



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Harris Campus (Main) | Week of December 2, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Call to Worship

Revelation 1:8

“Lion And The Lamb”

Baptism

Corporate Confession

Micah 7:18-19

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel *with*
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

“What Child Is This”

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

“God With Us”

Sermon

Malachi 4:1-6

“Jesus Messiah”

Benediction

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.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:8

CORPORATE CONFESSION

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.

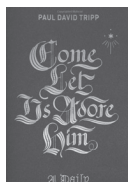
Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19

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.

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 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

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

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, 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



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.

Schedule

Sunday, December 2

Worship: 8 & 11 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Adore Night of Worship

Mallard Creek Campus: 5 PM

Wednesday, December 5

Dinner: 5 PM

HG Kids Choir Musical: 6:30 PM

ADORE NIGHT OF WORSHIP

This evening at 5 PM

Mallard Creek Campus (North)

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

DEACON ELECTION

Sunday, December 9, 8 and 11 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.

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

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SERMON NOTES Sunday, December 2, 2018

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