

**Hixson Presbyterian Church  
December 9, 2018**

**Prelude**

**Greetings**

Greg Baney

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

DeMoss Family

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 12:2-6

**Prayer of Preparation & Confession**

**†O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye,  
O come ye, to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (Refrain)

**Responsive Reading** Malachi 3:1-4

**†He Who Is Mighty**

Oh, the mercy our God has shown  
To those who sit in death's shadow  
The sun on high pierced the night  
Born was the Cornerstone

Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born

Chorus: He Who is mighty has done a great thing  
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting  
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame  
Holy is His name

Oh, the freedom our Savior won  
The yoke of sin has been broken  
Once a slave, now by grace  
No more condemnation

Now my soul magnifies the Lord  
I rejoice in the God Who saves  
I will trust His unfailing love  
I will sing His praises all my days

**†What Child Is This?**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.

Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

### Prayer of Intercession

### God's Tithes and Our Offerings

\*Please fill out the friendship folder found at the end of the pew\*  
Children Pre-K through 1st grade are invited to Children's Church

### Offertory *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

### Sermon

"True Greatness"  
Galatians 5:22-23

Robert Johnson

### †Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander-Lord, I feel it - prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning I shall see thy lovely face  
Cloth-ed then in blood-washed linen

how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ransomed soul away  
Send Thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day

### Communion

Bread in Unison *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Cup Individually

**\*\*Elders are available for prayer at the front of the sanctuary.**

### Benediction

### Postlude

### Choir Anthem

#### **Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming**

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.  
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.  
Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be.  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore!  
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung,  
Evermore and evermore!*

**Sermon Notes - Robert Johnson**  
"True Greatness"  
Galatians 5:22-23

**First, Greatness of Soul**

**Second, Fruits of Spirit**

**Finally, Those Led By Spirit**

## Announcements for the week December 9

•**Choir Christmas Program:** You are invited to Lessons & Carols 2018 this evening at 6:00pm! This special service will feature the HPC Choir as we sing and follow the story of redemption in Christ throughout all of scripture. The HPC Kids will also be singing and performing a live nativity as we read through the story of Christ's birth. This is sure to be a lively, fun, reverent, worshipful, and unique service that will get you in the Christmas spirit! All are welcome!

•**Primetimer's Lunch:** This Tuesday, December 11th at 12:00pm: Please join us for a special Christmas lunch: ham dinner complete with all the trimmings. Pastor Greg Baney will give a Christmas devotion emphasizing the real meaning of Christmas. Our special musical guests will be Kelly Stultz and Sigrid Luther. We will be collecting warm winter wear for an Inner City Children's Ministry.

• **Uganda Mission Trip Special Offering:** There will be a special offering next Sunday, December 16th, to support the mission team: J.D. Bonner, Brian Davilla, and Dan Jennings, for the upcoming trip to Uganda.

• **Women's Christmas Event:** Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm Ladies, please join us for a fun evening as we celebrate the Christmas season. Please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for a gift exchange (no more than \$10). We will be organizing transportation for any ladies who need a ride to this event. Please let us know by Dec. 16 if you need a ride. Childcare is available for this event but must be requested by Dec. 16.

• **Thank you!** HPC you are the best. The trailmen of TN Troop 1967 are so grateful for your generous help and support baking and buying for our annual Christmas Bake Sale. We were able to raise \$1,532 to help with scholarships and program support next year. This will be a tremendous asset to us as we continue to grow. Thanks again so much.

### Spring Sunday School Classes

**Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes** - In this class we will explore the books of the Bible known as Wisdom Literature and see God's redemptive purposes revealed throughout. Our hearts will be moved to worship as we see Christ in the Psalms and learn of His ways in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. Join us for this very exciting journey! January 6th - May 27th - M1. Taught by Greg Baney and Steven Edging.

**3G Class** - January 6th - May 27th - Conference Rm.

**Women's Sunday School Class** - Join the ladies of the church as we discover together the attributes of our great God. This class will be reading together, Wisdom of God by Nancy Guthrie and will be led by Leah Dean and Carolyn Hays. You can order the book on your own or contact the church office and we will order a copy for you. Once a month, there will be coffee and conversations with Nancy Monroe. You don't want to miss it! January 6th - March 30th - M-2.

**Prayer Walkers:** This Tuesday, December 11, will be the last meeting for 2018. We will resume January 22, 2019 and will continue to meet inside at Sourdough Cuppa Joe's until Spring.

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, December 9**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service  
5:00 - 6:30 pm Youth Underground  
6:00 pm Choir Christmas Program

### **Monday, December 10**

6:15 pm Trail Life

### **Tuesday, December 11**

12:00 pm Primetimer's Lunch  
3:30 pm TASK

### **Wednesday, December 12**

6:15 pm Choir Practice  
HPC Kids Mid-week  
DIG for Youth

### **Thursday, December 13**

3:30 pm TASK  
6:30 pm Day School Christmas Program

### **Friday, December 14**

LifeLine Screening

## Contributions Report

<b>General:</b>	<b>Dec. 2, 2018</b>	<b>Missions:</b>	<b>Dec. 2, 2018</b>
Contributions	27,404.00	Contribution	2,406.00
Budget	15,200.00	Budget	1,876.00

<b><u>Month to Date</u></b>		<b><u>Month to Date</u></b>	
Contributions	27,404.00	Contributions	2,406.00
Budget	15,200.00	Budget	1,876.00

**Building Fund:**  
Weekly Contributions 2,901  
Month to date 2,901  
Mortgage Balance 2,185,272

## Important Dates

### December

9 Choir Christmas Program (6:00pm)  
11 Primetimer's Lunch  
13 Day School Christmas Program (6:30pm)  
19 Women's Christmas Event  
19 & 26 No Wednesday Evening Ministries  
23 & 30 No Sunday School  
24 Christmas Eve Service (6:00pm)  
24-25 Christmas Holiday - Offices are closed  
31 New Year's Eve - Offices are closed

### January

1 New Year's Day - Offices are closed  
6 Sunday School resumes  
9 Wednesday Evening Ministries resume  
18 - 21 Youth Ski Retreat  
22 Prayer Walk Ministry Resumes