



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
December 26, 2021

**First Sunday after Christmas
December 26, 2021**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father,
eternal light.

Lord, we praise you!

Jesus, King of glory, sun of justice, son of the virgin Mary.

Lord, we praise you!

Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, everlasting Lord,
Prince of Peace.

Lord, we praise you!

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, our help and our refuge.

Lord, we praise you!

Jesus, God of peace, friend of all, source of life
and of holiness.

Lord, we praise you!

Jesus, brother of the poor, goodness without measure,
unending wisdom.

Lord, we praise you!

Jesus, good shepherd, true light, our way and our life.

Lord, we praise you! Amen.

HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

The First Noel

UMH 245



PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S 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

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!**



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

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE "The Anthem of Christ" Pastor Craig

HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH 431

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

A stylized text graphic where the word "Peace" is written in a large, elegant serif font. Below it, the words "On Earth" are written in a smaller, similar serif font, with the "O" in "On" overlapping the "e" in "Peace".

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

Janet Bottoms

Friend to Margie Gordy

Joy Brunk

Sister-in-law to Billy Gordy

Michelle Barker

Friend to Dianne Raynor

Louise Cole

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

Evelyn Smith

Aunt to Dianne Raynor

Richard Thomas

Cousin to Lawson Family

Debbie Weeden

Daughter-in-law to Becky Weeden

Christian Willard and Family

Nancy Wimpish

Cousins to Lawson Family

Mark Winfree

Friend to Keith White

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we will be singing selected Christmas hymns and Pastor Craig will share a message on the meaning of Christmas.

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

The **Friday Night Fundraiser** will be January 7 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The PPRC will meet at the Yadkin Valley District Office on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The office is located on the grounds of the Crossnore School/Methodist Children's Home, 1031 Reynolda Road, Winston Salem, NC 27104.

1. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, p. 468.
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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