

Order of Worship

(*Please stand as able)

Gathering

Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements
 Invocation
 Hymn of Preparation “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #240
 Christmas Affirmation

**We believe in God,
 the creator and giver of life,
 who brought all creation to birth,
 who mothers us and fathers us,
 protecting, nurturing,
 and cherishing us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ:
 God born among us as a fragile baby,
 embodying both love and the need for love,
 and calling us to rest in God
 as trustingly as a tiny child.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 breathed into us at our birth,
 always drawing us on to be born again,
 encouraging, exhorting, comforting,
 nourishing our growth
 and inspiring our living.**

**We believe in the reconciliation
 of the world to God, through Christ.
 Hunted at birth
 and humiliated at death,
 Christ entered our fearful darkness
 so that we might enter his glorious light
 and share the life of his resurrection.**

**And we believe that each new child
 is a glimpse of the face of God,
 a sign of the life to come,
 and a call to live in peace
 and celebrate living together.
 Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.
 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 .

Lessons & Carols

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| Lesson #1 | Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 |
| Lesson #2 | Genesis 22:15-18 |
| Carol | “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Vs 1, 2) #211 |
| Lesson #3 | Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 |
| Carol | “Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming” (vs 1 & 2) #216 |
| Lesson #4 | Micah 5:2-5a |
| Carol | “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs 1 & 2) #230 |
| Lesson #5 | Luke 1:26-35, 38 |
| Special Music | “Mary, Did You Know?” Miyah Speller |
| Lesson #6 | Luke 2:1-7 |

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| Special Music | “O Holy Night” | Olivia Cooper |
| Lesson #7 | | Luke 2:8-16 |
| Carol | “In the Bleak Midwinter” (vs 1 & 4) | #221 |
| Carol | “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” | #229 |
| Lesson #8 | | Matthew 2:1-11 |
| Carol | “We Three Kings” (v 1) | #254 |

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| Lesson #9 | | John 1:1-14 |
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Offering

Doxology

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| Closing Hymn | “Joy to the World” (vs1-4) | #246 |
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*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

Love Offering: This is the season when we at Hickory are given the opportunity to express our love and appreciation to Pastor Sarah and her family. God has given us a wonderful pastor who selflessly leads our folks and shares her many gifts with us. For the next few weeks, we want to take this opportunity to bless Sarah and her family with a Love Offering. Baskets are on the organ and in the narthex if you feel led to give. If you prefer to write a check, please make it to Sarah Locke.

Worship Helpers: December 25

Greeters/Ushers: Bob & Mary Minch & Barbara & Chuck Fryer

Screens: Jason Brugman

Offering Counters: Alan Foster & Cheryl Cooper

Children's Church: Cindy Williams & Chessie Folan

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

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**

Director of Children's Ministry: **Cindy Williams (757) 373-4835**

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:

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

Lindsey Kennedy
 Stephanie Stahler
 Nancy Albright
 Carl Hanbury
 Don & Patti Bishop
 Mary Daughtrey
 Cindy Holland
 Gary Everton
 Valerie Claus
 Joyce Stuke
 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



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| 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, December 25– Merry Christmas

10:30 am Traditional Worship

Tuesday, December 27

6:15 pm Basketball

Wednesday, December 28

7:00 pm Disciple I-NT—Zoom Class

Thursday, December 29

7 pm Volleyball

7 pm Disciple IV

Sunday, January 1 – Happy New Year

9 am Traditional Worship

5 pm The Hickory

6 pm Sunday Supper—New Year food

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:

Jan. 4-11th, **HUMC Cast Week**

Pecans are on sale. \$11 halves.



Report of Stewardship for December 18, 2022

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| Weekly Budget | \$ | 8,765.26 |
| Offering | \$ | 8,576.79 |
| Received to Date | \$ | 361,760.98 |
| Youth Fundraiser | \$ | 1,135.00 |
| Average Weekly Giving | \$ | 7,294.00 |

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.”

December 25, 2022

Traditional Worship Service: 10:30 am

December 25, 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