



HAYESBARTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 26, 2026
8:30 & 11:00AM

Our vision is
*to become fully alive as
followers of Jesus Christ*

We seek to do this by
*choosing Christ, Community,
and Compassion*



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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

USHERS (8:30)

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

USHERS (11:00)

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

COMMUNION SERVERS (8:30)

Annette Cass, Shelly Greer,
Lynn Stellings

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Margaret Waddell
and Travis H. Tomlinson by their family

WELCOME

We're glad you're here! To learn more about Hayes Barton and getting involved, please contact Rev. Sarah Swandell (sswandell@hbumc.org).

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for worship. Nursery care is available. Ushers can assist you with seating and/or direct you to our nursery. If at any point you or your little one needs a break during the service, please feel free to step into our parlor, located in the hallway off the Stone Street entrance. The service will be streaming there, so you can continue to join us comfortably.

Restrooms and water fountains are available as you leave the sanctuary to your right, across the lobby and down the hall past the parlor, or to your left, through the double doors by the elevator, then on the right.

Want to receive emails from Hayes Barton about upcoming Bible studies, events and other offerings? Email Stephen Aber (saber@hbumc.org)

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

PASTORAL STAFF

David Beam..... Lead Pastor
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Matt Ashburn Pastor of Visitation
Claire Watson..... Pastor of Youth Ministry

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Meghan Watson Dir. Children's Ministries
Robert White Maintenance & Security
Brooks Wicker..... Controller

GATHERING AND PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

God Is Here

Hymn #660

We invite you to follow this unfamiliar tune in your hymnal as Stephen plays,
in preparation for the processional hymn.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name;
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises to the Divine;
tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in the holy name of our Creator;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord's strength; seek the Spirit's presence continually.
We will remember the wonderful works God has done.
Let us worship the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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*OPENING PRAYER

**God of humility,
Forgive us for those times we argue about who is the greatest.
Forgive us for wanting to be first, instead of wanting to be servant of all.
Thank you for emptying yourself and humbling yourself
even unto death on a cross.
Free us to be your servants, ready to empty ourselves,
for the sake of all your children.
Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Galatians 5:13-14, 22-25

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Kimberly Powers

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation
Chamber Choir

arr. Craig Courtney

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
Oh, what more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I cannot desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord!

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

SERMON

Rev. Ben Williams

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON (8:30)

**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.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

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Mason Jax Moody and Adalyn (Addie) Daire Moody

Children of Candace & Jeremy Moody

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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To offer your tithes and offerings, visit hbumc.org/give

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OFFERTORY

Let Me Listen
Chamber Choir

Dan Forrest

We come from different places, You and I,
on different paths we journey;
let me walk beside you for a while – let me listen.

So briefly do our lonely paths converge, Yours and mine,
along this human journey; what hollow loss to never hear your song – let me listen.

Let me listen as you tell your story:
Your triumphs and your tears, Your trials and your fears.
Your story never has been mine to tell – so let me listen.

And if a silence is your choice to keep,
then I will keep it with you; as long as we walk together,
You and I, I will listen.

Too long you've waited, too long, to share your journey, your song.

**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 (8:30)

*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.

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

Make Me a Captive, Lord

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*BENEDICTION AND CHIMES

POSTLUDE

*Stand as you are able. CCLI License # 2367044

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

PRAYER LIST

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Jennifer Wlodarski

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

DEATHS

William Joseph Erhart III,
father of John & Michael Erhart

OUR CHURCH LEADERS

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

HAYES BARTON HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME REV. BEN WILLIAMS

Our guest preacher this morning is the Rev. Ben Williams, President & CEO of Methodist Home for Children. Prior to this appointment, he served seven years as senior pastor at Christ United Methodist in Chapel Hill, 13 years at St. Mark's United Methodist in Raleigh, and three years as an associate pastor at Millbrook. Throughout his career, Ben has walked alongside families in their most challenging moments. He's created an afterschool program for under-served children and guided Backpack Buddies in eight schools, as well as inspired a campaign for people in recovery. He also served the UMC at the state and global levels as a conference delegate. Ben earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Wake Forest University and a Master of Divinity from Duke University. He lives in Raleigh with his wife, teenage son and daughter, and chocolate lab. Welcome, Ben!

SUMMER SEMINARY CONTINUES

Join us for a six-week series of standalone classes held during the 10:00am hour in the Fellowship Hall. Each week, a different pastor will offer an introduction to a seminary-style topic, including how pastors study Scripture and prepare sermons, the meaning behind our sacred spaces and stained glass windows, and more. No sign-up or preparation needed, just come as you are ready to learn and connect with others!

Today's Topic: *Pastoral Care*

MIDWEEK EXAMEN PRAYER GATHERING

Need a moment to pause, reflect, and connect with God in the middle of the week? Join Pastor Lindsey virtually on Wednesdays at noon during July and August for a guided Examen prayer gathering. There's nothing to read, bring, or study ahead of time. Simply log in and be guided through a gentle time of prayer and reflection. Each gathering will last approximately 15–30 minutes, making it easy to participate even on a busy day. **hbumc.org/signups**

UNEXPECTED FRIENDS, A NEW SERMON SERIES

Journey with us through the book of Ruth in a four-week sermon series, *Unexpected Friendships*, August 9–23. Together we'll wrestle with what it means to welcome the stranger.

Where have we experienced unexpected welcome?

How might we invite others into the hospitality God first showed us?

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