



**HICKORY GROVE**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**W O R S H I P   G U I D E**

*Mallard Creek Campus (North) | Week of December 2, 2018*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Sunday, December 2, 2018*

## **Call to Worship**

*Isaiah 9:2-3*

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

## **Sermon**

*Malachi 4:1-6*

## **Prayer**

*Isaiah 1:18*

## **Offering**

“Advent Hymn”

“Hallelujah What a Savior”

## **Benediction**

*Psalms 29:11*

## 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.

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light  
shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad  
when they divide the spoil.*

**Isaiah 9:2-3**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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*Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins  
are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red  
like crimson, they shall become like wool.*

**Isaiah 1:18**

## 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.

## BENEDICTION

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*May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his  
people with peace!*

**Psalms 29:11**

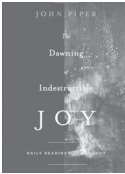
# ADVENT RESOURCES

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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 49

### Where is Christ now?

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after His death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling His kingdom and interceding for us, until He returns to judge and renew the whole world.

*He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.*

**2 Thessalonians 2:13**

#### PRAYER

Risen and Ascended Lord, though you no longer walk this earth, you rule over us from your throne. All authority and power are in you. Your name is above all names. Raise us up at the last day to live with you in your kingdom. Amen.

# DEACONS

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## WHAT IS A DEACON?

The word deacon is derived from the Greek word diakonos, which means “servant.” The New Testament mentions this term frequently, though perhaps its clearest usage can be found in Acts 6, where it appears the first deacons were appointed in the church at Jerusalem. This passage makes clear that the office of deacon was established to serve the church’s physical needs so that those who hold the office of pastor might focus on meeting the spiritual needs of the church through the ministry of the Word.

**Thus, a deacon is one set apart to lead in serving and ministering to the needs of the local church.**

## WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A DEACON?

The Apostle Paul makes clear in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 a list of qualifications a person must meet in order to be appointed as a deacon. **It is important to note that these qualifications are indicative of how every Christian should live.** Since pastors and deacons are ones who lead by example, it is clear why the Scripture delineates several qualifications. According to 1 Timothy 3, a deacon must demonstrate great reverence for the Word, be dependable and honest, be temperate in living, be without greed, hold to the faith with a clear conscience, be tested

and found faithful, be above reproach in the community, be the husband of one wife who herself is above reproach, and be one who manages and cares well for his family. Perhaps the most succinct summary of the kind of person a deacon should be can, once again, be found in Acts 6. Upon appointing the first deacons in Jerusalem, the twelve disciples made clear in Acts 6:3 that these men ought to be of good repute, known to be full of the Holy Spirit, and full of wisdom.

## WHAT IS ORDINATION?

When members of the church are nominated by the congregation to the office of deacon and are found to meet the qualifications as outlined in the Scripture, the church elects them to serve and publically recognizes them in a special service, whereby they are **“ordained” or are officially appointed and set apart as one who is called of God and qualified for the deacon ministry.** Following the precedent set by the apostles in Acts 6:6, the pastor and other ordained men will lay their hands upon these men and pray for them. The ordination service is very special and helpful, not only for the ones being ordained but also for the congregation as a whole, as they get to celebrate God’s provision of faithful, servant leadership.

# 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-*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, December 25 (Christmas)**

Church offices closed

### **Wednesday, December 26**

No PM Ministry Activities

### **Sunday, December 30**

Worship/Sunday School  
*Regular Schedule*

## 2019

### **Tuesday, January 1**

Church offices closed

### **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, December 2

Sunday School: 8:45 AM  
Worship: 10:15 AM

Adore Night of Worship: 5 PM

### Wednesday, December 5

Dinner: 5 PM  
HG Kids Choir Musical: 6:30 PM

## DEACON ELECTION

*Sunday, December 9, 8:45 AM*

Next Sunday morning you will have the opportunity to vote on the 2019 deacon candidates during the morning worship service. Ballots will be available from the ushers. Please place your completed ballot in the offering plate.

## ADORE NIGHT OF WORSHIP

*This evening at 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](http://HickoryGrove.org).

## THE LUNCH CLUB

*Thursday, December 13, 12 PM - 2 PM*

*The Loft*

A time where students of homeschooled families can gather together for a time of studying God's Word and build community. If you have any food allergies please email [HannahHughes@HGBC.org](mailto:HannahHughes@HGBC.org) or feel free to bring your own lunch. Cost:\$10.

