



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Mallard Creek Campus (North) | Week of December 9, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2-3

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Baptism

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Sermon

Micah 5:1-5

Prayer

Romans 5:8

Offering

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

“Prepare Him Room”

Benediction

Isaiah 26:3-4

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.

The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished. But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice.

Psalm 9:6-7

PASTORAL PRAYER

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

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

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

Isaiah 26:3-4

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 12 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 publicly 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.

THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

Part 3: Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

The New City Catechism is a modern-day resource aimed at helping children and adults alike learn the core doctrines of the Christian faith using 52 questions and answers. Learn more at NewCityCatechism.com.

QUESTION 49

What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

PRAYER

Resurrecting God, make us mindful that death is not the end for us. Save us from the judgment we deserve, and make us faithful to implore others to flee from the wrath to come. We look in hope to the joy that will be ours when, saved from that wrath through the merits of Christ, we will be clothed with resurrected bodies to reign on a renewed earth. Amen.

Read the full commentary for this question at NewCityCatechism.com.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2018

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.

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Schedule

Sunday, December 9

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

Night of Worship

Harris Campus: 5 PM

Wednesday, December 12

No Evening Activities

CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Today at 5 PM, Harris Campus

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

A cookie fellowship will follow.

DEACON VOTE

Today at 10:15 AM

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.

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 or feel free to bring your own lunch. Cost:\$10.

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.

