

Order of Worship

(*Please stand as able)

Gathering

Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements
 Invocation
 Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234
 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.

The Thrill of Hope
 Arranged by Stan Pethel

Hope

Lighting of the Hope Candle
Response: We light a candle for hope. May it light the way.

"The Thrill of Hope"

Love

Lighting of the Love Candle
Response: We light a candle for love. May it light the way.

"A Gift of Love"

Peace

Lighting of the Peace Candle
Response: We light a candle for peace. May it light the way.

"A Prayer for Peace"

Joy

Lighting of the Joy Candle
Response: We light a candle for joy. May it light the way.

"A Song of Joy"

Response to the Word

Offering
 Offertory "Gesu Bambino" Miyah Speller
 Doxology
 Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238

*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 Leaders

Narrator-Tyler Murphy
Flute-Sally Joo
Cello-James Heyer
Keyboard-Glenda Brown
Choir Members
 Charles Busby
 Lila Colin
 Jessica Glosser
 Ruth Gometz
 Lynn Hughes
 Sarah Locke
 Bruce Matthews
 Debbie Quidley
 Miyah Speller
 Celia White
Violin-Thomas Sunderland
Piano-Mary Letson
Percussion- Ethan Cagle
 Andrew Cravens
 Jennifer Foster
 Ben Glosser
 Laurie Gris
 Mike Kirby
 Ann Matthews
 Doug Parsons
 Stephanie Ruester
 Susan Vitale
 Pat Wright

Worship Helpers: December 17

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

Screens: Jason Yoast

Offering Counters: Alan Foster & Cheryl Cooper

Children's Church: Alice James & Cindy Williams

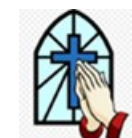


Our Church Staff:

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 Nursery Worker: **Katie Moyer**
 Sexton: **Michael Colbert** (757) 410-9369
 Custodians: **Kim Higginson & Kathy Heath**
 Maintenance: **Steve Jennings**

Prayer Requests

Hickory Family:
 Alice Jarman
 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:
 Christie Newman Wright
 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
 Betty Smith
 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 17

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

Tuesday, December 19

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

Thursday, December 21

- 7 pm Volleyball

Sunday, December 24

- Morning Worship Online Only
- 7 pm Candlelight Service
- 11 pm Candlelight Service

Upcoming Events:

- Men’s Breakfast & Fellowship—3rd Saturday of the Month—January 20th—8 am—Fellowship Center
- CAST—February 7-14



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 10, 2023

Weekly Budget	\$ 8,780.00
Offering	\$ 10,506.46
Received to Date	\$ 378,948.24

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.



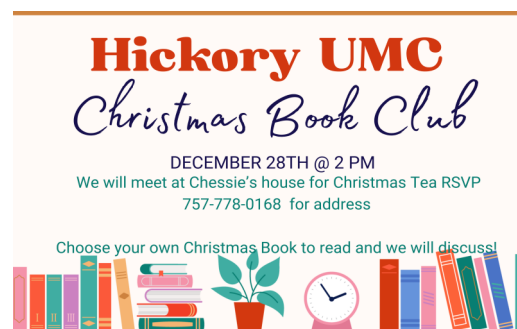
Volunteers Needed: Children’s Church
Have you ever wondered or felt called to experience Children’s Church! If you would like to check it out without a commitment, just contact Chessie Folan (757-778-0168).

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.

DISCIPLE: A sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center for Disciple Fast Track Old Testament Bible Study starting January 10th, 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.)

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!



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Third 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 17, 2023

10:30 am

Morning Worship Services: 9 am & 11 am

Modern Worship Service: 5:00 pm

Sunday Supper: 6 pm

December 17, 2023 @ 10:30 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