



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
November 12, 2023

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

God is great, and greatly to be praised!

**We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you
for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and good neighbors.**

God, how great is your name throughout the earth!

**We thank you, God, for newborn kittens and faithful dogs,
for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clean air.**

Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!

**We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch
of love, for brand new mornings and for dreams held close.**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make
a joyful noise with songs of praise. Come! Let us worship God.

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS IN OUR CONGREGATION

*HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King

UMH 715

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Merciful God,

**We confess that we neglect to acknowledge you
as God in our lives.**

We live like we have complete control over our own future.

**We forget that you created us
and that we are the sheep of your pasture.**

**We separate ourselves from the flock and abandon our
bonds with one another as we try to do it all on our own.**

**We have traded gratitude for individualism and
thanksgiving for self-reliance.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us to live as your grateful people.

Offer silent prayers of confession.

Receive the good news:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

While we were yet sinners, God made a way for us
to return to God and to return to one another.

By God's grace, we are a forgiven and reconciled people.

Thanks be to God! 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 & OFFERATORY

*Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given to a
designated mission. The mission for this month will be the
same as that for the month of December, to be decided at the
November Administrative Council.*

*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 ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- ² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- ³ things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
- ⁴ We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might
and the wonders that he has done.
- ⁵ He established a decree in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children,
- ⁶ that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
- ⁷ so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION²

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.



¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

MESSAGE “The foolish and the wise maidens” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* UMH 717

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 12, 2023

Prayer Focus for November: In all things, be thankful.

Bible verses to remember: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Dear Hickory Ridge Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely funeral spray you sent in memory of mom. She would've loved it! Thanks for the love, prayers, and support.

The Levi/Lingle Family

Thank you very much for your generous donation to the Angel Fund of Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools Child Nutrition Department. We use the Angel Fund to help pay down outstanding debt, equitably. Your kind donation has been applied to Angel Fund Program, North Forsyth High School, as per your request.

Yours Sincerely,

Ekta Patel, Child Nutrition Executive Director

Alice Crews, Vice President of Operations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

In recognition of Veterans Day, we will honor veterans at church on Sunday, November 12.

Charge Conference at Hickory Ridge, Sunday, November 19, at 3:00 pm, with Rev. Sandra Ireson, presiding elder.

Our last Breakfast for Supper Fundraiser will be held on Friday, December 1, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

Administrative Council, Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00 pm.

United Women in Faith, Friday, December 8, at 2:00 pm.

1. Written by Janice Jean Springer, found in Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated, eds. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2012), 103-104.
2. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2023.
3. <https://prayerist.com/prayer/illuminationumc>

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Joe Bennett	Cancer
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
James Brunk	In-law of Billy and Margie Gordy
Cathy Childress	5703 Beaver Pond Trail, Pfafftown 27040
Ray Gordy	Brother to Billy Gordy
Bobby & Shirley Griffin	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Cathy Hrestak	Cousin to Joe Bennett
Chris Jones	Friend to Margie Gordy
Scott Lane	Son to Janice Lane
Janice Lane	
Wanda Lingle Family	
David Linville	Friend to Harold Kincaid
Kristy Long	Daughter of Clara Long
Freddie Masencup	Friend to Sara Overton
Irene Mayo	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
T.J. Moll	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Mary Ruth Neeley	Sister to Margie Gordy
Keith Overton	Treatment
Tammy Parham	Daughter to Wanda Manring
Carrie Snow	Sister-in-law to Beverly Snow
Donald and Sylvia Stewart	Friends to Sara Overton
Richard and Becky Thomas	Cousin to Lawson Family
Rebekah Tate	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Angie Toth	Cancer Treatments
Robin Willard	Broken arm and shoulder
Christian Willard and family	
Wade Willard	Friend of Billy & Margie Gordy

Shut-ins

Martha Collins, Mallard Ridge, 9420 N NC Hwy 150, Clemmons 27012

Ron Fulp, Holiday Forsyth Court, 2945 Reynolda Road—Apt. 142

Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Clara Long, 1905 Emorywood Road, Rural Hall, 27045

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

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 School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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