

# Order of Worship

(\*Please stand as able)

## Gathering

Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Introduction to Laity Sunday Michele Sutton  
 Invocation  
 Call to Worship Michele Sutton

We are called to hold tight to words that bring life.

**We know God is speaking good news through scripture, song, and neighbors, both known and new to us.**

We listen for grace at work in everything, for good, for life.

**We know wise words serve Love's purpose.**

In all we say and do, we are learning what it means to be faithful – as those called “to serve and witness in deeds and words that heal and free.”

**We thank God for the good news of Jesus' love and healing words of life.**

Song of Praise & Worship “How Great Is Our God”

The Children's Message

Prayers of the People

**Pastor:** Savior, God, and Friend – help us speak grace into the lives of those you love.

*Lay leader:* Savior, help us listen and bear witness to your good news for all.

*People:* God, we trust your script brings life.

*Lay leader:* God, help us remember the words to your salvation song.

*People:* We know you are calling us to something beautiful and new.

*Lay leader:* Friend of the forgotten and lonely, help our deeds and words to heal and help.

*People:* God, help us draw near to this broken world through your church.

*Lay leader:* Jesus, speak the word, and we will echo your call.

*People:* God, draw us together in your love for life.

**Pastor:** Savior, God, and Friend, we are your people. Help us remember that your faithful love is greater than our best words that speak of it.

**All: Amen.**

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.*

“He Who Began a Good Work in You”

Offering  
 Offertory “I've Got Joy” Lila Colon  
 Doxology

## Hearing of the Word

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-9  
 Sermon “Rejoicing Always” Rev. Sarah Locke

## Response to the Word

Hymn “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

### \*Blessing and Benediction

**Leader:** Go into the world, sharing healthy words that bring life, always bearing witness to Love's pattern of patience, mercy, and saving grace.

**Pastor:** May God Our Savior – Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit of Life – be with you today and every day.

**Amen.**

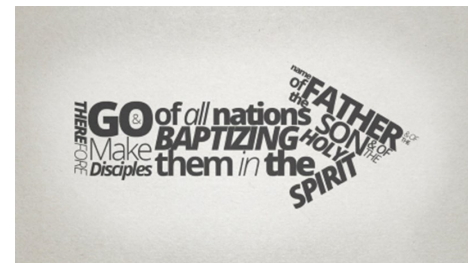
Breakthrough Prayer

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

\*Postlude



### Our Church Staff:

Administrative Assistant: **Susan Coard**, office@hickoryumc.org  
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 Maintenance: **Steve Jennings**

## Prayer Requests

**Hickory Family:** Bruce Mathews  
 Conor Clapsaddle & Crew of the USCGC Munro  
 Teresa Mizell's mom & family Darla Lawson's Mom  
 Catherine Munden JoAnn Green  
 Ed Brakob Don James  
 Ruth Brayman Robin Gronemus  
 Grace McKee Claude Mayer  
 Carl Hanbury Don & Patti Bishop  
 Harry Faircloth Mary Daughtrey  
 Carolyn Harrell Gary Everton  
 Heather Parsons Valerie Claus  
 Herb & Amy Fisher Jennifer Foster  
 Andy Barnard Dave McCullough

