



**HICKORY GROVE**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**W O R S H I P   G U I D E**

*Harris Campus (Main) | Week of November 25, 2018*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Sunday, November 25, 2018*

## **Call to Worship**

*Psalms 145:1-3*

“How Great Thou Art”

## **Corporate Confession**

*Hebrews 10:19-23*

“Man of Sorrows”

“Behold Our God”

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Offering**

“Amen”

## **Sermon**

*Genesis 50:15-26*

“Whom Shall I Fear”

## **Benediction**

# CALL TO WORSHIP

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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.

*I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.*

**Psalm 145:1-3**

# CORPORATE CONFESSION

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During this time we acknowledge that we have sinned against a holy God, and we have the assurance that, because of Christ, we have been forgiven and are blessed recipients of God's mercy, grace and love.

*Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

**Hebrews 10:19-23**

# OFFERING

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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.

# ADVENT

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## 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

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## ***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

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## **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

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## 2018

**Sunday, December 2**

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

**Wednesday, December 5**

HG Kids Choir Musical: 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*

## 2019

**Wednesday, January 2**

No PM Ministry Activities

**Sunday, January 6**

Deacon Ordination

**Wednesday, January 9**

Wednesday Night Ministry  
Activities Resume

# SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 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**

Worship: 8 & 11 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

### **Wednesday, November 28**

Dinner: 5 PM

Awana: 6:15 PM

Infant-4 years old: 6:30 PM

Student Worship: 6:30 PM

Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

*Church Conference after*

*Pastors' Class*

Orchestra Rehearsal: 7 PM

## **SENIOR ADULT LUNCH**

*Thursday, November 29, FLC, 11 am*

Please RSVP at (704) 531-4035

by noon on Monday, November 26.

Cost: \$7 per person.

## **HG KIDS: "CRAZY, BUSY, PEACEFUL, HOLY NIGHT"**

*Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 PM*

Join HG Kids as they present a musical focusing on the peace of Christ in the midst of Christmas craziness.

## **CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF WORSHIP**

*Sunday, December 9, 5 PM*

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

A cookie fellowship will follow.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

*Monday, December 24*

Harris Campus (Main) - 4 PM

Mallard Creek Campus (North) - 5:15 PM

## **HG WOMEN: ROMANS PART 1**

*Wednesday, January 9, 9:30 AM*

*Room 3308/3310*

Join us as you see through the eyes of the apostle Paul the nature of man, his depravity, his fallen state and his Creator who makes the way of redemption.

Workbook cost \$31.50. Register at [HickoryGrove.org](http://HickoryGrove.org).

## SERMON NOTES Sunday, November 25, 2018

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## Genesis 50:15-26

