

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

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

Prelude: *Hymn Prelude on "Be Thou My Vision"* Paul Manz
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less Wilbur Held

***Call to Worship (from Ephesians 3)**

For this reason we kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

We pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen us with power through his Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.

And I pray that each of us, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Alleluia!

***Invocation**

*Hymn 393 ***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

***Words of Greeting and Peace**

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-24
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

***Doxology**

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Be Thou My Vision*arr. Dan Forrest

Prayer of Confession

Most gracious heavenly Father, you have proven to us that you are good. You create and rule over all that is. Nevertheless, so often we allow ourselves to be overwhelmed with anxiety and fear about possessions we crave, the needs of everyday life, the present and the future. We confess that our worry is rooted in a skewed view of who you are. Forgive us for doubting your care and for doubting the truth about who you are. Fill us with faith to seek you and to trust that you are more than enough. Through Christ. Amen.

Song of Preparation: ***I Know Whom I Have Believed***

*New Testament Reading: Mark 9:14-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Ministry in Music: *Even If* Millard, Timmons
Dan Bussey, Amanda Cox

Sermon: **What Do You Mean, If I Can?**
Pastor Wes Oden

Prayer for Healing

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.

*Hymn 404 ***How Firm a Foundation***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in F major, BWV 556*attr. J.S. Bach

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: James Mullen

Acolyte: Jameson Rhett

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Isabella Chynelle, born on December 2, 2017 to Anna and Anthony Pettway.

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 C E 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. The 23rd Psalm describes God as the shepherd of his people. Jesus declares that he is the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. As we gather today, we remember that God promises to care for all that he has made and in response, we worship him.

MISSION WORLD TOUR - WEDNESDAY – 6:00-7:15 p.m. for adults, teens, children. Experience professional photo travelogue, and Russia, Middle East, Bible Translation, and Allegany County venues. Sights, sounds, even foods! Starts in the Community Room at 6 p.m. sharp. Kid's Club will not meet that night - come with your family to the World Tour instead. Kid's Club will meet again on Feb 14th.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00. Dr. Don Little will preach on "Why the Great Commission is Still Great."

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON: February 8, noon Dish-to-Pass followed by Dave Huth's show on "Animals Captured on Film Media." Welcome those 55+ and caregivers.

SUNDAY SERMONS ON THE INTERNET: Access the Sunday sermon on the church website (www.hwchurch.org) or on iTunes (www.itunes.com). The services are available on iTunes by late Sunday afternoon and on our website by late Monday.

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.

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 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.

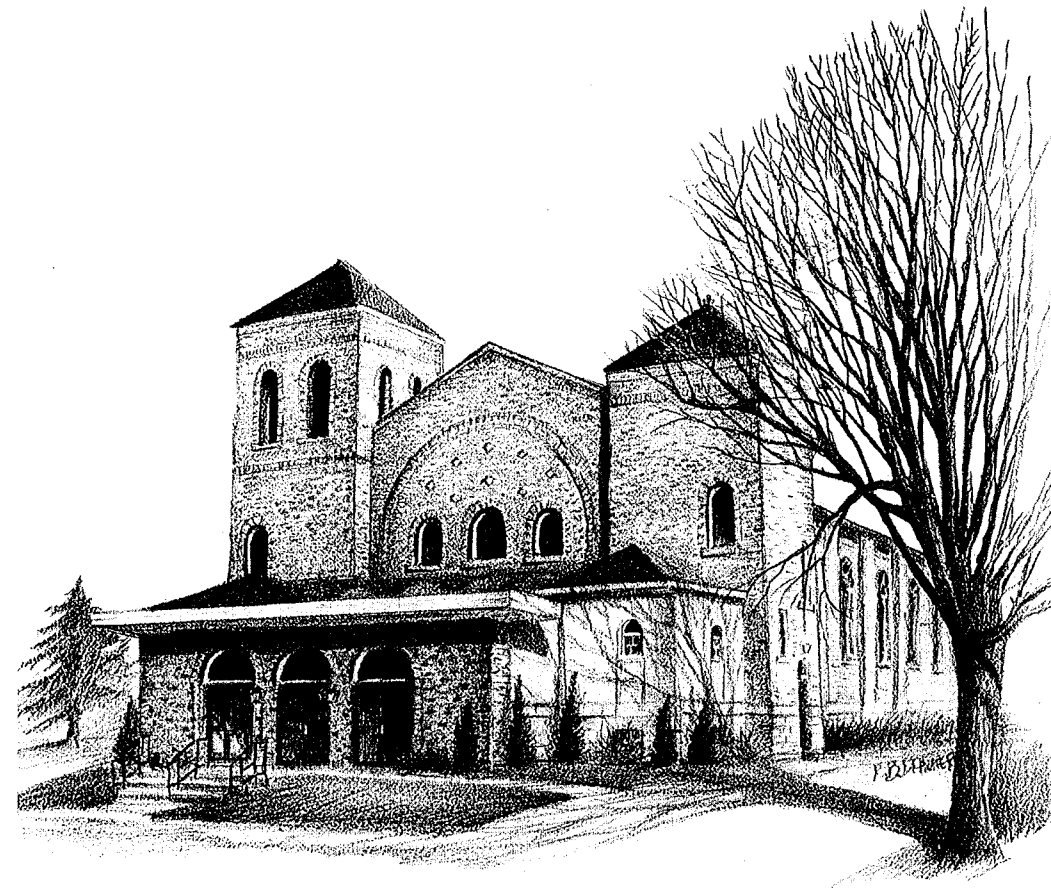
MISSION MOMENT – We pray for our HWC Partners at Home group as they initiate a Celebrate Recovery branch here in northern Allegany County. CR is a biblical and balanced program to help folks overcome hurts, hang-ups, and habits. More info is forthcoming.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - We pray for Pastor Emmanuel as he works with migrant workers and laborers from India and Pakistan in Kuwait. Over 1,300 have been baptized and the Christian faith is growing rapidly. Let us pray for the Gospel to penetrate even the most difficult places.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Tim Nichols, Bob Brown, 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 Essepien, 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 the leaders of our nation; and for Centerville United Methodist Church (Pastor Robert Schooley).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

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2018 Mission Convention

WHY THE GREAT COMMISSION Is STILL GREAT!

FEBRUARY 4 – 11, 2018

Speakers: Dr. Don Little, Drs. Romy & Linda Caringal, Lilias Trotter Center, Revs. Steve & Ruth Strand



Events:

- **Sun. Feb. 4** – Combined Adult/Youth SS - 9:40 a.m.: Celebrate Recovery
- **Wed. Feb. 7** – **WORLD TOUR for ALL AGES** – 6:00-7:15 p.m.
Rooms: World photo tour, Russia, Middle East, Bible Translation, Local Outreach
- **Sat. Feb. 10** – **SEMINAR: “Still Welcoming the Stranger!”** – 9:00 – noon
A Christian Response to Muslim Refugees in America
Three workshops & refreshments
Lilias Trotter Center faculty, Steve & Ruth Strand, Refugee Testimony, and more

- **Sun. Feb. 11** – Combined Adult/Youth SS 9:40 a.m.: Drs. Romy & Linda Caringal.
Worship Services: Dr. Don Little, “Why the Great Commission is Still Great!”

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE