Order of Morning Worship

November 22, 2026 **8:30 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.

GREETING — Barbara Bragg

PRELUDE — Jonathan Willis, Piano

† CALL TO WORSHIP — The Faith We Sing 2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made,"
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
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† OPENING HYMN
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" — UMH 694

† THE APOSTLE'S CREED — UMH 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 2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. (repeat)
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (repeat)

READING FROM THE PSALTER — **Psalm 100** — UMH 821

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

† HYMN — UMH 131
"We Gather Together"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY — UMH 94

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!

READING OF THE GOSPEL — **Matthew 25:31–46**

ANTHEM — ***"Thanks Be to God"*** — Choir

SERMON — Matthew M. Smith
"You Never Know, Do You?"

† HYMN OF INVITATION — UMH 347
"Spirit Song"

† 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

† *Please, stand as you are able.*
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Prayer Concerns and Praises

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Remember ~
Betty McGee
Linda Miller
BJ Pounders, as she undergoes radiation treatments
Jeff Havens
Staci Clark
Betty Flynt
Tara Collier, as she undergoes cancer treatments
Brenda Cannaday
Shannon Uhl, Friend of Eric Hulsey
Ellen Carter, friend of Rosemary McCrary
John Cannaday
Ben Majors
Sarah Tucker
Kirk Durbin's wife, Pam
Donna Owens
Gracie Crouch
Casie Darnell, niece of Martha Meeks
Tish Cates
David Miller
Timothy King
Phillip and Patricia Collie, Friends of Cassie Robinson
Beth Swanson
John and Ruby Walker
The Robinson Family
Jonathan Carter
Jim Jess
Justin Clark
Dan Adkins, Son of Leo Larkin
Jane Gerdeman's grandson, Dalton
Claudia Davis, friend of Wanda Lamb
Marisha Pressley and Family
Richard Patterson
Linda Turner
April Fitzgerald
Ryan Edwards
Eric Zimovan's grandmother, Dorothy
Deven Beard
Ryder Beard
Joanne Lowery
Lisa Adkins
Joyce Folk
Becky Crouch Ogungbe, David and Gracie Crouch's daughter
Mac Rainey, Kim Carter's cousin
Jean Humphrey, Susan Hayes' mother
Wendy Joiner
David Fry
J. Paul and Linda Miller
Becky Aidarodini, Sarah Carter's mother
Tyler Swafford, friend of Heather Douglas and family
Glenn 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

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 worshiping with us today!

Announcements & Events at HGUMC

TOYS FOR TOTS 2026 ~ HGUMC is now an official **Toys for Tots Community Drop Off Location!** New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the lobbies before service, or brought to our office during office hours. Let's work together with our community to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope, joy, and love to less fortunate local children. Please contact **Kelley Hawkins** at **office@hazelgreen.org** for more info.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEAL TRAIN ~ Our Celebrate Recovery ministry is looking for volunteers from our church family to sign up to provide meals on Tuesday evenings and help support those in need. This is a simple but meaningful way to show the love of Christ and remind others that they are not alone on their journey. If you feel led to help, please consider signing up using the link below to provide a meal. Every meal is an opportunity to serve, encourage, and share God's love with others. Thank you for being willing to serve and be the hands and feet of Jesus! **https://mealtrain.com/28zdge**



MISTLETOE MARKET ~ Rock around the Christmas tree at Hazel Green UMC's Mistletoe Market on **December 5th from 8 AM to 1 PM**! Score unique holiday finds while fueling up on hot chocolate and festive treats. Santa is coming to town for photos, letter writing, and holiday high-fives, so bring the whole family along. "Yule" be sorry if you miss out on the merriest community fun of the season!



NO COMBINED SERVICE THIS MONTH ~ There will **NOT** be a combined service/potluck for November's fifth Sunday. Services will be held at their regular times.



CEC ANGEL TREE ~ This Christmas, we have an opportunity to share a little extra love with some of the children in our CEC family! We will have a **CEC Angel Tree** set up in the Fellowship Hall with angels representing children of some of our CEC teachers. We invite our congregation to stop by, choose an angel, and help make Christmas a little brighter for these sweet children. Angels can be adopted individually, by a Sunday School class, or by a group of friends working together! Every gift is an opportunity to share a little Christmas joy. Gifts may be dropped off at either the CEC office or the church office. Deadline is **December 16th**.



HGUMC OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE ~ You're invited to join us for a festive Christmas Open House Dec. 10th 10AM - Noon in our conference room! Everyone is welcome to stop by, enjoy good company, and celebrate the joy of the season together. Feel free to bring a snack to share as we gather for fellowship and holiday cheer. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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.

Celebrate the Advent Season at Hazel Green United Methodist Church

December 6, 2026
Christmas Cantata
in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM
(Most Sunday School Classes will not meet
Please check with your teacher)

December 24, 2026
Christmas Eve Services
Open Communion Service
In the Sanctuary from 5 PM--6 PM
Come any time for this service, share communion with family and friends, and dismiss yourself according to your own time schedule.

Candlelight Service
In the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM
Festive carols, special music, communion and closing with candles and Silent Night, to prepare your hearts to receive the Christ Child.

TEACH US HOW TO PRAY ~ The early church realized that prayer was the essential foundation that held them together, and gave the church power to go and build God's Kingdom. Prayer is our foundation, and a healthy church needs a healthy prayer life. I'm certain we all pray--at home, in the car, before meals, in worship. Though I feel it is time we energize a prayer team to bath and surround our church with God's vision, power, and grace. If you have an interest in serving on our HGUMC Prayer Team, please let Pastor Matt Smith know. We will begin with Sunday morning prayer walks during the holy season of Advent--beginning Sunday, November 29th. It is my prayer (see?) that you join this important group. Thank you for all you do, and all you are! --MMS

COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~ Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. The next meeting is **November 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 **Diane Daebler** for more info at (256) 656-8725. Next meeting will be **December 17th.**

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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
Rev. Jeff Havens, Pastor Emeritus
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
Jason Rodgers, Facilities Manager

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