**Hickory Extended Family:** Ray Ives  
 Heather Martin Donna Hill, Alanna Mayer's aunt  
 Sherry Cox Fred Serode  
 John Curry Courtney Bass  
 Shannon Jones Patricia Mulcair  
 Henry Storm Bernard Kocsis  
 Oscar Szczepanski Dianne Kendall, Alanna Mayer's mom  
 Leeyah Jackson Brenda Brayman  
 Beth Casey Shirley Gryder  
 Debra Culpepper Amie Gerloff  
 Chelsea Musick William Becknell  
 Alan Johnson Kelly Christunas  
 Brooke Edwards Pam Winkler-Godwin  
 Brandon Miller Earl Waddell, Sr.  
 Michele Gilmore Jeremiah James  
 Zoey Foster Alyssa King  
 Chip McKean Elizabeth McKean  
 Terri Poole Margie Cannata—Elaine Hutto's aunt  
 Jaci Eybers Herbie Lewis  
 Noah Corlette Mary Love Walston  
 Margaret Pugh Joyce - Joan Walton's mother  
 Clo Old Tracy Krismanich  
 Tylor Giovannone Donnie James  
 Chris Grant Mary Ellen & Nick Newlin  
 Carolee Jackson Bondurant Dennis Fletcher  
 Kathy Boatright & Family Tom "Butch" Foster-Alan Foster's uncle  
 Donn Irby Patricia Hannan  
 John Szyszko Tori Bates  
 Jonathan Reed Amy Massey  
 Donna Barham Joseph DiNardo  
 Bobby Lockett Lori Cutchins  
 Pete Ewell Sarah Buckland  
 Billy Sullo Russell Heath—Rusty Heath's father  
 Delna Antaki



For every .42 donated we can feed one hungry child! Consider giving and we will pack meals on November 18th with our partners at Hickory Elementary school. Our goal is a minimum of 10,000 meals for hungry children! Give online or in the plate and mark your envelope or memo line with "Rise Against Hunger".

Prayer Request or Comments:  Do Not Print in church media

**This Week at Hickory**

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

**Sunday, October 15**

- 9 am Traditional Worship
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11 am Worship
- 2 pm Staff Parish Committee Meeting in Walston Room
- 3 pm Choir
- 4:30 pm Youth Group
- 5 pm The Hickory
- 6 pm Sunday Supper—Oktoberfest

**Tuesday, October 17**

- 6:15 pm Pick-up Basketball
- 7 pm Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, October 18**

- 7 pm Alpha

**Thursday, October 19**

- 5 pm Girl Scouts
- 7 pm Cub Scouts
- 7 pm Volleyball

**Saturday, October 21**

- 1-3 pm NLI Meeting

**Sunday, October 22**

- 9 am Traditional Worship
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11 am Worship
- 3 pm Choir
- 4:30 pm Youth Group
- 5 pm The Hickory
- 6 pm Sunday Supper—Soup & Bread Night

**Upcoming Events:**

**TODAY**, at 2 pm, Staff Parish Committee Meeting in the Walston Room

**Discover the Magic of Old Salem this Christmas.** This Christmas join us for a trip to Old Salem (Winston Salem), North Carolina, home to the Moravian Church. December 8th-9th. Cost: \$90 for transportation and tickets. We will only be able to take 11 folks on this trip so the deadline to sign up is October 22nd. For questions or more information contact Pastor Sarah or Vicki Bradner-Wilson. Sign up here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfC2uPupKqNL3pw0qyT4h5CLktNP4E5xDTFV5YzP13t-QL-IA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfC2uPupKqNL3pw0qyT4h5CLktNP4E5xDTFV5YzP13t-QL-IA/viewform?usp=sf_link)



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**Report of Stewardship for October 8, 2023**

Weekly Budget	\$ 8,780.00
Offering	\$ 9,339.78
Received to Date	\$ 299,163.78
Average Weekly Giving	\$ 7,850.00

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: Children's Church**  
Have you ever wondered if you felt called to experience Children's Church! If you would like to check it out without a commitment, just contact Chessie Folan (757-778-0168).

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



Alpha is based on meeting together for food, talks, and discussion for those curious about Christianity, new and long time Christians alike. Every Wed. at 7 pm, we'll gather for drinks and desserts, a talk in the

form of a video addressing an important question about Life or Christianity, and open discussion where the only correct answer is whatever you'd like to share. Come join us as we explore topics about Life, Jesus, and Faith, no previous experience necessary! Give it a try and bring a friend!



**Kids Undie Sunday—October 22!**  
We are collecting new underwear and bottoms for kids at Hickory Elementary School. Sizes needed Kids 6-8.



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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.

**October 15, 2023**

11:00 am

Morning Worship Services: 9 am & 11 am

Modern Worship Service: 5:00 pm

Sunday Supper: 6 pm

**October 15, 2023 @ 11 am**

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