

## 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

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

### Response to the Word

Offering  
 Offertory Ben Glosser—Saxophone  
 Doxology

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

### 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

### Worship Helpers: December 17

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

**Screens:** Jason Yoast

**Offering Counters:**

**Children's Church:** Alice James & Cindy Williams



**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:

Administrative Assistant: **Susan Coard**, [office@hickoryumc.org](mailto:office@hickoryumc.org)  
 Director of Music: **Karen Nemeth**, [karen.nemeth@verizon.net](mailto:karen.nemeth@verizon.net)  
 Accompanist: **Glenda Brown**, [glendabrown5@gmail.com](mailto:glendabrown5@gmail.com)  
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 Director of Youth Ministries: **Jason Brugman**, [jasou9@gmail.com](mailto:jasou9@gmail.com) or **540-840-1423**  
 Director of Children's Ministry: **Chessie Folan (757) 778-0168**  
 Nursery Worker: **Katie Moyer**  
 Sexton: **Michael Colbert (757) 410-9369**  
 Custodians: **Kim Higginson & Kathy Heath**  
 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:

Danny Pallister  
 Ginger Hoyos, Tim Mizell's sister  
 Jack Gayle  
 Peggy Waddell  
 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

#### Marvin Powers

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  
 Amy Hurst  
 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



Prayer Request or Comments:  Do Not Print in church media

**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**

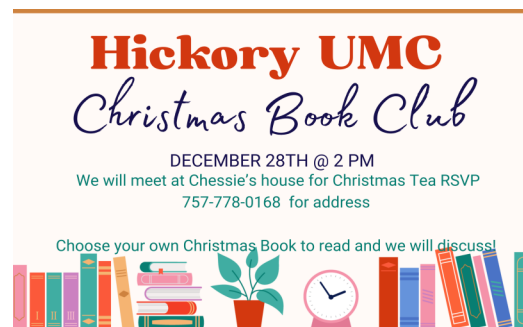
- 9 am GNF Basket Assembly
- 9 am Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 10 am—2 pm Chrysalis Meeting in Fellowship Center

**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**

9:00 am

Morning Worship Services: 9 am & 11 am

Modern Worship Service: 5:00 pm

Sunday Supper: 6 pm

**December 10, 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