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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
November 27, 2022

**First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Heavenly Father,

we rejoice that we can come into Your house today  
and worship You with those who love You, too.

Thank You for inspiring and leading Your people  
to establish Your house here in this place.

We pray that all who worship here might experience Your  
love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

We pray for Your people all the world over, and we pray that  
they might prosper along with us as we serve You and others.

May everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior  
find and experience peace with God, others, and themselves.

Through Your only begotten Son, we pray, "Our Father. . ."

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE      Doug and Diane Raynor

\*HYMN              *Angels from the Realms of Glory*              UMH 220

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

Lord of all times,  
we come into your presence asking your forgiveness.  
We have failed to live as people of the present.  
We have wasted our moments, wanting the future now,  
seeing our dreams as the answer to today's problems.  
Rather than seeing your blessing in each day,  
we have looked backward to glory days  
that seem glorious only in their passing.  
**Open our eyes to our mission at hand.**  
**Open our ears to your message to us today,**  
**that we might share in bringing the good news**  
**of your salvation to the world.**  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*All offer prayers of confession in silence.*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>3</sup>

Christ has paid the price for your sin because he sought your presence in the house of God. When we confess our sin, we no longer have to fear the throne of judgment. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

## 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

*Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given to a designated mission. The mission for this month is Christmas gifts for children and families in need. Please contribute if you feel led.*

## OFFERATORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

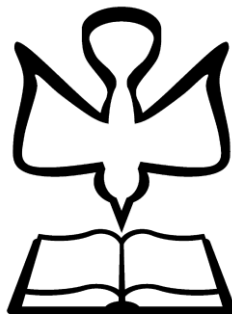
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>4</sup>

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.



<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**



**Holy Bible**

MESSAGE                    “The Light of the Lord”                    Pastor Craig

\*HYMN                    *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*                    UMH 211

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE



1. Written by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr. (© 2007), and posted on A Psalm and a Prayer. <https://www.ouosu.com/APsalmandAPrayer/psalm122.htm>. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/10/call-to-worship-and-prayer-psalm-122.html>.
2. Kitty Cooper Holtzclaw, *The Abingdon Women’s Preaching Annual, Series 2, Year A*, Compiled and edited by Lenora Tubbs Tisdale (Abingdon, 2001), 17.
3. Ibid.
4. <https://prayerist.com/prayer/illuminationumc.html>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Iris Bennett Sister-in-law to Kay Huneycutt

Lori Ann Bowen Friend to Keith White

Melissa Brown Daughter of Maria Rogers

Joy Brunk Sister to Billy Gordy

David Conrad Cousin to Harold Kincaid

Delinda Dunlap-Ryan Friend to Emily Kincaid

Walt Frye Cousin to Pat Bennett

James Gentry Friend to Martha Collins

Cathy Hrestak Cousin to Joe Bennett

Roger Jones Friend to Margie Gordy

Rick Lane Husband to Janice Lane

Scott Lane Son to Janice Lane

Janice Lane

Wanda Lingle Cancer Treatments

David Linville Friend to Harold Kincaid

Kathy Long Daughter to Clara Long

Freddie Masencup Friend to Sara Overton

Tappy McMillan Sister-in-law to Sara Overton

Donna Sims Friend to Margie Gordy

Jordan Stomean Granddaughter to Sandy Stomean

Richard Thomas Cousin to Lawson Family

Gail Tuttle Sister to Billy Gordy

Christian Willard and Family

## Shut-ins

Ron Fulp, 705 Meadowlark Drive, Apt. B, King, NC 27021

Betty Martin, Mallard Ridge, 9420 N NC Hwy 150, Clemmons 27012

Judy Scudder, Bradford Village, 602 Piney Grove Rd, Kernersville 27284

Barbara White, 1294 Priddy Road, King, NC 27021

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Administrative Council** will meet Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 pm.

**United Women of Faith (previously UMW)** will meet Friday, December 9 at 3:00 pm. Please bring finger food to share with everyone.

The **Christmas Card Post Office** will be open again this year until December 11. Please send cards to those who usually attend church to the Church post office and they will be delivered December 18.

## 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.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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Office Hours: Tue. & Thur. 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Clara Long, Pianist/Organist