

## Order of Worship

(\*Please stand as able)

### Gathering

Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Invocation  
 Hymn of Preparation “Joy to the World” #246  
 Opening Prayer (unison)

**O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.**

The Children’s Message  
 Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
 Pastoral 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.*

Prayer for Illumination  
**Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read, and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Hymn Sing  
 Scripture Reading John 15:1-8  
 Homily  
 Wesley Covenant Service see insert  
 Communion

Offering  
 Doxology  
 Closing Hymn “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” #251

\*Closing Benediction  
 And now, glory be to you, O God the Father.  
 (Touch your forehead—symbolic of your willingness to look to God as leader.)

**All: From this day forward, we shall look upon You as our God.**

Glory be to you, O God the Son.  
 (Touch your chest—symbolic of the work He has done at the center of your being.)

**All: Who has loved us and washed us from our sins in your own blood, and now is our Savior and Redeemer.**

Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit.  
 (Touch your left shoulder, then your right—symbolic of the Spirit surrounding you.)

**All: Who by Your almighty power has turned our hearts from sin to God.**

O mighty God, the Lord all-powerful, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you have now become our Covenant Friend.

**All: And we, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servants. So be it. And let the covenant we have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Breakthrough Prayer  
 Heavenly Father, help us to **see** as you would have us see, to **be as** you would have us be, and **love** as you love. Empower me to build your kingdom today. Amen

\*Choral Response  
**“O How He Loves You and Me” All**  
*Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me.  
 He gave His life, what more could He give?  
 Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;  
 Oh, how He loves you and me.*

\*Postlude

**Worship Helpers: January 1**  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Billy/Joyce Rhodes, Jane Williams, Barbara Fryer  
**Screens:** Jason Brugman  
**Offering Counters:** Kim Schorr & Tom Tortone  
**Children’s Church:** Cindy Williams & Chessie Folan  
**Communion Helper:** Stan Best  
**Worship Helpers: January 8**  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Linda Calhoun, Greg Moyer, Ed Hughes & Don Brewer  
**Screens:** Kathy Moyer  
**Offering Counters:** Kim Schorr & Kathy Moyer  
**Children’s Church:** Chessie Folan & Jennifer Tortone

*Thank You!*

**Our Church Staff:**  
 Administrative Assistant: **Susan Coard, office@hickoryumc.org**  
 Director of Music: **Karen Nemeth, karen.nemeth@verizon.net**  
 Accompanist: **Glenda Brown, glendabrown5@gmail.com**  
 Contemporary Worship Leader: **David Springstead (757) 284-1801**  
 Director of Youth Ministries: **Jason Brugman, jasou9@gmail.com or 540-840-1423**  
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**Chessie Folan (757) 778-0168**  
 Nursery Worker: **Katie Moyer**  
 Sexton: **Michael Colbert (757) 410-9369**  
 Custodians: **Kim Higgerson & Kathy Heath**  
 Maintenance: **Steve Jennings**

**Hickory Family:**  
 Robin Gronemus  
 Grace McKee  
 Claude Mayer  
 Doris Carawan  
 Harry Faircloth  
 Carolyn Harrell  
 Ida Winter  
 Heather Parsons  
 Nancy Taliaferro  
 Bill Reed  
 Jennifer Foster  
 Dave McCullough

**Non-Church Members:**  
 Dolores Childers & Family  
 Jeremiah James  
 Alyssa King  
 Chip McKean  
 Jennifer Smith  
 Terri Poole  
 Victor Ledo  
 Brodie Bricker  
 Jaci Eybers  
 Noah Corlette  
 Margaret Pugh  
 Clo Old  
 Jessica Walker  
 Art Zanta  
 Tylor Giovannone  
 Mary Carawan  
 Donnie James  
 Danny Sterling  
 Linda Tedesco  
 Mary Ellen & Nick Newlin  
 Kathy Boatright & Family  
 Donn Irby  
 John Szyszko  
 Jonathan Reed  
 Robert Ward  
 Mary Ann Flora  
 Brian Cucrowitz  
 Amy Massey  
 Joseph DiNardo  
 Ann Stoudenmire  
 Pete Ewell  
 Billy Sullo  
 Sue Coleman  
 Ellen Prather  
 Gwen King  
 Diane Desmond & Family  
 Delna Antaki  
 Cathy Hester  
 Jessica McGhee

### Prayer Requests

Lindsey Kennedy  
 Stephanie Stahler  
 Nancy Albright  
 Carl Hanbury  
 Don & Patti Bishop  
 Mary Daughtrey  
 Cindy Holland  
 Gary Everton  
 Valerie Claus  
 Joyce Stukey  
 Herb & Amy Fisher  
 Lois Thomas  
 Andy Barnard  
  
 Michele Gilmore  
 Zoey Foster  
 Jeff Stamper  
 Elizabeth McKean  
 Dave Barton  
 Jenna Perez-Hutto’s granddaughter  
 Margie Cannata—Elaine Hutto’s aunt  
 Karen Barber  
 Billy Carey  
 Herbie Lewis  
 Mary Love Walston  
 Bob Camper  
 Joyce - Joan Walton’s mother  
 Susan Buryn Cooke  
 Tracy Krismanich  
 Chris Grant  
 Beverly Ward  
 Antoinette Barnes  
 Carolee Jackson Bondurant  
 Beelek Family  
 Dennis Fletcher  
 Tom “Butch” Foster-Alan Foster’s uncle  
 Patricia Hannan  
 Ruth Sims  
 Tori Bates  
 David Stuart  
 Donna Barham  
 Bobby Lockett  
 Mark Dunlap—Virginia Dunlap’s husband  
 Rob Kennedy  
 Lori Cutchins  
 Karen Noblett  
 Sarah Buckland  
 Maggie Boone  
 Michael McGann  
 Allen Toll  
 Brooke Williams  
 Russell Heath—Rusty Heath’s father  
 Brandon Miller—Hutto’s grandson



