



**HICKORY GROVE**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**W O R S H I P   G U I D E**

*Mallard Creek Campus (North) | Week of September 23, 2018*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*North Campus - Sunday, September 23, 2018*

## **Call to Worship**

*Psalm 33:1-3*

“Come Behold the Wonderous Mystery”

“Hallelujah for the Cross”

## **Sermon**

*Genesis 39:7-23*

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **The Lord's Supper**

## **Offering**

“O Praise the Name (Anastasis)”

“What a Beautiful Name”

## **Benediction**

*Psalm 4:6*

## 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.

*Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.  
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the  
harp of ten strings!  
Sing to him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud  
shouts.*

**Psalm 33:1-3**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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During this time, we will observe The Lord's Supper.

## BENEDICTION

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*There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?  
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"*

**Psalm 4:6**

# THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

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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](http://NewCityCatechism.com).

## Part 3: Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

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### 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](http://NewCityCatechism.com).

# WHAT WE BELIEVE...

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## **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

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## 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.<sup>1</sup>

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.

<sup>1</sup>See Article VII of the Baptist Faith and Message, 2000.

# 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, September 23**

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

*The Lord's Supper*

Kids Choir: 5 PM

Equip Classes: 5 PM

### **Wednesday, September 26**

Dinner: 5 PM

Awana: 6:15 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 Room 327 following the Pastors' class.

## **GOSPEL PROJECT: IN THE BEGINNING**

If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, pick up a Class Directory at the Information Desk in the Lobby and plan to visit a class and study God's Word together.

## **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](http://HickoryGrove.org) for service projects.

## **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](http://HickoryGrove.org).

# SERMON NOTES

*Sunday, September 23, 2018*

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*Genesis 39:7-23*

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