

Order of Worship

(*Please stand as able)

Gathering

- Prelude
- Welcome & Announcements
- Invocation
- Hymn of Preparation "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234
- Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Congregation

Let us pray:
Gracious God, you chose Bethlehem for Jesus to be born. Not some large grand city like many expected the Messiah to come from, but in a small town out in the stable of an inn. Through the Bethlehem story we know your peace is a comfort, even if we don't always understand what you have planned. Be with us, that we can spread your peace to those around us. Amen.

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

- 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.

Hymn "Through It All" #507
 Anthem "We Wait for Thee" Choir

Hearing of the Word

Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Page 1) #431
 Scripture Reading Genesis 16:1-16; Matthew 9:35-38; Psalm 119:153-160
 Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Page 2) #431
 Sermon "Adonai El Roi—The God Who Sees" Rev. Sarah Locke

Response to the Word

Offering
 Doxology
 Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #206

*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
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: December 4

Greeters/Ushers: Greg & Kathy Moyer and Billy & Joyce Rhodes
Screens: Jason Brugman
Offering Counters: Michele Sutton & Susan McKee
Children's Church: Stephanie Davis & Jennifer Tortone
Communion Helper: Cheryl Best

Worship Helpers: December 11

Greeters/Ushers: Kim Schorr, Mike Colbert, Steve & Marj Barnes
Screens: Kathy Moyer
Offering Counters: Celia White & Kim Schorr
Children's Church: Alice James & Chessie Folan

Thank You!



Colonia Williamsburg Day Trip, Dec. 6th, 9:00 am-5:30 pm.

Suggested donation \$10 to help with van rental. Come tour Williamsburg to see the Christmas decorations, shop, have lunch and fellowship. Contact Vicki Bradner Wilson (vbradner@cox.net) for more information.



If you have not returned your Angel Tree gifts and stockings, please do so today. We can still get them to their destination in time if received today. Thank you to all for your generosity!



Our Church Staff:

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

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
 Frohwitter Family
 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

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
 Richard Kendall
 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: Do Not Print in church media

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This Week at Hickory

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

Sunday, December 4– Second Sunday of Advent

- 9 am Traditional Worship—Worship in person & online
- 10:15 am Prayer for Our Future
- 10:15-11:00 am Sunday School
- 10:15 Cookie Exchange
- 10:45 am Good & Beautiful You Small Group
- 3 pm Choir Practice
- 4:30 pm Youth Group
- 5 pm The Hickory
- 6 pm Sunday Supper—Chopped Night
- 6:30 pm Confirmation Interest Meeting

Monday, December 5

7 pm NLI Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

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

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 pm Disciple I-NT—Zoom Class

Thursday, December 8

- 7 pm Volleyball
- 7 pm Cub Scouts
- 7 pm Disciple IV

Sunday, December 11– Third Sunday of Advent

- 10:30 am Christmas Cantata
- 11:30 am Cantata Lunch—Youth Fundraiser
- 5 pm The Hickory
- 6 pm Sunday Supper—Asian Night

Youth: 4:30-6:30 pm, Sundays. Contact Jason Brugman (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:
Tues., Dec. 6th, 9 am-5:30 pm, **Colonial Williamsburg Day Trip**.
Jan. 4-11th, **HUMC Cast Week**

Pecans are on sale. \$11 halves or pieces. \$13 chocolate covered.

Report of Stewardship for November 27, 2022

Weekly Budget	\$ 8,765.26
Offering	\$ 5,419.00
Received to Date	\$ 335,138.35
Average Weekly Giving	\$ 7,552.00

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!



Desperately seeking students. Do you find yourself getting home too early on Sundays? Not time for lunch yet? No football games on. Want to fill in that gap with something meaningful? I have just the solution for you and you can impress Laurie with your step count for the day as you make your way to the second floor Walston classroom to join us fellow Misfits! Just like the famous WWII Black Sheep squadron, we’re an amalgamation of those adults who just couldn’t fit in elsewhere but yet are yearning for a better understanding of God’s grace. We share personal experiences and tie them in with thought-provoking explorations of the intricacies of the Bible. If you’re not “hungry for more” as you leave, you’ll at least be even more ready for lunch. So come on and join us. There are no quizzes or tests and I don’t check homework. Class starting time is dependent on when the service is over and how many sea stories I have to share with Marty but trust me, you’ll get your money’s worth. What have you got to lose?

Cookie Exchange: TODAY, after 9 am service.



Christmas Cantata: December 11th, 10:30 am.

Lunch to follow. This meal is a Youth Fund-raiser for their summer mission trip. Cost is by donation. (Suggested donation-\$8 per person/\$5 per child).

Poinsettias: Order forms are in your bulletin. We need 50 plants to make our Poinsettia tree. Please help us make our Sanctuary even more beautiful for Christmas. You may place your order forms in the container in the Welcome Center. Thank you!

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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.”

December 4, 2022

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

December 4, 2022

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