Prayer Request or Comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Print in church media			
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**This Week at Hickory**

Daily Prayer @ 8 am via Facebook live (Monday-Friday)

**Sunday, January 1 – Happy New Year**

- 9 am Traditional Worship
- 4:30 pm Youth
- 5 pm The Hickory
- 6 pm Sunday Supper—New Year food

**Tuesday, January 3**

- 6:15 pm Basketball
- 7 pm Men’s Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 4**

- CAST
- 7:00 pm Disciple I-NT—Zoom Class

**Thursday, January 5**

- CAST
- 7 pm Disciple IV

**Friday, January 6**

- CAST
- Saturday, January 7

**Sunday, January 8**

- CAST
- 9 am Traditional Worship
- 3 pm Choir
- 4:30 pm Youth
- 5 pm The Hickory
- 6 pm Sunday Supper

**Youth:** 4:30-6:30 pm, Sundays. Contact Jason Brugman ([jasou9@gmail.com](mailto:jasou9@gmail.com) or 540-840-1423) if you have any questions, ideas, or you would like to help!

**Choir:** New voices are always welcome! For more info., contact Karen Nemeth.

**Upcoming:**  
Jan. 4-11th, **HUMC Cast Week**  
**Pecans are on sale.** \$11 halves.



**Report of Stewardship for December 25, 2022**

Weekly Budget	\$	8,765.26
Offering	\$	5,789.66
Received to Date	\$	367,550.64
Youth Fundraiser	\$	1,135.00

Considering online giving! By setting up reoccurring giving, you can guarantee that your gift gets to the church whether you can come or not! It helps us plan for the future and continue to be generous in our mission to the community!

**Online Giving link:** <https://hickoryumc.breezechms.com/give/online>. Our church cost is 3% of each transaction. Please consider covering that cost in your giving. Thank You!

Welcome to Hickory United Methodist Church! We are so thankful that you chose to worship with us this morning! We would love to connect with you through the week! Please fill out the connection card attached and place in the offering plate so we can follow up with you.

**Volunteers Needed:**

**Offering Counters:** Additional counters are needed. Please contact Kim Schorr for more information (757-525-6134).



**Greeters/Ushers:** If you would like to help, please call or email the church office (757-421-2778/office@hickoryumc.org). Thank You!

**Monthly Calendars** with birthdays available in the Welcome Center.

**Offering Envelopes:** If you have envelopes numbered 31 or 59, please notify the church office. Thank You!



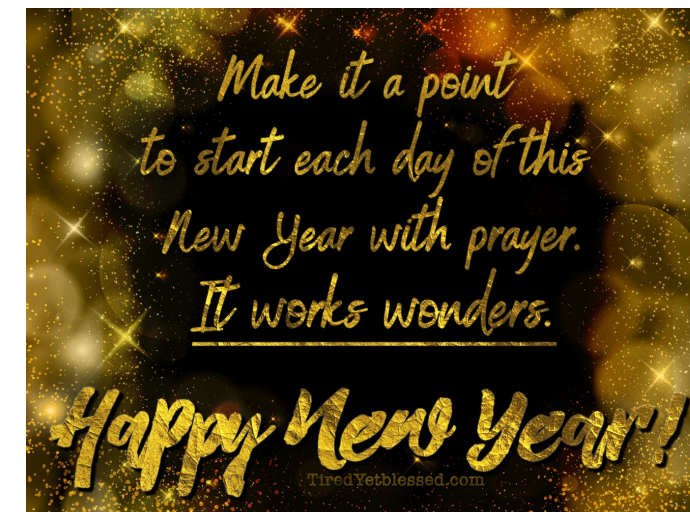
**Fellowship Time:** We want to provide more time to enjoy one another. Would you be willing to provide a snack before/after morning service? We suggest bringing between 40-60 items/servings to share. Please have them at church by 8:30 the morning you sign up for. You can sign up through the link in the weekly email.

**CAST:** Hickory will host the Chesapeake Area Shelter Team January 4th-11th. Lots of volunteers are needed. Sign up sheets are in the Welcome Center.



**HUM Men’s Breakfast** will be held on February 4, 2023, at 7:30 am. If you have any questions, please contact Joe King or Greg Moyer.

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*Hickory United Methodist*

*“The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The vision Hickory United Methodist Church has received is to build God’s Kingdom today, through connection, growth and service.”*

**January 1, 2023**

Traditional Worship Service: 9:00 am  
Contemporary Worship Service: 5:00 pm

**January 1, 2023**

Connection Card (Please place in the offering plate.)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a weekly e-mail update

Check all that apply:

- First Time Visitor
- Returning Guest
- Regular Attendee
- Interested in Joining
- Member
- I would like a visit from the Pastor.

How did you hear about us?

- Website/Facebook
- Friend
- Advertisement
- Other