The annual report called “Persecuted Church Watch List” is available at www.opendoorsusa.org. This and other ministries keep before us the challenges facing Christians worldwide.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jon Retz, Tess Schilke, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), 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 Trinity Lutheran Church, Wellsville (Pastor Robert Morris).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

We've seen record numbers of kids attend our Sunday morning programming at HWC! While this is very exciting, it also brings an increased awareness of safety for our kids.

In an effort to provide the safest environment possible, we're making a few changes.

Beginning this week, we're trying out our new check-in system during Children's Church and Junior Church. In order to check your child in, come over to the Christian Education Building and complete the following:

- Type your child's last name into a check-in kiosk.
- Click the checkbox by your child's name.
- Your check-in labels will automatically print.

Our system accommodates visitors. Our staff will be available to help. Thank you for your patience while we work out the bugs!

