



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
February 4, 2024

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2024**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

People of God, welcome!

Surely God is in this place!

We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.

Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us.

The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.

When we are tired, worn down,

and carrying heavy burdens,

God is with us.

God strengthens us

that we might help carry one another's burdens.

So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving

for God's love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

UMH 103

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 City with Dwellings.

*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!



PSALTER READING Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859-860)

¹ Praise the LORD!

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹ He gives to the animals their food
and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,

¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

^{20c} Praise the LORD!

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

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

- ²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them like a tent to live in,
²³ who brings princes to naught and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵ To whom, then, will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.
²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted,
³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE	"Those who wait for the Lord"	Pastor Craig
HOLY COMMUNION		UMH 12-15
*HYMN	<i>We've a Story to Tell the Nations</i>	UMH 569
DISMISSAL AND BLESSING		

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 4, 2024

Prayer Focus for February: Love one another.

Bible verse to remember: John 13:34,35: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Funeral Arrangements for Joe Bennett: Tuesday, February 6, at Hickory Ridge UMC, visitation will be held 12:30 – 1:45 pm, funeral service 2:00 – 3:00 pm, followed by graveside service.

United Women in Faith, Friday, February 9, at 2:00 pm. Will have finger foods for Valentines Day.

Administrative Council, Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m.

The Sunday, February 11 Service will feature the imposition of ashes in preparation for Ash Wednesday. We will not be holding a service on Wednesday, February 14.

“Souper Bowl” Sunday, February 11, immediately following worship service we will gather in the fellowship hall for chili and soups prepared by church members and grilled cheese sandwiches. Donations will be received for Samaritan Ministries. Join us for good food and fellowship!

1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2023.
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

Joe Bennett family

Melissa Brown

James Brunk

Joy Brunk

Cathy Childress

Jimmy Clayton

Ray Dillon

Dorothy Frye

Lee Gordy

Ray Gordy

Bobby & Shirley Griffin

Cathy Hrestak

Kay Huneycutt

Kayla

Scott Lane

Janice Lane

David Linville

Kristy Long

Freddie Masencup

Irene Mayo

Mary Ruth Neeley

Keith Overton

Alvin & Andy Shelton

T.J. and Heather Small

Donald and Sylvia Stewart

Rebekah Tate

Angie Toth

Robin Willard

Christian Willard and family

Wade Willard

Daughter of Maria Rogers

In law of Billy Gordy

Sister of Billy Gordy

5703 Beaver Pond Trail, Pfafftown 27040

Nephew of Billy Gordy

6065 Germanton Road, W-S 27105

Friend of Dianne Raynor

Brother of Billy Gordy

Brother of Billy Gordy

Friend of Dianne Raynor

Cousin to Joe Bennett

Friend of Margie Gordy

Son of Janice Lane

Friend of Harold Kincaid

Daughter of Clara Long

Friend of Sara Overton

Sister-in-law of Sara Overton

Sister of Margie Gordy

Treatment

Neice & Nephew of Billy Gordy

Friend of Dianne Raynor

Friends of Sara Overton

Friend of Dianne Raynor

Cancer Treatments

5026 Gordy Trail, Winston-Salem, 27105

Friend of Billy & Margie Gordy

Shut-ins

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

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

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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