

## Order of Worship

(\*Please stand as able)

### Gathering

Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Invocation  
 Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211

**Reader 1:** In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1).

**Reader 2:** We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

**Congregation:** We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

**Reader 1:** We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

The Children's Message

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

Offering  
 Offertory "What a Beautiful Name" Olivia Cooper  
 Doxology

### Hearing of the Word

Scripture Reading John 1:19-23  
 Sermon "Sounds of the Seasons: #4 Wham! Last Christmas" Rev. Sarah Locke

### Response to the Word

Hymn "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" No. 521

\*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



**DISCIPLE:** A sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center for Disciple Fast Track Old Testament Bible Study starting January 10<sup>th</sup>, on Wednesday nights, 7-8:30 pm, at Hickory UMC. The study will last 13 weeks with a New Testament study planned in the Fall. Disciple is a great survey of the Bible for those who would like to know more about God's Word. Please sign-up, so we can order the correct number of books. (If you cannot meet on Wednesday nights or have questions, please call Stan Best at 757-358-5521 to discuss any concerns.)

*Merry  
Christmas*

#### Our Church Staff:

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 Sexton: **Michael Colbert (757) 410-9369**  
 Custodians: **Kim Higgerson & Kathy Heath**  
 Maintenance: **Steve Jennings**

### Prayer Requests

<b>Hickory Family:</b>	Marvin Powers
Charles Vertigan	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
<b>Hickory Extended Family:</b>	Amy Hurst
Danny Pallister	Becky Eagleson—Marty Hutto's daughter
Ginger Hoyos, Tim Mizell's sister	James & John Hodges
Jack Gayle	Alan Perry, Janet Manning's stepdad
Peggy Waddell	Mary Cardwell
Chris Walker	Ray Ives
Heather Martin	Donna Hill, Alanna Mayer's aunt
Sherry Cox	Fred Serode
John Curry	Courtney Bass
Shannon Jones	Patricia Mulcair
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	Michele Gilmore
Jeremiah James	Zoey Foster
Chip McKean	Elizabeth McKean
Terri Poole	Margie Cannata—Elaine Hutto's aunt
Jaci Eybers	Billy Carey
Noah Corlette	Herbie Lewis
Margaret Pugh	Joyce - Joan Walton's mother
Tylor Giovannone	Tracy Krismanich
Chris Grant	Donnie James
Carolee Jackson Bondurant	Mary Ellen & Nick Newlin
Kathy Boatright & Family	Dennis Fletcher
Donn Irby	Tom "Butch" Foster-Alan Foster's uncle
John Szyszko	Patricia Hannan
Jonathan Reed	Tori Bates
Donna Barham	Amy Massey
Bobby Lockett	Joseph DiNardo
Pete Ewell	Lori Cutchins
Billy Sullo	Sarah Buckland
Delna Antaki	Russell Heath—Rusty Heath's father



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 10**

- 9 am Traditional Worship
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11 am Worship
- 2:30 pm Choir
- 3 pm God’s Kids Event
- 4:30 pm Youth Group
- 5 pm The Hickory
- 6 pm Sunday Supper—Breakfast for Dinner

**Tuesday, December 12**

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

**Wednesday, December 13**

- 7 pm Alpha

**Thursday, December 14**

- 3 pm Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 7 pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Center

**Friday, December 15**

- 6 pm Fellowship Center Reserved—Choir Cantata setup

**Saturday, December 16**

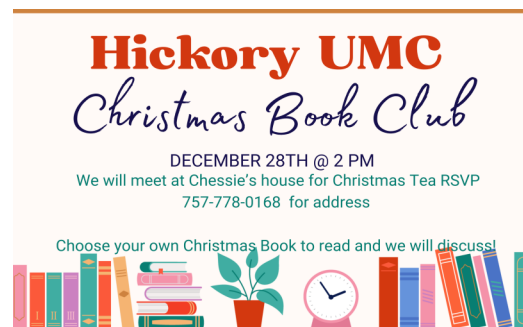
- 9 am GNF Basket Assembly
- 9 am Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 10 am—2 pm Chrysalis Meeting in Fellowship Center

**Sunday, December 17**

- 10:30 am Choir Christmas Cantata followed by Youth Baked Potato Fundraiser
- 5 pm The Hickory
- 6 pm Sunday Supper—Asian Food

**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 December 3, 2023**

Weekly Budget	\$ 8,780.00
Offering	\$ 11,462.07
Received to Date	\$ 368,441.78

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).



**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.



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**Second 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 10, 2023**

11:00 am

Morning Worship Services: 9 am & 11 am

Modern Worship Service: 5:00 pm

Sunday Supper: 6 pm

**December 10, 2023 @ 11 am**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a weekly e-mail update

Connection Card (Please place in the offering plate.)

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