

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (8:30)

### INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pause for silent confession.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God. Amen.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responses)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The minister continues*

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The minister continues*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The minister continues*

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*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.**

\*RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP (Gluten-free elements available)

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HAYES BARTON HIGHLIGHTS

### SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

Join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Feb 17th, from 5:00-6:30pm!  
All ages are welcome, and proceeds benefit our summer youth service trips.  
Sign up at [hbumc.org/signups](http://hbumc.org/signups).

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Worship with us at noon and 6:30pm, in the Sanctuary, as we begin our journey through Lent.

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

Our winter New Member Class begins February 22nd. Learn more at [hbumc.org/new](http://hbumc.org/new).

### RISE AGAINST HUNGER, FEBRUARY 28TH

Hayes Barton is once again partnering with Rise Against Hunger in the global movement to end hunger. Join us Feb 28th from 10am to noon as we package over 10,000 meals to support nutrition, education, and health for children and families facing hunger right now around the world.

Sign up at [hbumc.org/signups](http://hbumc.org/signups).

### LENT BOOK AND BIBLE STUDIES

Our Lenten studies begin February 25th. Find more details and sign up at [hbumc.org/signups](http://hbumc.org/signups) for our Ephesians Study, Lenten Yoga Series, or Power and Passion.

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### COMMISSIONER

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

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#### PRAYER LIST

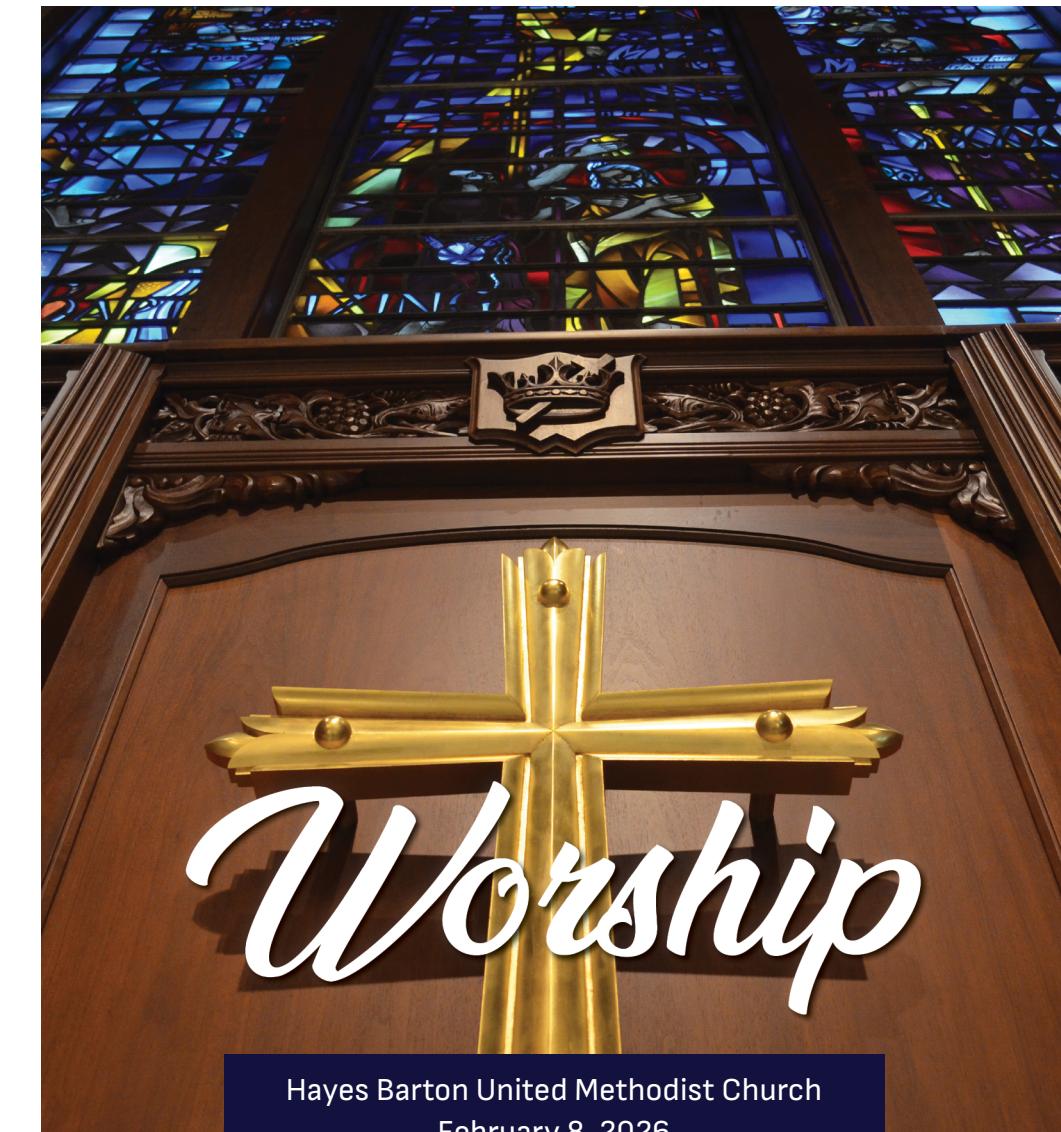
Zack Anstett  
Dorothy Ashworth  
Rick Clayton  
Bill Collins  
Jo Garrett  
Steve Gill  
Pat & Bud Gore  
Gilbert Hay  
Trish Holmes  
Jo Ann & Nevelle Jones  
Chuck Kavcsak  
the Mahan family  
Steve Motter  
Krystina Ortiz

#### ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Government Leaders  
Those Affected by  
Natural Disasters  
Our In-Crowd Members  
We pray for peace and the end of  
conflict around our world

#### OUR CHURCH LEADERS

Pastors David, Sarah,  
Matt, and Claire  
Our HBUMC Ministry Team  
District Superintendent  
Alan Felton  
Bishop Connie Shelton



Hayes Barton United Methodist Church  
February 8, 2026

## WELCOME TO HAYES BARTON

Our vision is

*To become fully alive as  
followers of Jesus Christ*

We seek to do this by

*Choosing Christ. Community.  
and Compassion*

If you would like to learn more about our congregation and ways to connect,  
please contact Amy Piland, at [apiland@hbumc.org](mailto:apiland@hbumc.org).

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

*In the story of the two sons, the older brother stands just outside the celebration.  
When we fail to forgive, it is often our own hearts that grow smaller.  
The question of forgiveness is whether we will stay outside or choose to step into joy.*

### WELCOME

PRELUDE *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. Shelton Ridge Love

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship the God whose mercy is wider than our understanding.  
**We come with faithful hearts and unresolved questions.**

God meets our brokenness with grace and invites us to share that grace with others.  
**We come seeking truth, mercy, and the courage to choose forgiveness.**

Come, let us worship the Lord!

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymn #400

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Merciful God, you are generous with grace and patient with our hearts. You know the faithfulness we offer, the wounds we carry, and the ways we wrestle with mercy.**

**Meet us where we are, speak to us through your Word, and give us the humility to hear your invitation. Grant us the courage to choose the way of forgiveness, even when it is costly, and the faith to trust that your joy is not diminished by grace.**  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Luke 15:11-24

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

#### \*SECOND LESSON

Luke 15: 25-32

Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound" Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

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#### SERMON

*#Fail: The Older Brother*

Pastor David

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*RESPONSE HYMN (11:00) *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* Hymn #390

Tune: MARTYRDOM

### CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

**Warren Andrew Pratt,**  
son of Austin & Emily Pratt

**Charlotte Lee McNamara,**  
daughter of Corey McNamara & Sarah Murray

### INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON (8:30)

*See back of the Order of Worship*

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

### PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

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#### OFFERTORY

*In My Father's House* Courtney/Martin  
Chamber Choir (8:30) Chancel Choir (11:00)

*In my Father's house, you will find a place In the warm embrace of an open door;  
In my Father's house, leave the past behind, come inside and find what you're longing for.*

In my Father's house, solace can be found, comfort will surround the bruised and broken;  
In my Father's house, children live in peace, war and hatred cease and love is spoken.

In my Father's house, pardoned from all sin, free from what has been, life can start again;  
In my Father's house, prodigals come home, no one walks alone, come and enter in.

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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 uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymn #94

## HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

*The liturgy for The Great Thanksgiving can be found on the back of the Order of Worship.*

## SENDING FORTH

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Hymn #140

#### \*BENEDICTION AND CHIMES

#### POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "Amazing Grace"*

J. Christopher Pardini

\*Stand as you are able. CCLI License # 2367044

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### USHERS (8:30)

Hunter Jones, Captain  
Ben Clifton III, David Hardy  
Chris Taft, Wes Vance, Andrew Tripp

### USHERS (11:00)

Greg Weaver, Captain  
Jeff Hendrick, Paul Holscher  
Robby Jessup, Michael McKnight  
Wayne Young

### ACOLYTES (8:30)

Frank & Walker Clifton

### CRUCIFER (11:00)

Cayleb Miller

### COMMUNION SERVERS (8:30)

Marcy Miller, Shelly Greer, Lynn Stellings

### THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God  
in memory of our mother,  
Mary Grady Burnette Koonce,  
by Mary Grady Bell and Battle Koonce  
and their families.

### MUSIC

Mike Trexler, Director of Creative Arts  
Stephen Aber, Organist