

**December 15th 2024**

**11:15 A.M.**

*\*Please stand if able*

**Greeting**

**\*Hymn of Praise** "The First Noel" 245 vs 1-2

**\*Call to Worship** Philippians 4.4-7

**\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Giving Time** "Winter Snow"

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Christmas Musical** "The Not So Silent Night"

**Message** Light Therapy  
*Rev. Rich Morris*

**We Pray Together**

**\*Closing Song** "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**Benediction**

**MY NEXT STEPS:**

- Memorize John 8.12 – "Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'"
- Make a Year End Gift to the Church
- Invite a friend to Christmas Eve worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.** On December 29<sup>th</sup> children and youth will be invited to join us for worship. There will be no Sunday school.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS.** Is your child interested in becoming a member here at Hicks Church? If so, please plan to meet on Sunday, December 29th after the 11:15 service for an informational meeting that will detail what the confirmation process will look like. Questions? Contact Jason or Pastor Allyce.

**MENTORSHIP.** Do you have a heart for investing in the lives of our youth as they walk through confirmation? Please consider being a mentor for our youth confirmation class this winter. If you are interested in mentoring a youth confirmand, please reach out to Jason, Pastor Allyce, or the office so we can reach out with further information.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS.** Interested in leading a Community Group this Winter? Get to know members of the community with as much support as desired in leading. If interested, please contact Pastor Allyce by January 12th at [allyce@hickschurch.org](mailto:allyce@hickschurch.org).

**JOIN THE TEAM IN 2025.** Children’s ministry is a great opportunity to have an impact on the lives of children while connecting with some great people! All are welcome to attend our Children's Ministry Orientation on January 12 immediately following the 9:45 service in the music room beside the kitchen. Contact [laura@hickschurch.org](mailto:laura@hickschurch.org) for more information.

**NO STRINGS ATTACHED.** We are looking for hand warmers, socks, hygiene products, and hand sanitizer. If you are interested in donating any of these items, please drop off in the donation basket or contact Melaine Depetro at 814-931-8549.

**SLIDES HELP NEEDED.** We are looking for help running Slides for Worship on Sundays at the 9:45am service. If you are able to use a computer, you are able to help, it is very easy. We need one person to commit to running slides every 3 weeks, and one person to learn the technology as a backup person when available. Please contact Jeromy Ross for more information (814) 660-6672

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- December 16<sup>th</sup>** No Strings attached (6:00 pm)
- December 16<sup>th</sup>** Girl Scouts (6:00 pm)
- December 16<sup>th</sup>** Grief Group (6:00 pm)
- December 16<sup>th</sup>** Ad Council (6:30 pm)
- December 16<sup>th</sup>** CRUX (6:30 pm)
- December 17<sup>th</sup>** Cub Scouts (6:30 pm)
- December 18<sup>th</sup>** Prayer Group (6:30 pm)
- December 18<sup>th</sup>** Choir Practice (7:00 pm)
- December 18<sup>th</sup>** Boy Scouts (7:00 pm)
- December 19<sup>th</sup>** Prayer Quilt (9:00 am)
- December 24<sup>th</sup>** **Christmas Eve Services**  
3:00 PM Traditional Service  
5:30 PM Family Service  
7:30 PM Traditional Service

**DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 REPORT:**

<b>In-Person Worship</b>	284	
<b>On-line Worship</b>	47	
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$	277.00
<b>Designated Funds</b>	\$	645.35
<b>General Offering</b>	\$	15,646.58
<b>Weekly amount needed to meet budget</b>	\$	10,519.23

**AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS.** We collected 202 lbs. of food in November. Needs for December are Shampoo, spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, canned beans other than green, dried beans or lentils, and rice. We are overflowing with egg cartons so we are pausing that for December and January. We still need your shopping bags of all kinds (plastic & paper & cloth) and especially the bags newspapers come in.

**ALL CREATION PET PANTRY.** The Duncansville Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors a pet pantry to help pets in need. You can be a part of this mission by volunteering or donating pet foods, bedding, and accessories to the Pet Pantry. For more information contact [PET@MYDELC.ORG](mailto:PET@MYDELC.ORG).

**SPECIAL MUSIC.** If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts for Advent at the 9:45 AM, 11:15 AM, or the Christmas Eve services, we invite you to sign up; spots are limited and we can't guarantee we can accommodate everyone.

**ONLINE GIVING.** Making a one-time or recurring tithe to the church is so easy and safe. Go to [hickschurch.org](http://hickschurch.org) or use the QR code below and select online worship. There is a dropdown tab for online giving. This is a great way to tithe and give consistently and faithfully to the church.



*The Altar Poinsettias are presented by Tony & Janet Rogers in Memory of Brenda Poplin Cripliver and James Poplin.*

# HICKS CHILDREN'S ministry

Our Children's Ministry's purpose is to assist parents with their children's life long journey to know, love and follow Jesus. We want to connect children to God and to each other as we teach and equip them to become disciples and create community. Need more info? Contact the church office at [office@hickschurch.org](mailto:office@hickschurch.org)

- Children in preschool through **6th grade** are encouraged to attend Sunday School Classes designed for their specific age group. All classrooms are located downstairs; specific grades are marked with hanging signage.
- The first Sunday of the month, Family Worship Services are held at the 9:45 worship time. During these services, we take a break from our classrooms to offer families the opportunity to worship, sing and pray together in the sanctuary.
- Our **Nursery** is fully staffed and is happy to take care of your babies and toddlers during today's worship service



community groups

## Why join a Community Group?

Relationships, far more than church attendance are what God uses to grow and mature our faith in Him. One of the best ways we are able to grow as believers is by joining a community group. The Christian life was never meant for us to live alone. Joining a Community Group is a perfect way to connect with others to pray and explore God's word together. Interested in starting or joining a community group? Contact Pastor Allyce at [allyce@hickschurch.org](mailto:allyce@hickschurch.org)

# HICKS MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

*"Building Communities of Devoted Followers of Jesus"*



**Light Therapy**  
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**Hicks Memorial Methodist Church Values**  
Jesus First, Living Faith, Care Full,  
Self Forgetting, Mission Forward