



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
November 19, 2023

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your creation.

We thank you for soft breezes, crisp apples, and changing seasons that remind us of your presence and provision.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in our connectedness.

**We thank you for friends who check in,
for church family who lift one another up, for neighbors
who show up in the good and challenging times.**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us.

**We give thanks for neighbors who offer help in times of
trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain,
and acts of kindness during seasons of struggle.**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and
rejoicing!

Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

*HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH 694

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Faithful God,

**We confess that we do not give attention
To the things that are of you.**

**We listen to rumors and gossip instead of
what is true and honorable.**

We do not hold fast to justice.

**We do not train our hearts on what is
pure and pleasing to you.**

**In our words and our deeds, we stray from all
that is commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise.**

(Continued)

**We do not attend to all we have received and learned of
your good news,
and so we do not live in peace with you or with our
neighbors.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us to live as your grateful people.

Offer silent prayers of confession.

Receive the good news:

God pays attention to us when we pray.

God receives our confession and saves us by grace.

May the peace of God guard us in mind and heart
now and forever.

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 used as a
Christmas Mission Project to be decided.*

***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!

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
² Serve the LORD with gladness;
 come into his presence with singing.
³ Know that the LORD is God.
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
 and his courts with praise.
 Give thanks to him; bless his name.
⁵ For the LORD is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever
 and his faithfulness to all generations.

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.



SCRIPTURE TEXT

Ephesians 5:15-21

¹⁵ Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

MESSAGE

“Thanksgiving as prayer”

Pastor Craig

*HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

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DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 19, 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Charge Conference at Hickory Ridge, today, 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.

Christmas Caroling & Treats, Sunday, December 17, during the Sunday School hour, with coffee, hot chocolate and sugar cake.

1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2023.
2. From <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/our-hymn-of-grateful-praise/twenty-fifth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/twenty-fifth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-liturgical-resources>
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
Dorothy Frye	Friend to Dianne Raynor
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	
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
Anne Snow	Mother to Mark Snow
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

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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