



HAYESBARTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 13, 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***

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

GREETERS (8:30)

Ellen & Bryan Safrit

GREETERS (11:00)

Miriam Lang

USHERS (8:30)

John Floyd, Captain
Ann Floyd

COMMUNION SERVERS (8:30)

Sherry Wathern, Sue Zaytoun,
Shelly Greer, Scott Gibson

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Rev. Kermit Braswell,
who presided over our wedding
ceremony exactly 40 years ago today,
by Anna & Fil Stidham

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.



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GATHERING AND PRAISE

Forgiveness is one of the hardest things Jesus ever asks us to do, yet Jesus teaches that the path to forgiving others begins with remembering how deeply we've been forgiven ourselves. It's a gift we receive and a gift we're called to share.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH FOCUS: SCATTERED TO SERVE

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**As far as the east is from the west,
God has removed our sins from us.**

God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our failures.

We have received a mercy beyond measure.

Forgiven and set free, we are called to forgive from the heart.

With grateful hearts, let us worship the God of mercy and grace.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Hymn #57

*OPENING PRAYER

**God of mercy, you have forgiven what we could never repay and set us free
from the debts of our past.**

**Yet we confess that we often keep count of old wounds, bitter words, and
wrongs we struggle to release.**

**Teach us to forgive from the heart. Loosen our grip on resentment, and
make us generous with the grace you have so freely given us.**

**May your mercy take root within us, until forgiveness becomes a way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 103:8–14

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

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

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Meghan Watson

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21–35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “**Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.**”

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’

“And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

“When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’

“And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

SERMON

Red Letter Christians: Forgiveness

Pastor David

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.

*RESPONSE HYMN (11:00) *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

Hymn #365

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

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

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

Mercy

Craig Courtney

Chamber Choir (8:30) Chancel Choir (11:00)

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.
In the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.

Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.
Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with Your pardon, purity.

Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In equal measure of Your love, You promise mercy
and tender compassion to the one who seeks Your face.

A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit
together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace.

Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight.
Of Your forgiveness, let me sing and in my singing take delight.

Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

*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 (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

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

#390

Alternate tune: LAND OF REST

*BENEDICTION AND CHIMES

POSTLUDE

*Please stand in heart or in posture.

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SERMON SERIES: RED LETTER CHRISTIANS

Red Letter Christians is an eight week journey through the teachings at the heart of Jesus' ministry. Each week, we'll explore one of the themes Jesus returned to most often: the Kingdom of God, discipleship, love and forgiveness, hope, money, prayer, service, and belonging. As we do, we'll discover that these teachings aren't just meant to be admired, but lived. Following Jesus is about more than believing the right things; it's about becoming the people Jesus calls us to be.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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Theresa & Dick Stevens
Victoria Sullivan
Susan Ward
Dave Welsh
Jennifer Wlodarski

DEATHS

Olivia Plowden Rose, mother of Ellen
Nespeca: September 5

Randolph White: September 10

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

HAYES BARTON HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Wednesday Nights at Hayes Barton begin with dinner and open gym from 5:00–6:30, with children's choirs from 5:30–6:00. The nursery opens at 6:15 for birth through age 4/TK, followed by programming for children, youth, and adults from 6:30–7:30 and Chancel Choir from 6:30–8:00.

Children must be signed in through Realm and dropped off in their classrooms. Dinner reservations and payment are required online in advance: hbumc.org/signups

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - SEPTEMBER 14

All women of the church are invited to join the UMW for their Fall Kickoff, September 14 at 5:30pm, for their social on the church patio and dinner at 6:00pm. Join Brigid Washington, a Trinidadian food writer who has covered a variety of topics, including Caribbean food and culture as it intersects with life in the United States.

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UNITED METHODIST MEN - SEPTEMBER 15

Join the United Methodist Men on Tuesday, September 15, for the kick-off meeting of the 2026–27 program year. Our speaker will be Brian Fork, CEO of Hurricanes Holdings, LLC, who will talk about all things hockey coming off the Hurricanes' Stanley Cup win. We'll have your favorite tailgate fare to complement the occasion. Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends, neighbors, and family. hbumc.org/signups

SCATTERED TO SERVE - SEPTEMBER 19

Join us for our quarterly **Scattered to Serve** event on **Saturday, September 19, 9:00am** to 12:00pm to enjoy breakfast, hear from NeighborHealth CEO Daniel Lipparelli, pray together, and pack food backpacks for our neighbors.

All ages are welcome; please register: hbumc.org/signups

NEIGHBORHEALTH BACKPACKS

As part of Scattered to Serve, **we're collecting food donations by Wednesday, September 16** as well as financial contributions. Help live out Christ's presence by supporting our community's food needs throughout the year. hbumc.org/signups

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