



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
December 5, 2021

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021**

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Pastor: O come, O come, Immanuel,

People: And be light for our darkness.

Pastor: Be comfort in our grief,

Pastor: Be a friend for our loneliness,

People: An oasis for our searching.

Pastor: O come, O come, Immanuel,

**People: Restore our joy, heal our wounds,
and bring us peace.**

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Dot Lawson &
Margie Gordy

INVOCATION

HYMN

Angela from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE



OFFERATORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 10:1-17

- ¹ A wise child makes a glad father,
but a foolish child is a mother's grief.
- ² Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit,
but righteousness delivers from death.
- ³ The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry,
but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.
- ⁴ A slack hand causes poverty,
but the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- ⁵ A child who gathers in summer is prudent,
but a child who sleeps in harvest brings shame.
- ⁶ Blessings are on the head of the righteous,
but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- ⁷ The memory of the righteous is a blessing,
but the name of the wicked will rot.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Continued)

- ⁸ The wise of heart will heed commandments,
but a babbling fool will come to ruin.
- ⁹ Whoever walks in integrity walks securely,
but whoever follows perverse ways will be found out.
- ¹⁰ Whoever winks the eye causes trouble,
but the one who rebukes boldly makes peace.
- ¹¹ The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,
but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- ¹² Hatred stirs up strife,
but love covers all offenses.
- ¹³ On the lips of one who has understanding wisdom is
found, but a rod is for the back of one who lacks sense.
- ¹⁴ The wise lay up knowledge,
but the babbling of a fool brings ruin near.
- ¹⁵ The wealth of the rich is their fortress;
the poverty of the poor is their ruin.
- ¹⁶ The wage of the righteous leads to life,
the gain of the wicked to sin.
- ¹⁷ Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life,
but one who rejects a rebuke goes astray.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION²

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3:1-4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

CALL: The Word of God for the People of God.

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

“The coming of the Lord”

Pastor Craig

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12-15

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE



PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

Janet Bottoms

Friend to Margie Gordy

Joy Brunk

Sister-in-law to Ron Fulp

David Clayton

Nephew to Billy Gordy

Louise Coley

Tim Greer

Brother to Sandy Stomean

Betsey Harper

Cousin to Becky Montgomery

Rick Lane

Husband of Janice Lane

Scott Lane

Son of Janice Lane

Janice Lane

May need surgery

Tori Lane

Granddaughter to Janice Lane

Wanda Lingle

Cancer Treatments

Alan Martin

Friend of Harold Kincaid

Johnny Ogburn

Brother to Sara Overton

Naomi Robertson

Cousin to Lawson Family

Richard Thomas

Cousin to Lawson Family

Debbie Weeden

Daughter-in-law to Becky Weeden

Christian Willard and Family

Nancy Wimpish

Cousins to Lawson Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Council, Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Women meet Thursday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School resumes, January 2, 2022, 10-11:00 a.m.

Christmas Card Post Office is open this year. There will be a bag in the vestibule for your cards. The cards will be distributed the week before Christmas.

1. Dr. Derek C. Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries, Discipleship Ministries of the UMC.
2. <https://prayerist.com/prayer/illuminationumc.html>

WELCOME FROM HICKORY RIDGE

We've been waiting for you! We believe that every person who comes into this special fellowship is sent by God, himself. Above all else, we want to express Christ's love for you with genuine, heartfelt warmth. We are eager to know you, and we are excited to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church and in our lives. It will not take long to discover that this is truly a family, rich in the relationships that matter most. Our hearts, our doors, and our minds are open. If you have been thinking, praying, searching for a place to belong, we say to you, "Welcome home!"

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

At Hickory Ridge United Methodist Church, our purpose is to communicate God's Word through evangelism, to provide fellowship and community to believers, to educate God's people through discipleship, to demonstrate God's love through service, and to celebrate God's presence in worship.

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