

Order of Morning Worship

March 29, 2026

10:30 AM

Immediately preceding worship there will be a time for sharing community concerns and announcements. Thank you for giving our lay leaders your courteous attention.

Prayer Concerns and Praises

GREETING Barbara Bragg

PRELUDE **“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”** Jonathan Willis, Piano
Arr. Holden

PROCESSION OF PALMS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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† OPENING HYMN Marla Jenkins
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” UMH 278

† THE APOSTLE’S CREED Hymnal 881
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE The Faith We Sing 2069

All hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel,
King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity, I’ll sing your praises;
and I’ll reign with you throughout eternity.

READING FROM THE PSALTER **Psalm 118 (1-2; 19-29)** UMH 839

PASTORAL PRAYER

† HYMN **“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”** UMH 277

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“Fairest Lord Jesus”** Handbells

† DOXOLOGY UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL **Matthew 21: 1-11**

ANTHEM **“To Die For”** Choir

SERMON Matthew M. Smith
“A Little Ride Through Jerusalem”

† HYMN OF INVITATION UMH 581
“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” (V. 1,2,4)

† BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung by all)

As we go, may your Spirit go before us.
As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned,
share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world as we go.

POSTLUDE **“Come let us worship and bow down”**
Arr. Hayes

Praise ~
Ava Lane Schmidt, born on March 18, 2026, to proud parents Abigail and Lane Schmidt. She is joyfully welcomed by big sister, Eden Elaine Schmidt, and great-grandparents, Paul and Lynn Wagner.

Remember ~
Friends and family of Amy Canup, friend of Anna Robinson and teacher at Bethlehem Baptist Timothy King Katherine Bone
Phillip and Patricia Collie,
Friends of Cassie Robinson
Gracie Crouch
Brandon Walker, Friend of Eric Hulsey’s Coworker
Ronnie and Shirley Pressnell,
Parents of Anna Robinson
Jeff Vest, Brother of Candy Welch
David Miller
Beth Swanson
Ben Majors
John and Ruby Walker
The Robinson Family
Jonathan Carter
Jim Jess
Justin Clark
Dan Adkins, Son of Leo Larkin
Jane Gerdeman’s grandson,
Dalton
Hudson Boyett, Grandson of Milburn and Beth Gross
Claudia Davis, friend of Wanda Lamb
Marisha Pressley and Family
Charles Bishop, father of Larry Bishop
Richard Patterson
Linda Turner
April Fitzgerald
Ryan Edwards

Donna Owens
Eric Zimovan’s grandmother,
Dorothy
Deven Beard
Ryder Beard
Joanne Lowery
Lisa Adkins
Joyce Folk
Becky Crouch Ogungbe, David and Gracie Crouch’s daughter
Thelma Younger, Sandy Goode’s mother
Mac Rainey, Kim Carter’s cousin
Jean Humphrey, Susan Hayes’ mother
Wendy Joiner
David Fry
Timothy King, Eileen King’s son
J. Paul and Linda Miller
Becky Aidarodini, Sarah Carter’s mother
Tyler Swafford, friend of Heather Douglas and family
Bob, Glenn, and John Larkin
Mike and Linda Kumke
Jill McMurtrie
Stan Carnegie

Weekly needs ~
Loved ones in Armed Forces:
Devon Bachus; Tim Bagwell;
Johnnie Bone IV; Johnnie Bone III;
John Boswell; Forrest Collier; Houston Curtis; Coleman Grider; Christian Haines; Gean Johnson; Trevor Liles
Sam Nelson; Jonathan Perry; Dalton Phillips; Adam Stolz; Cole Temmen;
Wesley Yeager

† Please, stand as you are able.

