

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 16

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
9:45AM to 10:30AM	Sunday School	FLC/Ed. Bldg.
12:30PM to 1:30PM	Youth and Children Lunch	Parlors
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars Basketball	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Monday, November 17

7:00PM to 9:00PM	Latino Dance Group Practice	Youth Room
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Tuesday, November 18

2:00PM to 3:00PM	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
5:00PM to 8:30PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Admin Council Meeting	Epworth Building
6:30PM to 8:30PM	ESL Class CPCC	Parlors
7:00PM to 9:00PM	Latino Dance Group Practice	Youth Room

Wednesday, November 19

9:00AM to 11:30AM	Preschool: Music	FWC
10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Parlors
1:00PM to 2:00PM	Pastor's Meeting	Parlors
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Bldg.
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars Basketball	Gym
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, November 20

5:00PM to 9:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
5:30PM to 8:30PM	Community Sports Night	Gym
6:30PM to 8:30PM	ESL Class CPCC	Parlors
7:00PM to 8:30PM	Therapy of the Soul Rehearsal	FWC

Friday, November 21

Saturday, November 22

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
9:00AM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Basketball	Gym
10:00AM to 4:00PM	Latino Ministry Thanksgiving	Gym, Gym MP, Gym Kitchen
10:00AM to 12:00PM	WeCare Food Pantry	WeCare House
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Girl Scouts	Epworth
12:00PM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
12:00PM to 9:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
1:00PM to 3:00PM	Girl Scouts	Susanna Wesley Bldg.
1:00PM to 5:30PM	Pathfinder's Pie Baking	FLC Kitchen

Sunday, November 23

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
3:00PM to 5:00PM	Advent Decorating	Sanctuary and FLC
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars Basketball	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

November 16, 2025
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Hickory Grove

United Methodist Church



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Welcome! If you are new or visiting, please fill out a Connection Card located in the back of the pew or chair and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher so we can connect!

This Order of Worship is subject to change at the direction of THE HOLY SPIRIT!

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Traditional Service: 9:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Sunday School for all Ages: 10:00 AM (FLC and Education Bldg.)
Contemporary Service: 11:00 AM (Family Worship Center)
African Service: 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Afternoon Adult Bible Study (Spanish) : 1:00 PM (FLC 2nd Floor- 203)
Afternoon Children's Bible Study: 1:00 PM (Asbury 2nd Floor—205)
Afternoon Youth Bible Study: 1:00 PM (Asbury 2nd Floor - 209)
Latino Service: 2:00 PM (Family Worship Center)

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Daily Scripture Readings

Mon., Nov. 17: Psalm 76	Thurs., Nov. 20: Luke 1:68-79
Tues., Nov. 18: Isaiah 66:1-13	Fri., Nov. 21: Jeremiah 22:1-17
Wed., Nov. 19: Matthew 23:37-24:14	Sat., Nov. 22: Luke 18:15-17

Prayer

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth. Amen.

November 9, 2025

Total Worship Service Attendance: 162

Sunday School Attendance: 43

Offering: \$7,811.68 Online Giving: \$194.14

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Prayer Requests

Church Family

The Family of Pilar Perez & Candido Albino

Sylvia Sekle-Dueh
Gary Little
Mary Martin
Don and Linda Wigley
Sam and Rita Leggett
Kathleen Robinson
Brenda Cathey
Claudia Waddell
Pete and Nancy Scercy
Shem Logan
Bill and Mary MaGee
Margaret Norwood
Ronnie Oaten
Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey
Patty Marks
Lana Freeman

Family and Friends

Ryan Edwards
(Son of Jennifer Stribling's friend,
Elizabeth Edwards)
Rick Frye
(Brother of Sandy Oaten)
Carol Garrett
(Rev. Elinor Heerman's
Sister)
Lila Dye,
(Dianne Horton's mother)
***Bold lettering: Prayer Request
added/updated this week.**

Additional Announcement

Christmas Gathering

Let's gather in love and fellowship!

Join us for a special Christmas luncheon as we celebrate the season and honor our pastors for their faithful service.

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: The Gym

Come and enjoy delicious food, joyful fellowship, and the warmth of the Christmas spirit as we give thanks for our dedicated pastors and the greatest gift of all — Jesus Christ!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5th Sunday Combined Service

Celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent and Thanksgiving weekend through a combined worship service together, starting at 11am on Sunday November 30th.

