



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Mallard Creek Campus (North) | Week of October 21, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Call to Worship

Psalm 41:1-2

“Grace Alone”

Baptism

“His Mercy is More”

Sermon

Genesis 41:46-57

Prayer and The Lord's Supper

Offering

“Grace”

“Living Hope”

Benediction

Colossians 1:21-22

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.

*As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?*

Psalm 42:1-2

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

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

Colossians 1:21-22

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY: A GUIDE FOR THE CHURCH

The Atonement of Christ

The Atonement Defined: What it is...

The Bible teaches that Jesus died a substitutionary death on a cross to absorb the full wrath of God that sinners deserve.¹ He was crucified as a sinless sacrifice in our place. This is the bedrock of everything we hold to be true about salvation—namely, that Jesus saves those who place their faith in *His blood* (Rom 3:25). The Scriptures teach that the penalty for sin is death (Rom 6:23) but God sent His son to pay that penalty with His life.

The crucifixion, then, upholds God's unwavering commitment to justice and demonstrates His unfailing love for sinners.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Rom 8:1). The great news of the gospel, is that, instead of judgment, Christians receive adoption (Rom 8:15), the Spirit (Rom 8:16), and God's love (Rom 8:31-39).

None of these would be possible apart from the atonement of Christ.

The Atonement Applied: Why it matters...

The story of Scripture reveals our need for atonement. It is right to say that God has provided for our greatest and most basic need. As a result, we praise the Father through the Spirit because of His Son, confidently saying, *what then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? If God did not spare His only son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things* (Rom 8:31-32).

As disciples of Christ, forgiveness and joy, not fear and dread, motivate us to pick up our cross and follow Him. The atonement then leads us to worship the Lord Jesus with profound joy and clarity, challenging us to live out the implications of the atonement through our worship, evangelism, and discipleship.

¹ Jarvis J Williams, "Violent Atonement in Romans: The Foundation of Paul's Soteriology," *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 53, no. 3 (September 2010): 579-599; Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Leicester, England : Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 1994), 568-603; Daniel L. Akin, David Paul Nelson, and Peter R. Schemm, *A Theology for the Church* (B&H Publishing Group, 2007), 439-480.

THE LORD'S SUPPER: A GUIDE FOR THE CHURCH

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.

MISSIONS PRAYER GUIDE

Pray Hickory Grove would be a beacon of Gospel hope in a city that desperately needs Jesus.

Pray the Holy Spirit would awaken dead hearts in our city and call people to repentance.

Pray that the hundreds of Operation Charlotte volunteers serving this week throughout the Charlotte Metro will make a Kingdom impact.

Pray for Operation Charlotte volunteers to meet both physical and spiritual needs as they minister this week.

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 43

What are the sacraments or ordinances?

The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and The Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by His death and resurrection. By our use of them, the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the Gospel to us.

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

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, October 21

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

The Lord's Supper

Kids Choir: 5 PM

Equip Classes: 5 PM

Wednesday, October 24

Dinner: 5 PM

Awana: 6:15 PM

Student Worship: 6:30 PM

Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

STUDENTS: BIBLE WORKSHOP

Sunday, October 28, 5 PM

Students will learn how to know, love, and engage with the Bible. The cost is \$10, which includes dinner and a book. Register at HickoryGrove.org/Students.

FALL OUTREACH

Wednesday, October 31

Halloween offers a great opportunity to engage in new relationships with those around us or to revisit some relationships with new missional intentionality. Do not miss this missional opportunity. No "on-campus" activities on October 31.

YOUTH BASKETBALL & CHEER

Games begin in December

Youth basketball is open to boys ages 5-13 and girls ages 5-12, and cheerleading is open to girls ages 5-10. Cost is \$75 through October 28, \$85 after. Register at HickoryGrove.org/Basketball.

HICKORY GROVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 1, 12 PM and 6 PM

Located at our Harris Campus

Come see what makes HGCS distinctively different at our fall Open House! Learn about our mission and vision, the K-12 programs we offer, and meet our caring teachers.

