



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Harris Campus (Main) | Week of September 23, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Main Campus - Sunday, September 23, 2018

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

Corporate Confession

Titus 3:3-7

“O Praise The Name”

“Jesus Is”

Pastoral Prayer

“What Mercy Did For Me”

Sermon

Genesis 39:7-23

The Lord's Supper

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Psalm 96:1-3

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.

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:3-7

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.

THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

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

Part 3: Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

QUESTION 39

With what attitude should we pray?

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known to God.*

Philippians 4:6

PRAYER

Loving Father, we come to you in the name of your beloved Son. Give us perseverance in prayer, even when we do not immediately see answers. Let us believe that you will not keep back any good thing from us, and trust that you will withhold those things we seek that would harm us. Your ways are higher than our ways, and we entrust our requests to your sovereign kindness. Amen.

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

WHAT WE BELIEVE...

The Providence of God

The providence of God is a core theological truth. It acknowledges that God is continually, powerfully, and sovereignly involved in all things, working in them according to the purpose of his will (Eph 1:11).

The Providence of God is seen in the Garden.

When Adam and Eve sinned, introducing death and destruction into the world, God was already prepared with a plan to crush the head of sin and death. And so, early in the biblical story, we learn that God is intimately involved in the details of human history and “none can stay his hand or say to him what have you done?” (Daniel 4:36)

The Providence of God is seen in our Circumstances.

The scriptures teach that nothing occurs by chance. “The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord” (Prov 16:33). Every aspect of our lives exists under God’s providential rule. “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). Our every step is ordered by the Lord (Prov 20:24). Even the rulers and authorities are under God’s providential hand (Ez 1:1). This allows us to face the most difficult circumstances with the confidence that “in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me” (Ps 139:16). Even our free choices and decisions exist under the providence of a good and sovereign God.

The Providence of God is seen at the Cross.

At the cross, God provided for our most essential need. A crucified savior gave way to our redemption and salvation. As Christians, we are convinced that if God used the cross to bring about mankind’s greatest good, he can certainly work all things for the good of those who love him (Rom 8:28). This is why Joseph could confidently say, “You meant this for evil against me, but God meant it for good” (Gen 50:20). The cross of Christ is the greatest example that God moves in mysterious ways and that behind every frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

What is The Lord's Supper?

The night before Jesus' crucifixion, He sat down with His disciples to celebrate the Passover meal. This meal commemorated the pivotal event in Exodus 12 when God "passed over" His people in Egypt who put the blood of a lamb over their doorposts.

While celebrating this Passover meal, Jesus took the bread from the table, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." He then took a cup and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Jesus did this to symbolize His impending death on a cross, which would bring about the forgiveness of sins for many. Furthermore, He commanded His disciples to continually enjoy this meal in remembrance of His sacrifice on the cross.

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, and subsequently many Christians today, refer to this meal as "The Lord's Supper," for it was instituted by Jesus and celebrates the memory of His sacrificial death. In addition, we consider The Lord's Supper an ordinance of the church because Christ ordained that it be performed.

Who should partake in The Lord's Supper?

The Scripture is clear that The Lord's Supper is a sign of continuing in the Christian life and is therefore reserved for those who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, those who have not placed their faith in Christ and publicly declared this faith through the ordinance of baptism should abstain.¹

Furthermore, the Apostle Paul warns of participating in an "unworthy manner" (1 Corinthians 11:27). He calls all Christians to first examine themselves and their relationships in the body of Christ, lest they "eat and drink judgment upon themselves" (1 Corinthians 11:29). That is, Paul is teaching that we must come to the table with a repentant heart, both toward the Lord and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

¹See Article VII of the Baptist Faith and Message, 2000.

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, September 23

Worship: 8 & 11 AM
The Lord's Supper
Sunday School: 9:30 AM

HG Kids Choir: 5:15 PM

Wednesday, September 26

Dinner: 5 PM
Awana: 6:15 PM
Infant-4 yr olds: 6:30 PM
Student Worship: 6:30 PM
Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 PM

The Church Conference will be in the Event Center following the Pastors' class.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 27, 10:45 AM

Family Life Center

RSVP at (704) 531-4035 by noon on Monday, September 24. Cost: \$7

OPERATION CHARLOTTE

October 21-27

Operation Charlotte is a week-long ministry event where we come together as a church to reach out to our community by meeting their needs in tangible ways through service projects with various organizations throughout Charlotte. Register at HickoryGrove.org for service projects.

DISCOVER HG

Begins Sunday, October 14

9:30 AM, Room 1111/1112

Discover HG provides a unique opportunity to learn who Hickory Grove Baptist Church is and what we believe. RSVP at HickoryGrove.org/DiscoverHG.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

October 5-6, Cost: \$20

North Campus

Dr. Rosaria Butterfield will share her story of coming to know and believe in Christ after living as a lesbian and lobbyist for LGBT equality. Today she is a pastor's wife, home-school mother, author, and speaker who teaches how to turn strangers into neighbors. Register at HickoryGrove.org.