Planning for Christmas and the New Year

Please join us on Sunday, November 23rd, after the Hanging of the Green. We'll be gathering to plan our Christmas gathering and to set goals for the upcoming year. Come ready to share ideas as we prepare for a joyful and purposeful season ahead. Please bring a dish or some food to share with everyone. Thank you for your continued support and understanding!

Pledge cards are due!

In October we reflected upon Wesley's Three Simple Rules for Money: to earn, save, and give as much as we can. Don't forget to turn in your pledge cards, your 2026 financial commitment to God through Hickory Grove UMC! Lost your pledge card? Please contact Patrice Wesley, our Finance Secretary.

SNACK Pack

The holiday months are coming up and Snack Pack needs your help! During Thanksgiving time, each family that is a part of our program gets a 50 dollar Food Lion gift card to help with Thanksgiving dinner. Any donations, monetary or food donations will help this program get through the holiday season. It is now more important than ever to help families in need. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520

Wednesday Night Bible Study

All are invited to join us on Wednesday nights for Bible study and reflection on Zoom @ 7:30 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation. Please read chapter 4. The Zoom meeting ID# 81541770673 and Passcode: 522533.

Honey Baked Ham Gift Cards!

The annual fundraiser for Honey Baked Ham gift cards is here! PLEASE contact your neighbors, friends or relatives and sell them a card OR buy some yourself! But we need the money when they are purchased. The options of gift cards are \$10, \$25, \$35 and \$50 cards. The United Women in Faith will receive *20%* of the sales! The cards will be sold on Nov 2nd and 9th. The cards will be handed out at church on Nov 16. Contact Susan Fox with questions. 704-502-9852

Youth Friendsgiving and Children's Pizza Party!

Calling all youth and children! Today at 12:30pm the youth will have a friendsgiving lunch together in the Parlors. Pick a color and bring a dish or food to share of that color! In the meantime, children will have a pizza party in the Trinity Room. Reach out to Lori Kodikara with any questions!

Decorate the Church for Advent!

Help "hang the greens" Sunday November 23 from 3pm-5pm in the FLC & Sanctuary.

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Call to Worship

Fred Parker

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Congregation: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

UMH#430

*Apostles Creed

UMH #881

*Gloria Patri

UMH #70

*Passing of the Peace

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Doxology

UMH#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem

Scripture Lesson

Luke 21: 5-19

Message

*Closing Hymn

"Marching To Zion"

Rev. Caitlin Lai

UMH#733

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	"Reckless Love"	
	"I Speak Jesus"	
Announcements		
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	"Just As Good"	
Joy and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
*Song	"Lead Me To The Cross"	
Scripture Lesson	Luke 21: 5-19	
Message		Rev. Caitlin Lai
* Song	"Benediction"	
*Dismissal with Blessing		

*Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit

You are invited to respond to God financially by giving back to God a portion of what God has given to you. Please place your offering in the plate by the FWC entrance and talk to a pastor on how you can serve. Blank Offering Envelopes are available in the foyer.

Contemporary Service Task Force

Pastor Caitlin is looking for partners in ministry to dream, offer input or feedback, and try new things for our 11am contemporary worship service. Is God calling you to serve our church in this way? Please reach out to Pastor Caitlin if you feel God's nudge!

2:00 PM LATINO SERVICE

Bienvenida y Anuncios	
Salmo	
*Alabanza y Adoración	
Escritura	
Sermon y Invitación a Cristo	Rev. Candido Albino
Ofrenda	
*Benedición	

11:00 AM AFRICAN SERVICE

Lighting of the Candles		
Prelude		Hassan Sankary
Liturgist		Arlette Nimley
Praise Song		Praise Team
Welcome		Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship		Autumn Lewis
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!		
Congregation: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.		
*Opening Hymn	"Marching To Zion"	UMH#733
*Apostles Creed		UMH #881
*Gloria Patri		UMH #70
Joys and Concerns		Mya Roberts
Call to Prayer/Prayer for the People		Mya Roberts
*Passing of the Peace		
Offering		
*Doxology		UMH#95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;		
praise God, all creatures here below;		
praise God above, ye heavenly host;		
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen		
Offertory Prayer		Josee Nimley
Praise & Worship		Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	Luke 21:5-19	Jade Mitchell
Selection		Choir
Sermon	Beware Of What To Come	Jon-Alex Kwiagaye
Call to Christian Discipleship		Pastor Morris
Announcements/Community Concerns		Kaniis Morris
Closing Song		Praise Team
*Dismissal with Blessing		
Postlude		Hassan Sankary
*please stand as you are able		