

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

JANUARY SERMON SERIES (JAN. 18 – FEB. 8)

#Fail: When Grace Meets Our Worst Moments. The Bible doesn't hide human failure. From Noah's collapse to Lot's wife looking back to the older brother's resentment, scripture tells the truth about where people get it wrong and what God does next. In this four week series #Fail we will explore some of the Bible's most uncomfortable stories and discover how grace shows up after the mistake, inside the regret, and beyond the moment that feels defining.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS BEGIN JANUARY 7

Join us Wednesday, as we kick off the Winter Wednesday Night Dinner season with **Norman Wirzba, Distinguished Professor of Theology at Duke University, for an evening themed Breaking Bread Together.** Professor Wirzba will reflect on how food and shared meals invite us into deeper relationship with God, one another, and all of creation, revealing food as a gift of love rather than a mere commodity. Dinner will be served from 5:00–6:30pm, with the presentation beginning at 6:30pm, and you are welcome to join us for the meal, bring your own, or come just for the talk. Meal registration is available at hbumc.org/signups, and we hope you will be part of this thoughtful and nourishing evening. Children's Choir for kids K–5th grade will take place from 5:30–6:00pm, and Children's Fun & Fellowship along with Nursery care (infants–4 years) will be offered concurrently with the presentation beginning at 6:30pm.

UMYF KICKOFF

The **UMYF (Youth Group) 2026 Winter Kickoff** is January 11th, from 5 to 7pm at the church. All 6th through 12th graders are welcome for dinner, s'mores, and stories around the campfire. Please bring a lawn chair, jacket or blanket (to stay warm!), and \$10 for dinner!

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COMMISSIONER

Scan the QR code to view Friday's newsletter.



PRAYER CONCERNS

To submit a confidential or shared prayer request to the clergy, please email prayer@hbumc.org.

DEATHS

Francis J. Taillefer,
father of Ashley Mahan

PRAYER LIST

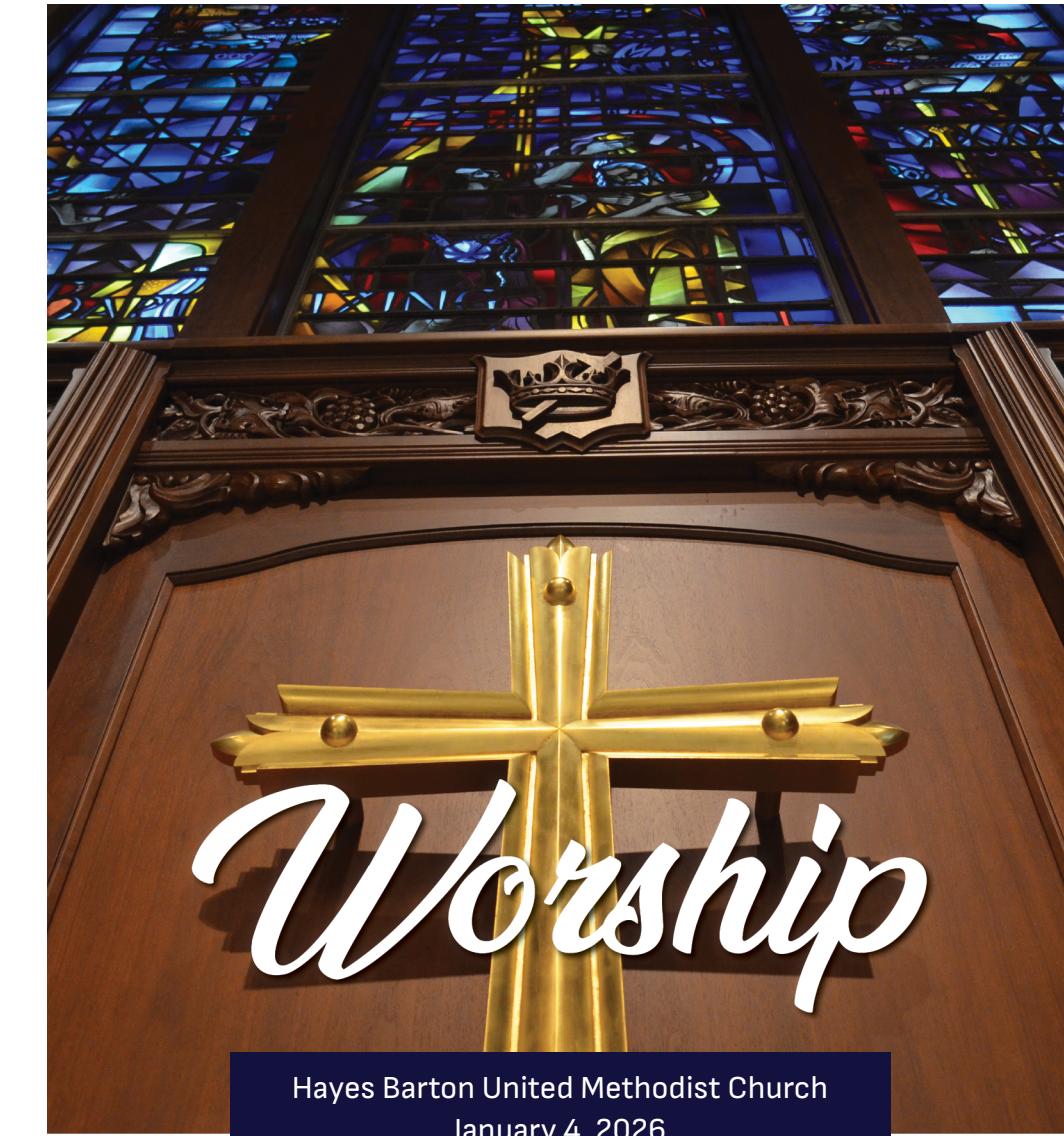
Zack Anstett
Dorothy Ashworth
Bill Collins
Steve Gill
Pat & Bud Gore
Gilbert Hay
Trish Holmes
Rozia H.
Jo Ann & Nevelle Jones
the Mahan family
Steve Motter