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Altar Flowers given by Mike and Candy Welch



WE’RE HAPPY YOU’RE HERE! ~ Please scan the QR Code to sign in OR sign in on the red attendance pads. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements & Events
at HGUMC



NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE ~ April 5, 2026

Traditional Service - Mary Ann Smith & Peggy Schmoll

Contemporary Service- Mary Ann Smith & need volunteer

Friendly Reminder- the nursery room is a "Shoe Free Zone" and please remember to pick up any trash and put away toys at the end of service. We need additional volunteers to staff the Nursery during Sunday morning services. We are also looking for people to fill in as needed. Contact office@hazelgreen.org for more information.



HGUMC EASTER EGG HUNT ~ Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is

hopping your way on **March 29th from 2-4 PM** — and we need some eggs-tra help! Please donate pre-filled plastic eggs

(individually wrapped candy, small toys, or stickers). You can leave your eggs in the **church lobbies by March 27th**. Thanks for helping us make this egg hunt egg-stra special!



LIGHT BEYOND THE DARKNESS ~ The season of Lent brings us

to a closer look at our sin and mortality--things with which we are not comfortable. The culmination of this is on Good Friday, when we bear witness to the terrible, and yet wondrous, cross. This year on **Good Friday** we will gather for **Tenebrae**--a service of shadow and darkness. It is a powerful time to confess and hear the story of Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion. For this special time, we hope to have the story told through many voices in our congregation. If you are willing to be a reader (each part is a small paragraph), please contact the Church Office (by April 1) to let us know.

The Service of Tenebrae will be held on **April 3 at 6:30 PM in our sanctuary.**



CELEBRATE RECOVERY ~ Celebrate Recovery will be every **Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Youth House.**



COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~ Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. The next meeting is **March 22nd**. For more information, contact **Gracie**

Crouch.



SUPPORT GROUP ~ for widows, widowers and divorcees meets 3rd Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the Conference Room. If you are dealing with grief or feeling a loss, consider joining us for fellowship, discussion. Contact Pauline Childers for more info at (256) 682-4114. Next meeting will be **April 16th**.



IMPORTANT--NURSERY HELP WANTED ~ We have been blessed for a good long time to have Miss Fran cover the nursery during our Sunday-School hour (9:30-10:30 AM).

Though she is now in nursing school and thus very busy these days, and thus...unable to cover that important time. We have also been blessed to have some amazing volunteers to cover January and February, though currently, 'the vineyard is plentiful though the laborers are few'. If you have an interest, or know someone who may, please let us know via the Front Office. Thank you for prayerfully considering a chance to help care for our wee, little, disciples! -Matthew M. Smith



SCAN TO GIVE ~ To make it more convenient and easier. If you'd like to give online please scan this QR Code to go straight to our Tithely.

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Maundy Thursday ~ April 2nd

6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Good Friday ~ April 3rd

6:30 PM Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary

Easter ~ April 5th

7:00 AM Early Morning Service in the Pavilion (bring a lawn chair)

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service in the CLC

A cross will be on display in the front lawn of the church. Anyone wishing to do so, may bring fresh multi-colored flowers to place on the cross on Easter morning.

The Lenten Offering will be used to support Lunches of Love. Please use the envelopes available in the pew racks or lobbies and mark your checks "Lenten Offering".



THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER ~ When a team pitches in to make the place look great! We are looking to (re)form a group of folks who enjoy working in the garden, landscaping and helping cut grass, and just any other kind of activity aimed at making our church grounds look great. If you would like to take part in our Green Team, it would be a tremendous help to the effort of keeping our church grounds looking good! Please let our new Facilities Manager, **Jason Rodgers**, or the church office know if you'd like to help cut some grass, once things start growing again!



YOUTH GROUP MEETS ~ Sunday nights from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. All students in 6th-12th grade are welcome. Please contact Cody McCreary for more information.

