



MERIDIAN CHURCH

Worship Prep 1.13.18

Please use this sheet to prepare yourself and your family for worship on Sunday morning. Read the text, pray, sing or read one of the suggested songs, or be creative.

Sermon Text: Galatians 3:25–29

Call to Worship: Romans 8:12–25

New City Catechism Q. 3

Pray for your Leaders:

Preaching: Josh King

Communion: Josh King

Call to worship: Burt Hamm

Catechism: David Burks

Leading in music: Chris Coast

“If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child and having God as his father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all.”

—J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

Song:

“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o’er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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