

WORSHIP GUIDE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Call to Worship

Luke 1:46-47, 49

"Angels From The Realms of Glory"

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Baptism

Corporate Confession

Psalm 51:9-10

"In Christ Alone"

"He Who Is Mighty"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

"Love Came For Me"

Sermon

Galatians 4:4-5

"There Is A Redeemer"

Benediction

"Jesus Son of God"

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.

And Mary said, "my soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior... for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holv is His name."

Luke 1:46-47, 49

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.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:9-10

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.

BIBLE READING PLANS

As we begin to look to the new year, it is a great time to plan how you can read the Bible daily. Here are 5 suggested plans that Hickory Grove makes available in print and online.

M'Cheyne (One Year)

Each day has two passages from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and one from either the Psalms or the Gospels. In one year, you read the Old Testament once and the New Testament and Psalms twice.

Read the Bible For Life (One Year Chronological)

This plan has been organized to flow in chronological order. Since exact dating of some materials or events is not possible, the chronology simply represents an attempt to give you the reader the general flow and development of the full story of the Bible.

Every Day in the Word (One Year)

Daily Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, Proverbs

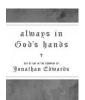
Getting Started (40 Day)

If you are new to the Bible and are looking for suggestions on where to start, this plan will give you an overall understanding of what the Bible is all about.

Systematic Theology Study Bible (30 Day)

This plan not only introduces you to systematic theology as a whole, but also demonstrates how specific doctrines connect to the very words of Scripture.

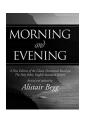
RECOMMENDED DAILY DEVOTIONALS



Always in God's Hands:
Day by Day in the Company
of Jonathan Edwards
by Owen Strachan



New Morning Mercies by Paul Tripp



Morning and Evening by Charles H Spurgeon



For the Love of God, Volume 1: A Daily Companion for Discovering the Riches of God's Word by D.A. Carson



For the Love of God, Volume 2: A Daily Companion for Discovering the Riches of God's Word by D.A. Carson

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 51

Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Romans 8:34

PRAYER

Interceding Savior, you have not stopped showing compassion for your people. You were tempted in every way as we are, and you now intercede for us when we are tempted. Plead for us to your Father, for you are our advocate before the judge of all the earth. Amen.

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.

Schedule

Sunday, December 16

Worship: 8 & 11 AM Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Christmas Night of Worship: 5 PM

Wednesday, December 19

No Evening Activities

Sunday, December 23

Regular Schedule

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve Services: 4 PM Church offices closed

Tuesday, December 25Church offices closed

CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Come join us today at 5 PM as we sing and pray together this Christmas season. A cookie fellowship will follow.

ADOPTION PARENTING CLASS

Beginning Wednesday, January 16
The class will cover adoption education, behavior management ideas, connection with recources for parents, and cultivating a relationship and support between the parents. Register online at HickoryGrove.org/Adoption.

HG WOMEN: ROMANS PART 1

Beginning Wednesday, January 9 9:30 AM, Room 3308/3310 Join us as you see through the eyes of the apostle Paul, the nature of man, his depravity, his fallen state and his Creator who makes the way of redemption. Cost: \$31.50 Register at HickoryGrove.org/ EquipHG.

HG WOMEN: DEUTERONOMY

Beginning Wednesday, January 9 6:30 PM, Room 1111/1112 Discover what God expects of believers and how we should live as His children in the world today. Register at HickoryGrove.org/EquipHG. Cost: \$18.

HICKORY GROVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 17, 12 PM and 6 PM Come and gather important information about admissions, hear from our Head of School and administrators who will share the mission and vision of HGCS, and tour our campus. Call 704-531-3589 to register.

SERMON NOTES Sunday, December 16, 2018

Galatians 4:4-5	



