

# Order of Morning Worship


**January 04, 2026** **08:30 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS		Barbara Bragg
PRELUDE	<b>“Prelude &amp; Fugue in C”</b> J.S. Bach	Steve Schneider, Organ
†	EPIPHANY CALL TO WORSHIP	Marla Jenkins
<i>We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world. God, help us find your glory.</i>		
<i>We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places. God, help us notice your glory.</i>		
<i>We gather as people yearning for Love’s presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word. God, help us encounter your glory.</i>		
<i>On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts. God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.</i>		
†	OPENING HYMN	UMH 188
<b>“Christ Is the World’s Light”</b>		
†	THE APOSTLE’S CREED	Hymnal 881
<b>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.</b>		
†	PASSING OF THE PEACE	The Faith We Sing 2204
<i>You are the Light of the World, O Lord, and you make your servant shine. So how could there be any darkness in me if you are the Light of the World? You are the Light of the World.</i>		
<i>You’ve overcome the world, O Lord, and given us victory. So why could I fear when trouble is near if you’ve overcome the world? You’ve overcome the world.</i>		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
†	HYMN	UMH 249
<b>“There’s a Song in the Air”</b>		

OFFERTORY PRAYER		
GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY		
<b>“Pastorale”</b> Bernardo Pasquini		
†	DOXOLOGY	UMH 94
<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>		
READING FROM THE GOSPEL		
<b>John 1: 1-18</b>		
ANTHEM	<b>“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”</b>	Men’s Ensemble
SERMON	<b>“Light It Up!”</b>	Matthew M. Smith
CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION		
UMH 12		
<b>Both visitors and members, adults and children, are encouraged to receive Holy Communion. A server will be glad to bring the sacrament to your seat if you are unable to come to the front.</b>		
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP		
<b>Any offering you leave at the altar rail will be directed to the needy in our community.</b>		
†	HYMN OF INVITATION	UMH 206
<b>“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”</b>		
†	BENEDICTION	
†	CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung by all)	
<b>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.</b>		
POSTLUDE		
<b>“Postlude”</b> Joseph Bellens		

Glory Sighting ~ <b>Happy New Year!</b>		
Remember ~		
The Gamble Family		Lisa Adkins
The Damson and Bragg Families,		Joyce Folk
after the passing of Jerry		Becky Crouch Ogungbe, David and
Damson		Gracie Crouch’s daughter
Shirley Pressnell		Thelma Younger, Sandy Goode’s
David Miller		mother
Beth Swanson		Mac Rainey, Kim Carter’s cousin
Christians in Nigeria		Jean Humphrey, Susan Hayes’
Friends and Family of Johnnie		mother
Bone, after his passing		Wendy Joiner
Friends and Family of Linda Fry		David Fry
after her passing		Timothy King, Eileen King’s
Ben Majors		son
John and Ruby Walker		J. Paul and Linda Miller
The Robinson Family		Becky Aidarodini, Sarah
Rutger Hill and Family		Carter’s mother
Jonathan Carter		W.H Anderson
Jim Jess		Tyler Swafford, friend of
Justin Clark		Heather Douglas and
Dan Adkins, Son of Leo Larkin		family
Jane Gerdeman’s grandson,		Bob, Glenn, and John
Dalton		Larkin
Hudson Boyett, Grandson of		Mike and Linda Kumke
Milburn and Beth Gross		Jill McMurtrie
Claudia Davis, friend of Wanda		Stan Carnegie
Lamb		
Marisha Pressley and Family		Weekly needs ~
Charles Bishop, father of Larry		Loved ones in Armed Forces:
Bishop		Devon Bachus; Tim Bagwell;
Richard Patterson		Johnnie Bone IV; Johnnie Bone III;
Linda Turner		Brandon Booher; John Boswell;
April Fitzgerald		Forrest Collier; Houston Curtis;
Ryan Edwards		Coleman Grider; Christian Haines;
Donna Owens		Gean Johnson; Trevor Liles Sam
Eric Zimovan’s grandmother,		Nelson; Jonathan Perry; Dalton
Dorothy		Phillips; Adam Stolz; Cole Temmen;
Deven Beard		Wesley Yeager
Ryder Beard		
Joanne Lowery		



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† Please, stand as you are able.

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Announcements & Events  
at HGUMC



**NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE ~ January 11, 2026**  
Traditional Service - need volunteers  
Contemporary Service - Mary Ann Smith & Rhonda Britton

**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. You would serve once every other month. We are also looking for people to fill in as needed. Contact [office@hazelgreen.org](mailto:office@hazelgreen.org) for more information.



**HGUMC CHURCH BREAKFAST ~** Are you hungry? Breakfast is Served! First Sundays at 7:30 AM, we invite you to join us for our HGUMC Church Breakfast and fellowship. Our Next breakfast will be **January 4th**. For more info or if you would like to volunteer, Please reach out to Donna Daniel.



**2026 FLOWER CALENDAR ~** is now posted on the easel in the Narthex. Please sign up if you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one.



**KARATE / SELF DEFENSE CLASS ~** will resume January 5th in the gym at 6:30. Join us in the practice traditional Okinawan Martial Art for health and wellness. Low impact , low intensity exercise with intent and purpose.



**WEEKLY PRAYER LIST ~** Thank you for continuing to keep the office updated on additions to the prayer list. Please remember to also notify us if we need to remove someone from the list as well.



**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 information at (256) 682-4114. Next meeting will be **January 15th**.



**COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~** Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. The next meeting is **January 25th**. For more information, contact Gracie Crouch.



**HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ~** is in need of all types of canned goods and non-perishable groceries at their North location. Most needed items are **soups, jelly, and crackers**. Baskets for donations are located in the Sanctuary and Gym lobbies. They could also use more volunteers to help with labeling and stocking shelves. They also need volunteers to pass out groceries on Wednesdays from 12:30 - 2:30 PM. HAP is located at 11588 Pulaski Pike in Toney.



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



**KIDS IN ACTION MEETS ~** Sundays from 4 - 5:30 PM in the gym. All children K - 5th grade are welcome. Please contact the office for more information.

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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  
Paige Peil, Director of Child Enrichment Center  
Kelley Hawkins, Office Administrator

**Hazel Green  
United Methodist Church  
Epiphany Sunday**



**Traditional Worship  
January 04, 2026**



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