



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

W O R S H I P G U I D E

Mallard Creek Campus (North) | Week of November 25, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:14

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Sermon

Genesis 50:15-26

Prayer

Psalm 139:23-24

Offering

“Divine Exchange”

“Man of Sorrows”

Benediction

1 Kings 8:61

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Scriptural call to worship at the beginning of our service is a reminder that, as we gather, it is God who initiates and reveals Himself to us through His Word, and we respond to Him.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Psalm 92:1-4

PASTORAL PRAYER

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Psalm 139:23-24

OFFERING

Giving is an act of worship in which we give generously of our substance to further the mission of the church and to bring glory to God.

BENEDICTION

Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.

1 Kings 8:61

ADVENT

What is Advent?

The great promise of the Old Testament is the coming of Israel's long-awaited Messiah. For thousands of years, God's people anticipated the fulfillment of that promise, which Christians today celebrate each year at Christmas—the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The season leading up to Christmas has traditionally been referred to as Advent. Derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming,” Advent is the season in which Christians celebrate the first coming of Jesus Christ to earth and anxiously anticipate His promised second coming in the last days.

The Advent season officially begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and is celebrated through Christmas Eve. Since Christmas falls on different days each year, Advent can range in length from 22–28 days.

How is Advent celebrated?

Christians throughout history have celebrated Advent in a wide variety of ways. The two most common traditions practiced are:

Advent Candles

Perhaps the tradition most commonly associated with the season of Advent is the use of

Advent Candles to symbolize the anticipation of the coming of Jesus Christ, who is the “Light of the World” (John 8:12). While great variety exists in how this tradition is observed, the most common method is to display five candles and light one on each of the four Sundays of Advent. The fifth candle is then lit on Christmas Day. For aesthetics, many choose to arrange the candles in a wreath. As the candlelight grows brighter, we are reminded of Christ's imminent coming.

Advent Calendar

A popular tradition many families with children employ during the month of December is the use of an Advent calendar to mark the days leading up to Christmas. Beginning December 1, children enjoy uncovering the flap on the calendar for that day, revealing a portion of the Scripture's Christmas story, a picture, or a small object symbolizing the coming of Christ. While many creative ideas for Advent calendars exist, our recommendation is to use ones that focus the season on the birth of Christ.

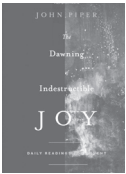
**Join us on Sundays,
beginning December 2 for
our 4 week series on Advent.**

ADVENT RESOURCES



***Come, Let Us Adore Him:
A Daily Advent Devotional***

By Paul David Tripp



***The Dawning of Indestructible Joy:
Daily Readings for Advent***

By John Piper



***Love Came Down at Christmas:
Daily Readings for Advent***

By Sinclair B. Ferguson

THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

Part 3: Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

QUESTION 48

What is the church?

God chooses and preserves for Himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the Gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

PRAYER

King Over All, you have brought us together as the family of God. Keep us faithful to worship together, to love one another, and to provide for each other's needs. Let our fellowship be genuine, and help us to spur one another on in the faith. Amen.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2018

Sunday, December 2

ADORE, Night of Worship: 5 PM
Mallard Creek Campus (North)

Wednesday, December 5

HG Kids Choir-*We Three Spies*: 6:30 PM

Sunday, December 9

Christmas Night of Worship: 5 PM
Harris Campus (Main)

Wednesday, December 12

No PM Ministry Activities

Wednesday, December 19

No PM Ministry Activities

Sunday, December 23

Worship/Sunday School
Regular Schedule

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services
Harris Campus (Main): 4 PM
Mallard Creek Campus (North): 5:15 PM
Church offices closed

Tuesday, Dec 25 (Christmas)

Church offices closed

Wednesday, December 26

No PM Ministry Activities

Sunday, December 30

Worship/Sunday School
Regular Schedule

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Wednesday, January 2

No PM Ministry Activities

Sunday, January 6

Deacon Ordination

Wednesday, January 9

Wednesday Night Ministry
Activities Resume

SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Guest Information

If you are a guest, we welcome you and invite you to stop by any Guest Information Area to learn more about Hickory Grove and to get answers to your questions. Be sure to pick up a Guest Information Card, fill it out, and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at any Guest Information Area.

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Schedule

Sunday, November 25

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

Wednesday, November 28

Dinner: 5 PM

Awana: 6:15 PM

Student Worship: 6:30 PM

Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

Church Conference

ADORE NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 2, 5 PM

Come join us as we sing and pray together this Christmas season.

HG KIDS: WE THREE SPIES

Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 PM

Join *We Three Spies* as they blow their cover to proclaim joy to the world!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 24

Harris Campus (Main) - 4 PM

Mallard Creek Campus (North) - 5:15 PM

DISCOVER HG

Sunday, January 20, 8:45 AM

Find out more about Hickory Grove through our new members class.

Register at HickoryGrove.org