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERN

Our Government Leaders
Those Affected by
Natural Disasters
Our In-Crowd Members
Peace in Palestine, Israel,
Haiti, and Ukraine

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
January 4, 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.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

The magi's journey to Christ invites us to notice the holy moments – both large and small – when God's light still breaks into our lives today.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Magi come to behold;
all nations are drawn to the light of the world.**

We have seen the star in the east
and have come to worship the Christ-child.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness will not overcome it.**

Come, all who seek.
Come, all who wonder.
Come, all who long for joy.

Let us worship the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The First Noel

Hymn #245

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you revealed your Son to the nations by the light of a star.
Open our eyes to behold your glory, open our hearts to receive your joy,
and lead us by your Spirit in the way of Christ, that we may walk in your light
and bear your love to a waiting world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

SERMON

The Season of "Aha!"

Lindsey Jennings

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

See back of the Order of Worship

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please pass the attendance register. Visitors, please share your contact information.

To offer your tithes and offerings, visit hbumc.org/give
or mail checks to: HBUMC, 2209 Fairview Rd, Raleigh NC 27608

OFFERTORY

"There Shall a Star" from *Christus*
Chamber Choir (8:30) Chancel Choir (11:00)

F. Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a Sceptre from Israel rise up
and dash in pieces princes and nations.
How brightly beams the morning star! With sudden radiance from afar,
With light and comfort glowing! Thy Word, Jesus, only feeds us,
Rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

We Three Kings

Hymn #254

*BENEDICTION AND CHIMES

POSTLUDE

*Stand as you are able. CCLI License # 2367044

WORSHIP LEADERS

USHERS (8:30)

Charles Sawyer, Captain
Tom Hepler, John Lennon,
Rick Wathern, Brenda Willis, Sue Zaytoun

USHERS (11:00)

Frank Brown, Captain
Lars Bostrom, Tom Graves,
Henry Jones, Ben Thompson,
David Welsh

STEPHEN MINISTRY GREETERS

Becky Balentine, Rebecca Wilder,
Henry Campen

STEPHEN MINISTRY SCRIPTURE READERS

Diane Petteway, Joelyn Harrington

ACOLYTE (11:00)

Anna Catherine Barlow

COMMUNION SERVERS (8:30)

Rachel & Garrett Pedersen,
Shelly Greer

COMMUNION SERVERS (11:00)

Sherry Nelson & Andy Wright,
Carolyn Carruth, Rebecca Wilder,
Mary Ellen Jordan, Sally Bates

GREETER (11:00)

Leah Callaway

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in loving
memory of their parents, Jackie and Cale
Burgess, Jr., their brother, Cale Burgess III,
Metts Banner, and Duke Underwood by Meg
Byron, Jackie McLaurin, Betsy Way, Harriet
Banner, and Susan Burgess and their families.

MUSIC

Mike Trexler, Director of Creative Arts
Stephen Aber, Organist