



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
January 29, 2023

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2023**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.
**For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**
For you the kings of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.
**Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**
Great is your name,
Great is your love. Amen.

*HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Merciful God,
for the things we have done that we regret,
forgive us;
for the things we have failed to do that we regret,
forgive us;
for all the times we have acted without love,
forgive us;
for all the times we have reacted without thought,
forgive us;
for all the times we have withdrawn care,
forgive us;
for all the times we have failed to forgive,
forgive us;

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For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks
and unfulfilled hopes,
**God of all time,
forgive us and help us
to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.**

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS³

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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
Open Arms Community. 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!**

Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary?***A Psalm of David.***

- ¹ O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- ² Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;
- ³ who do not slander with their tongue
and do no evil to their friends
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
- ⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
- ⁵ who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION⁴

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.

**Holy Bible**

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

“Foolishness to the Greeks”

Pastor Craig

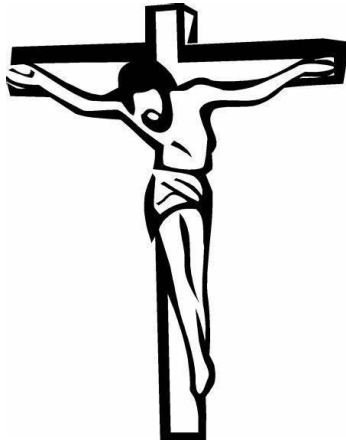
*HYMN

Trust and Obey

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DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE



1. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, 65.
2. *Ibid.*, 96.
3. *The Book of Common Prayer*, U.S.A.
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
Lane Bennet	Brother to Kay Huneycutt
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
James Brunk	Friend to Billy and Margie Gordy
Martha Collins	4485 Henley Park Dr, Walkertown, 27051
David Conrad	Cousin to Harold Kincaid
Delinda Dunlap-Ryan	Friend to Emily Kincaid
Walt Frye	Cousin to Pat Bennett
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
Clara Long	
Kristy Long	Daughter to Clara Long
Freddie Masencup	Friend to Sara Overton
Tappy McMillan	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Becky Shelton	Sister to Billy Gordy
Jordan Stomean	Granddaughter to Sandy Stomean
Richard and Becky Thomas	Cousin to Lawson Family
Gail Tuttle	Sister to Billy Gordy
Christian Willard and Family	

Shut-ins

Betty Eddinger, 1250 Arbor Road, Room 720, Winston Salem, 27104

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

Breakfast for Supper Fundraiser, Friday, February 3, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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

United Women in Faith (formally UMC), Friday, February 10, 2:00 p.m.

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 12, we will have homemade soup and cheese sandwiches in the fellowship hall following Worship service. Donations will be accepted for the Samaritan Soup Kitchen.

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 Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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Clara Long, Pianist/Organist