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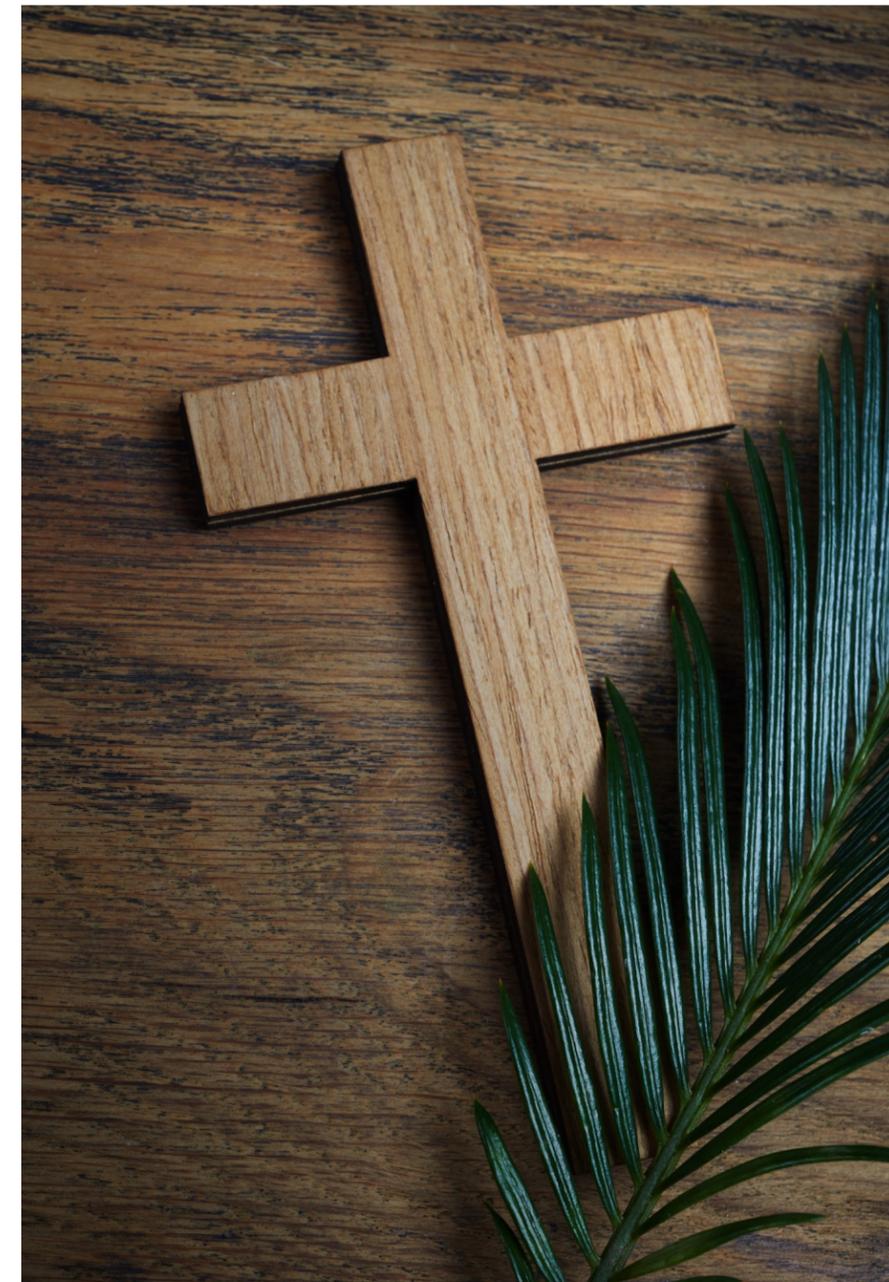
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Sunday Worship Times 8:30 AM Traditional, 10:30 AM Contemporary
Sunday School Classes for All Ages 9:45 AM

Rev. Matthew Smith, Pastor
Craig Carodine, Contemporary Worship Leader
Marla Jenkins, Director of Traditional Music
Steve Schneider, Organist

Jonathan Willis, Accompanist
Cody McCreary, Director of Youth Ministries
Kelley Hawkins, Office Administrator
Paige Peil, Director of Child Enrichment Center

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Combined Worship
March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday