May God bless you and your family during this holiday season.

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ABOUT HICKORY WITHE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHO WE ARE:

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based historic church of believers committed to preaching, teaching, and sharing the transforming grace of Jesus Christ in the local and worldwide communities since 1834.

Because of Christ, we live in spiritual community with God Himself, we are redefined as a community of fellowship bound together in Him, and we work to serve the community we live in by offering biblical teaching, worship, and assistance.

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

The Gospel is the "good news of Jesus Christ and him crucified."(1 Corinthians 2:1-2; 15-1-7).

God has announced this message to the nations of the world through the ministries of Christ and his 1st Century Apostles (Ephesians 2:19-21). And, now through the written word, the Bible, he continues to announce this good news to the nations through pastors, teachers, and faithful witnesses (Ephesians 4: 7-12). The 10 commandments teach us that we have broken God's Law and are under his wrath and curse (Romans 1:18-3:20). But the good news of the Gospel is that through Jesus Christ's life, death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession on our behalf, we are delivered from the wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 1:10), justified, adopted, sanctified and glorified (Romans 8:29-30). In our sin we were enemies of God, yet through Jesus Christ, his Son, we are reconciled to him, adopted into his family, and granted eternal security. Now, we are citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20-21) and have a guaranteed home in the new heavens and the new earth (2 Peter 3:13).

The church is a people who God has called his own and who he has given to each other for love and community.

The Bible describes the church as people who belong to God and to each other, gathered together by belief in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord and, by their mutual reconciliation to God through the Gospel. The church is not simply a building or meeting place, nor is it merely a place of religious observation, but a living and growing community of men, women and children whose identity is shaped by love through our belonging to God and to each other.

Our reconciliation to God through the Gospel compels us to live transformed lives.

The truth of the Gospel re-creates us into a people whose lives are transformed by a commitment and passion for God and his glory. God has uniquely called and equipped his church to display and demonstrate the power of the Gospel to transform individuals and communities. Just as the Gospel is the "good news of the Kingdom of God," the church is a foretaste of the Kingdom of God on earth, struggling, learning and growing together in an understanding of what it means to follow Christ with the whole of our lives.

We are a Presbyterian and Reformed congregation, and hold firmly to the system of beliefs and doctrine found in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Catechisms.

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Established 1834

"Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God;

Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."
I Peter 2:10

"Christ-centered, Community focused"

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Sunday Evening Advent Service - November 29, 2026

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Genesis 3:14-15
The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

OPENING CHRISTMAS CAROL

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come.....No. 195

INVOCATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 49:8-12.....Deacon Wayne Johnston
(Pew Bible, Pgs. 42 & 42)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CHRISTMAS CAROL OF EXPECTANCY

O Come All Ye Faithful.....No. 208

WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM.....Deacon Steve Truax

Q. 36. Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?

A. The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fulness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Q. 37. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ the Son of God became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.

Q. 38. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death, give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure his favour, purchase a peculiar people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

Q. 39. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

Q. 40. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God and man in one person?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us as the works of the whole person.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
2 Samuel 7:1-17.....Deacon Everett Thomas
(Pew Bible, Pg. 259)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CHRISTMAS CAROL OF CONSOLATION
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus .....No. 196

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 2:25-35 .....Pastor Douglas Barcroft
(Pew Bible, Pg. 857)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON.....Consolation for the World

LIGHTING OF THE TREE

CHRISTMAS CAROL OF REJOICING

Good Christian Men, Rejoice .....No. 207

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE