



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
January 7, 2024

**First Sunday after the Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord
January 7, 2024**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Arise! Shine!

**God's light has come to reveal
The Way in this New Year.**

Arise! Shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine!

**God's light penetrates the darkness
that covers the world.**

Arise! Shine!

**Nations shall come to God's light
and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.**

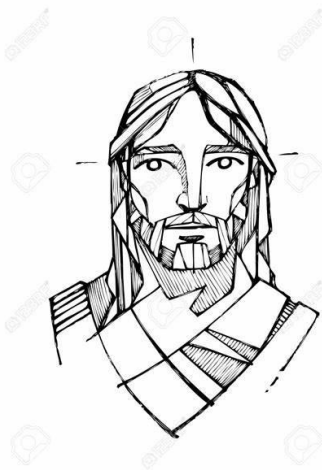
Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

***HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

OFFERATORY PRAYER & OFFERATORY

Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given to a designated mission. The mission for this month is Open Arms Community, Winston-Salem.

*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 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.
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.
- ¹² For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy
and saves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION²

Living God, help us to hear your Word with open hearts so that we may truly understand; and understanding, that we may believe; and, believing, that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹ And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

"The King of Justice"

Pastor Craig

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12-15

*HYMN

Spirit Song

UMH 347

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 7, 2024

Prayer Focus for January: Peace in the world and in our hearts.

Bible verse to remember: John 14:27

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Pastor Craig's New Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Planning Session for 2024, Thursday, January 11, at 2:00 pm.

United Women in Faith, Friday, January 12, at 2:00 pm.

1. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/epiphany-call-to-worship-and-invocation>
2. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, 142.

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Kathy Barber	Friend to Dianne Raynor
Joe Bennett	Cancer
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
James Brunk	In law to Billy Gordy's sister
Joy Brunk	Sister to Billy Gordy
Cathy Childress	5703 Beaver Pond Trail, Pfafftown 27040
Ron Fulp	Village Care of King, 440 Ingram Drive, King, NC 27021
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
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
Becky Montgomery	2504 Caudle Street, Germantown, NC 27019
Mary Ruth Neeley	Sister to Margie Gordy
Keith Overton	Treatment
Tammy Parham	Daughter to Wanda Manring
T.J. Small	Friend to Dianne Raynor
Anne Snow	Mother to Mark Snow
Carrie Snow	Sister-in-law to Beverly Snow
Donald and Sylvia Stewart	Friends to Sara Overton
Rebekah Tate	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Angie Toth	Cancer Treatments
Grayson Willard	Grandson to Margie Gordy
Robin Willard	5026 Gordy Trail, Winston-Salem, 27105
Christian Willard and family	
Wade Willard	Friend of Billy & Margie Gordy

Shut-ins

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

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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