



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
December 4, 2022

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022**

PRELUDE

OPENING RESPONSE¹

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.
It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

**Its light reminds us of Jesus, the light of the world.
In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.
Live as children of light.

**If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin,**

We are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness.

**Jesus said, "Everyone who believes in me
Should not remain in the darkness."**

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Keith & Martha

*HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



2nd SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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!**



- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live^[a] while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
- ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.



Holy Bible

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 TEXT

Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.



SCRIPTURE TEXT (Continued)

- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
- ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

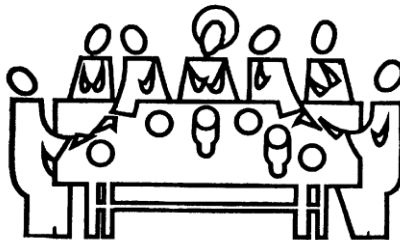
MESSAGE "The knowledge of the Lord" Pastor Craig

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 12-15

*HYMN *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE



1. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, p. 439.
2. <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
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	Tests on November 29
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
The Family of Donna Sims	Friend to Margie Gordy
Jordan Stomean	Granddaughter to Sandy Stomean
Richard and Becky Thomas	Cousin to Lawson Family
Gail Tuttle	Sister to Billy Gordy
Barbara White	1294 Priddy Road, King, NC 27021
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

Hickory Ridge United Methodist Church
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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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Clara Long, Pianist/Organist