



**Prayer Requests**

Prayer requests and updates may be submitted to the office via phone, emailing [office@hapevilleumc.com](mailto:office@hapevilleumc.com), or by leaving a message at 404-762-9677.

**Friends and Family**

- Susan Adams**
- Linda Poole**
- Libby Mauldin**
- Curt Baulos**  
Brother of Ellen Free; has multiple medical concerns
- Natalie Baulos**  
Niece of Ellen Free
- Nikki Bazzett**  
Kidney transplant
- Mary Benton**  
Betty Morgan's Sister
- Virgie Cannon**
- Ed and Aiden Christian**  
Family members of John Christian
- Don and Carol Cobb**  
Friends and neighbors of Poole family
- Joy Culver**  
Friend of Shirley Seabolt
- Stewart Daniel**  
Friend of Connie Robertson/Cheryl Kelley
- Tommy Everett Sr.**  
Cancer
- Mark Glozier**  
Health issues
- Rita Gray**  
Recovering from COVID
- Carol Hunt**  
Knee Surgery and Cancer Treatment
- Denise Kelley**  
Undergoing Cancer Treatment
- Rick Kelley**  
Health Issues
- Robert Landrum**
- Dolores Lenox**  
Russ Lenox's mom
- Patricia Lindsey**  
Wife of Ronnie Lindsey  
Please send cards to  
3305 Northside Drive Hapeville, GA 30354
- Rebecca Johnson**  
Health Issues
- Wesley Durden**
- Cheryl and Leslie Short**  
Various cancer issues.
- Callie Short Rollins**  
Cancer
- Robbie Hunt**  
Covid Pneumonia
- Claudia McGinnis**  
Back Surgery
- Rob Hope**  
Covid Pneumonia

**Jim and Carolyn Martin**

- Friends of Allen and Linda Poole
- Rhonda Edwards Neal**  
Health Issues
- Christy Pressley**  
Niece of Betty Morgan
- Haley Radford**  
Wife of Betty Morgan's Nephew
- Grady Robertson**  
Health Issues
- Perry Stephens**  
Medical issues
- Martha Robertson**  
Undergoing cancer treatment
- Judy & Susan Christian**
- Larry Winner**  
Recovering from Bicycle Accident
- Lee Farmer**  
Home Hospice
- April Albert**  
Dialysis
- Angel & Michelle Harper**  
Covid
- Alan Hallman**  
Covid
- Janice Keeter**  
Hip Surgery Rehab

**Grieving Loss**

We offer Christian sympathy for these families and friends in the passing of their loved ones

**Family & Friends of**

- Sarah Dowdy**
- Rodney Kelley**
- Jessica Buchanan DiPirro**
- Barbara Long**
- Cody Nixon**
- Melinda Pabst**
- Chuck Panzarella**
- Kay Wagner**
- Jackie Weldon**
- Andrew Patrick Henry**
- Sharon Grindle**
- Gerald Lenox**
- Stith Short**
- Perry Stephens**

**Assisted Care Residents**

- Charlene Barrentine**
- Betty Barnett**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Choir rehearsals are on hold for the holidays and will resume when Rosie returns after winter break (soon, praise be).
- It's always a good time to join in our Adult Sunday School Class on Sundays at 9:45am! Come and be fed (spiritually)! **Sunday School is temporarily suspended during the Omicron surge.**
- Christmastide is over! We're going to take January to recharge and have intentional sabbath rest as a congregation. The only thing we have on the calendar are some baseline committee meetings. Let's take God's commandment for rest seriously this month!



**Welcome to Hapeville First UMC!** We are so excited that you have chosen to be with us today in our community worship to set our agenda of worship in the world for the rest of the week. We've saved a place for you in our community here.

There's a place whatever your New Year's Resolution might be or if you have no New Year's resolution and don't buy into all of that. That's cool, too. There's a place for you here if you're looking forward to everything that 2022 has to offer to the world, or if you are worried about what fresh hellscape this year might bring. Your Pastor is a little bit of both of those things. There's a place for you whatever your good luck foods for the New Year might be, whether it's pork, collards, black eyed peas, cornbread, sauerkraut, grapes, pomegranate, fish, or something else. There's a place for you here if you never had any New Year food traditions and the whole practice sounds strange to you (that was your Pastor until he met his Midwestern wife). There's a place for you no matter who you are cheering for in the National Championship, even if it's Alabama, I guess. There's a place for you here if you'll be watching HGTV or reading a book during the bowl games. There's a place for you here because God told us to make a place for you, no matter who you are, as God created you to be and as you are. **Welcome.**

**Our policy requires** that everyone wear a mask indoors to prevent breakthrough cases of COVID-19, and especially to protect the most vulnerable among us.

Hapeville First  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

**January 9, 2022**

**11:00am**



**Church Information**

Pastor: Rev. Chris Rapko  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING IN PRAISE

Gathering Music Brett Reichert

Welcome Rev. Chris Rapko

\*Call To Worship Rev. Chris Rapko

Leader: We are marked as God's beloved ones.  
**People: What have we done to deserve God's love.**

Leader: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

**People: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,**

Leader: God's love never vanishes from us.  
**People: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, AMEN.**

\* How Firm A Foundation UMH 529

## HEARING THE WORD

\*Gospel Lesson Brett Reichert

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon: "Close Your Mouth." Rev. Chris Rapko

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*An Affirmation of Faith of The United Church of Canada UMH 883

Down To The River To Pray Brett Reichert

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Rapko

Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer**

Welcome! You will find instructions in this rubric for our worship! Think of it as a running commentary.

\*Means "Please stand in body or in spirit."

Generally, if it's in boldface, it means you are supposed to read it aloud. This is called a "Responsive Reading."

Our leader will prompt you to respond. Watch their hands.

As John Wesley would say, "Sing lustily," whether you can carry a tune or not.

We are back on lectionary for the foreseeable future!

After we hear the Word proclaimed in our lesson and Sermon, we respond its proclamation by affirming our faith, through prayer, and by meditating upon it through music.

Our gifts and tithes are one way that we respond to God's Word proclaimed.

The Doxology literally means a "word of praise/glory," where we thank God, the source of our blessings.

Thank you for being with us today! Have a Blessed Week!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 Rev. Chris Rapko

\*Doxology UMH 95

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

\*Wash, O God, Our Sons And UMH 605

Daughters

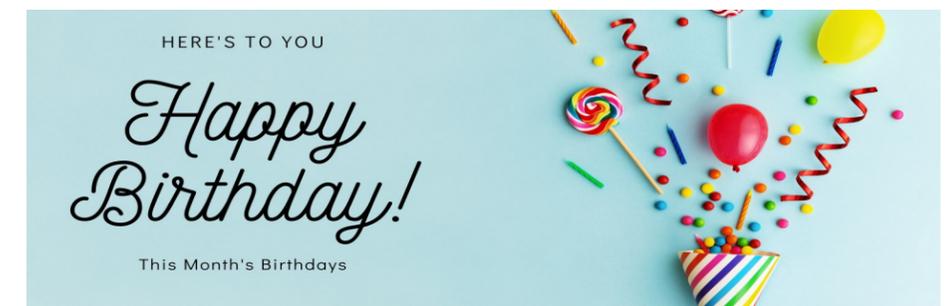
\*Benediction Rev. Chris Rapko

# Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

15 The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. 16 John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out."

21 When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God...  
**People: Thanks be to God.**



Jones, Terri (Barrett) 1/5

Keeter, Janice 1/10

Hallman, Bebe 1/13