

Order of Worship

(*Please stand as able)

Gathering

Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements
 Invocation
 Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

Reader 1: In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3)

Reader 2: In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, "Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come" (Mark 13:35).

Congregation: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom all around us.

Reader 1: We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God's activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. 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.

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" No. 204

Hearing of the Word

Scripture Reading Revelation 21:1-5; Matthew 1:18-23
 Sermon "Sounds of the Seasons: A Shocking Hope" Rev. Sarah Locke

Response to the Word

Invitation/Confession
 Passing of the Peace
 Offering
 Offertory "With Open Hearts We Are Waiting" Choir
 Doxology
 The Great Thanksgiving
 Giving of the Bread and Cup
 Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" No. 402
 *Benediction

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: December 3

Greeters/Ushers: Margaret Norfleet, Don Brewer, Cheryl & Olivia Cooper

Screens: Jason Brugman & Dylan Manning

Communion Helper: Cheryl Best

Offering Counters: Celia White & Kim Schorr

Children's Church: Stephanie Davis & Chessie Folan


Worship Helpers: December 10

Greeters/Ushers: Jason & Marci Strosnider, Mike Colbert & Tyler Murphy

Screens: Kathy Moyer

Offering Counters: Michele Sutton & Greg Moyer

Children's Church: Jennifer Tortone & Chessie Folan

 **Poinsettia Order Forms** are in your bulletin and also in the Welcome Center. **Order forms must be turned in by December 7th! Thank You!**

Be an Angel, to an Angel in need.

Thank you for helping another child feel the warmth and love of Christmas! **All gifts are due back to Church by Friday, December 8th.**



Our Church Staff:

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 Sexton: **Michael Colbert** (757) 410-9369
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 Maintenance: **Steve Jennings**

Prayer Requests

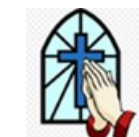
Hickory Family:

Charles Vertigan
 Conor Clapsaddle & Crew of the USCGC Munro
 Teresa Mizell's mom & family
 Catherine Munden
 Ed Brakob
 Ruth Brayman
 Grace McKee
 Carl Hanbury
 Harry Faircloth
 Carolyn Harrell
 Heather Parsons
 Herb & Amy Fisher
 Andy Barnard

Hickory Extended Family:

Ginger Hoyos, Tim Mizell's sister
 Jack Gayle
 Peggy & Earl Waddell, Sr.
 Chris Walker
 Heather Martin
 Sherry Cox
 John Curry
 Shannon Jones
 Oscar Szczepanski
 Leeyah Jackson
 Beth Casey
 Debra Culpepper
 Chelsea Musick
 Alan Johnson
 Brooke Edwards
 Brandon Miller
 Jeremiah James
 Chip McKean
 Terri Poole
 Jaci Eybers
 Noah Corlette
 Margaret Pugh
 Tylor Giovannone
 Chris Grant
 Carolee Jackson Bondurant
 Kathy Boatright & Family
 Donn Irby
 John Szyszko
 Jonathan Reed
 Donna Barham
 Bobby Lockett
 Pete Ewell
 Billy Sullo
 Delna Antaki

Lorie Wilson
 Bruce Mathews
 Darla Lawson's Mom
 JoAnn Green
 Don James
 Robin Gronemus
 Claude Mayer
 Don & Patti Bishop
 Mary Daughtrey
 Gary Everton
 Valerie Claus
 Jennifer Foster
 Dave McCullough
 Becky Eagleson—Marty Hutto's daughter
 James & John Hodges
 Alan Perry, Janet Manning's stepdad
 Mary Cardwell
 Ray Ives
 Donna Hill, Alanna Mayer's aunt
 Fred Serode
 Courtney Bass
 Patricia Mulcair
 Dianne Kendall, Alanna Mayer's mom
 Brenda Brayman
 Shirley Gryder
 Amie Gerloff
 William Becknell
 Kelly Christunas
 Pam Winkler-Godwin
 Michele Gilmore
 Zoey Foster
 Elizabeth McKean
 Margie Cannata—Elaine Hutto's aunt
 Billy Carey
 Herbie Lewis
 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



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This Week at Hickory

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

Sunday, December 3

- 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—Family Heritage Night

Monday, December 4

- 7 pm HUMC Charge Conference & Administrative Council Mtg.

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

- 7 pm Alpha

Thursday, December 7

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

Friday, December 8

- 8 am Meet at church for Winston Salem Trip

Saturday, December 9

- 8 am—2 pm Fellowship Center Reserved
- 10 am—2 pm Chrysalis Meeting in Sanctuary
- 2—9 pm Fellowship Center Reserved

Sunday, December 10

- 9 am Traditional Worship
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11 am Worship
- 3 pm Choir
- 3 pm God's Kids Event
- 4:30 pm Youth Group
- 5 pm The Hickory
- 6 pm Sunday Supper—Breakfast for Dinner

Upcoming Events:

Charge Conference—Mon., Dec. 4th, 7 pm

Daily Advent Devotional by Pastor Sarah

For Advent, join pastor Sarah on YouTube for a daily dose of Scripture paired with real life! As we prepare for Christmas - use these devotionals to prepare your spirit for the coming of Christ! Check your email, Facebook or Instagram for the daily 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 November 26, 2023

Weekly Budget	\$ 8,780.00
Offering	\$ 11,192.49
Received to Date	\$ 356,979.71

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 or 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).

Christmas Cantata: Save the Date!
Sunday, December 17th @ 10:30 AM
Unified Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
Followed by Baked Potato Bar by our Youth to raise money for their 2024 mission trip

Love Offering: We all think of Christmas as a time of giving to those we love and feel blessed that they are a part of our lives. It's a wonderful opportunity to show Pastor Sarah how much we love her and her family by giving a love offering during this Christmas season. There will be baskets on the organ and in the vestibule for a love offering for the next 4 Sundays. If you want to write a check, please write it to Sarah Locke. You may also give online: Venmo (@Sarah-Locke-0602) or Paypal (svduma@gmail.com). We hope that you will prayerfully consider giving her a token of your love.

Merry Christmas
YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE!
Longest Night Service
Thursday, Dec 21st @ 7 pm
SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO NEED A LITTLE MORE LIGHT IN THIS SEASON
Christmas Eve
Morning Online Worship - available on YouTube, Facebook, and in your email inbox
Candlelight Christmas Eve Services @ 7 pm & 11 pm

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First Sunday of Advent

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.

December 3, 2023

9:00 am

Morning Worship Services: 9 am & 11 am

Modern Worship Service: 5:00 pm

Sunday Supper: 6 pm

December 3, 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