

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.

Hymn “How Great Thou Art” #77

Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version” #881

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”

Hearing of the Word

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

Response to the Word

Offering
 Offertory “I've Got Joy” Choir
 Doxology
 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

Worship Helpers: October 15

Greeters/Ushers: Margaret Norfleet, Don Brewer, Greg Moyer & Mike Colbert

Screens: Jason Yoast

Offering Counters: Linda Calhoun & Susan McKee

Children's Church: Chessie Folan

Worship Helpers: October 22

Greeters/Ushers: Greg & Kathy Moyer and Joe & Kathryn King

Screens: Jason Brugman & Dylan Manning

Offering Counters: Celia White & Kim Schorr

Children's Church: Cindy Williams & Jennifer Tortone

Our Church Staff:

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

Director of Music: **Karen Nemeth**, karen.nemeth@verizon.net

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Director of Children's Ministry: **Chessie Folan (757) 778-0168**

Nursery Worker: **Katie Moyer**

Sexton: **Michael Colbert (757) 410-9369**

Custodians: **Kim Higgerson & Kathy Heath**

Maintenance: **Steve Jennings**

Prayer Requests

Hickory Family:

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

Hickory Extended Family:

Ray Ives
Donna Hill, Alanna Mayer's aunt
Fred Serode
Courtney Bass
Patricia Mulcair
Bernard Kocsis
Dianne Kendall, Alanna Mayer's mom
Brenda Brayman
Shirley Gryder
Amie Gerloff
William Becknell
Kelly Christunas
Pam Winkler-Godwin
Earl Waddell, Sr.
Jeremiah James
Alyssa King
Elizabeth McKean
Margie Cannata—Elaine Hutto's aunt
Billy Carey
Herbie Lewis
Mary Love Walston
Joyce - Joan Walton's mother
Tracy Krismanich
Donnie James
Mary Ellen & Nick Newlin
Dennis Fletcher
Tom “Butch” Foster-Alan Foster's uncle
Patricia Hannan
Tori Bates
Amy Massey
Joseph DiNardo
Lori Cutchins
Sarah Buckland
Russell Heath—Rusty Heath's father



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



Scan me to support the mission and ministry of Hickory United Methodist Church. Or go to <https://hickoryumc.breezechms.com/give/online>

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

9:00 am

Morning Worship Services: 9 am & 11 am

Modern Worship Service: 5:00 pm

Sunday Supper: 6 pm

October 15, 2023 @ 9 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