

# Order of Morning Worship

**December 14, 2025**

**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

GATHERING MUSIC		Steve Schneider, Organ	
GREETING		Barbara Bragg	
PRELUDE	“Joyful, Joyful” Handbells		
† OPENING HYMN	“Joy to the World” UMH 246		
† 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.			
† LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE			
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.			
OFFERTORY PRAYER			
GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS			
OFFERTORY “Minuet on “The Holly and the Ivy” and “The Cherry Tree Carol” Alec Rowley			
† 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!		

<u>His JOY, Our Prayer, God’s Gift</u>		
<i>The Little Drummer Boy</i>		Handbells
<i>Let Us Be</i>		Choir
<i>Christ Has Come</i>		Choir
<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful (w/ O Holy Night)</i>	Steve Schneider/Marla Jenkins	
<i>Holy Is the Lord</i>	Craig Carodine/Choir	
<i>A Christmas Prayer</i>	Choir	
<i>Glory to God</i>	Karen Schumann/Marla Jenkins	
<i>Silent Night (w/ God Most High)***</i>	Congregation/Choir	
<i>Go, Tell it on the Mountain</i>	David Crouch/ Men’s Ensemble	
<i>A Gift for the King</i>	Men’s Ensemble	
<i>Give Your Heart This Christmas</i>	Choir	
Solos/Group: Eliana Willis, Twila Carodine, Wayne Scites, Mary Ann Smith, Laura Schmanke, David Crouch, Karen Schumann		
<i>Let Us Be (Reprise)</i>		Choir
***Please join in singing the verses of Silent Night.		
<i>Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin mother and child. holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, loves’ pure light, Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.</i>		
† BENEDICTION		
† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung by all) <i>As we go, may your Spirit go before us.</i> <i>As we go, may we follow where you lead.</i> <i>May we live what we have learned,</i> <i>share the message we have heard,</i> <i>and be a light unto the world as we go.</i>		
POSTLUDE “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” Arr. Barry Holben, Trans. Kevin O’Connell		
<u>HGUMC HANDBELLS</u>		
Kevin Beson	Barbara Bragg	Pam Cole
Cindy Dawson	Shirley Hilden	Burt McGee
Martha Meek	Cassie Robinson	
Mary Ann Smith		Tara Smith
<u>CHANCEL CHOIR</u>		
Craig Carodine*	Twila Carodine	David Crouch*
Gracie Crouch	Jeannie Harvey	Shirley Hilden
Wayne Scites*	Laura Schmanke	Steve Schneider*
Karen Schumann	Mary Ann Smith	Tara Smith
Candy Welch	Eliana Willis	
*Men’s Ensemble		
<u>MUSICIANS</u>		
Ed Dunning - Bass	Larry Janzen - Drums	
Robert Scites - Guitar	Steve Schneider - Organ	
Jonathan Willis, Piano	Curtis Zimmerman - Guitar	
Ron Bowman, Sound	Karen Schumann - Altar	
Matthew M. Smith - Pastor/Narrator		
Kelley Hawkins - Programs/Admin		
Marla C. Jenkins, Director		

Glory Sighting ~ 5 full boxes of toys collected for Toys for Tots		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 W.H Anderson Tyler Swafford, friend of Heather Douglas and family Bob, Glenn, and John Larkin Mike and Linda Kumke Jill McMurtrie Stan Carnegie
Remember ~ David Miller Beth Swanson Nancy Brown, sister-in-law of Grace Conn Christians in Nigeria Friends and Family of Johnnie Bone, after his passing Friends and Family of Linda Fry after her passing Ben Majors John and Ruby Walker Cody McCreary and Family The Robinson Family Rutger Hill and 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 Matthew McCullough Claudia Davis, friend of Wanda Lamb Marisha Pressley and Family Larry and Nancy Lindsey, neighbors of Donna Daniel. 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		Weekly needs ~ Loved ones in Armed Forces: Devon Bachus; Tim Bagwell; Johnnie Bone IV; Johnnie Bone III; Brandon Booher; John Boswell; Forrest Collier; Houston Curtis; Coleman Grider; Christian Haines; Gean Johnson; Trevor Liles Sam Nelson; Jonathan Perry; Dalton Phillips; Adam Stolz; Cole Temmen; Andy Tucker; Wesley Yeager
† Please, stand as you are able.		
Altar Flowers Given by Peggy Schmoll in honor of Sylvia McFerrin		



**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



**NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE ~ December 21, 2025**  
Traditional Service - Need volunteer  
Contemporary Service - Mary Ann Smith & Kim Carter

**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.



**ADVENT OFFERING** ~ During Advent season, you may wish to give a special gift to support ministries beyond our local church. This year you offering will support **Lunches of Love**. You may use the Advent Offering Envelopes, which may be found in the lobbies, or mark your check “Advent Offering”.



**HGUMC TWINKLE TRAIL** ~ Set up for our Twinkle Trail will be Saturday, **December 20th at 9 AM**. This year, trees will be set up on the church front lawn. If you are interested in decorating a tree in memory of someone, or if you are a group interested in sponsoring a tree, please Contact **Cassie Robinson at (256) 679-4393**. Trees are limited, so make sure to reserve yours soon!



**CHURCH PLAYGROUND CLEAN UP DAY** ~ All hands on deck! We’re hosting a Playground Clean-Up Day **December 20 at 9AM**, and we’d love your help. Join us as we work together to tidy, refresh, and prepare our playground for a safe and welcoming space for our children and families. Breakfast biscuits will be provided, so come a little early and enjoy a warm bite before we get started!



**CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM** ~ HGUMC Children’s and Youth Ministries will be performing “**Christmas in Bethlehem**” **December 14th at 4 PM in the gym**, with a reception immediately following.



**HGUMC OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** ~ You’re invited to join us for a festive Christmas Open House Dec. 18th 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 14, 2025**

**Christmas Cantata**

in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM  
(Most Sunday School Classes will not meet  
Please check with your teacher)

**Christmas in Bethlelehem**

In the Gym at 4 PM  
Performance by HGUMC Children’s and Youth Ministries.  
Reception immediately following.

**December 24, 2025**

**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.



**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.



**A CHANCE TO GROW, HEAL, AND BUILD FOR THE FUTURE** ~ Our Annual Conference has invited our church to participate in the Ministry Transformation Lab. It’s an opportunity for a small group within our church to develop healthy and effective new ministries. If you are not currently involved in a ministry or mission within the church, this could be an exciting way to re-imagine what our church can do.

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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  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Cantata



Traditional Worship  
December 14, 2025