



HOPE CHAPEL

WORSHIP GUIDE // NOVEMBER 11, 2018

CALLED BY GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, you pour out the spirit of grace and love.
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,
that with steady minds and burning zeal
we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

⤴ GATHERING SONG

Steadfast Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, Josh Silverberg (2016)

I will build my house, whether storm or drought,
On the rock that does not move.
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove
You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke, all the starry host
Are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
"Hallelujah to the Lamb!"
You are steadfast, steadfast.

*Why do we sing?
We sing as a way of
engaging our voices,
imaginings, words,
and desires in the
worship of God.*

*We sing together,
to God and to each other,
because of our calling to
be a people joined
together in Christ.*

An Invitation

The Call to Worship is sometimes called the Invitation to Worship. As we shuffle through the doors on Sunday morning, we come to a Gospel-feast, invited by Jesus Christ. But not only does He offer the invitation, He also pays the cost of admission through His life, death and resurrection. And so we are honored guests, welcomed in and responding to this incredible grace.

Come, let us worship our Savior, Jesus Christ!

What's with the arrows?

Throughout the worship guide you will notice arrows pointing up, down, and side-to-side. These are a reminder that our liturgy is a dialogue—it's relational. God speaks, we respond. We extend peace to one another. God provides sustenance to us from his Word and at his Table. This morning, God invites you into this holy "dance".

Ⓣ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 89:1-2, 8

Leader: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness
known through all generations.
I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

**All: Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?
You, Lord, are mighty,
and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

Ⓢ SONG OF PRAISE

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens *Anonymous lyrics (1796), Eric Marshall (2014)*

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height!
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.

*All creation join the song of praise!
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways!
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy
All of our days!*

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail.
God Has made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.

*All creation join the song of praise!
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways!
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy
All of our days!*



CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven,
wholeness, healing and flourishing
come from what you have done.

Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection,
you have reconciled us with you.

We come to you this morning forsaking
our own efforts to earn your acceptance.

We now turn away from them
and rest in what you have done
instead of trying to build a foundation on what we have done.

*** time for silent confession ***

⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Isaiah 44:21-11

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you; you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

↻ PASSING OF THE PEACE

↻ GLOBAL PRAYER PARTNERS // Carter Family

*We do we confess sin?
Worship both draws us to
God and reveals where
we are distant from him.
Throughout Scripture,
when people see or
experience God they are
faced with the reality of
their own brokenness
and shame. Likewise, we
confess our sin, as a com-
munity and individually.*

*Why is it called "Words of
Forgiveness?" There's a
reason we don't call this
element "The Forgiveness
of Sins." As Protestants,
we truly believe that there
is only one mediator
between God and human-
kind—Jesus Christ (1 Tim
2:5). Therefore, no pastor
or priest can offer God's
pardon...this is the work of
Christ alone, given freely
by and directly from Him!
Therefore, we are assured
that as we confess our sins
and put our faith in Jesus
Christ, He indeed does
pardon us. Our pastors
and leaders in worship
merely offer this good
news as it is proclaimed in
Scripture (see 1 John 1:9).*

*The "passing of the
peace": As recipients of
God's grace, we gladly
receive peace from Him.
In response to His grace,
we also extend that grace
to one another with a
handshake or a hug.
Traditionally, Christians
have greeted one another
during this time in the
service with the phrase,
"May the peace of Christ
be with you" and receive
back the greeting "And
also with you."*



*Responding to grace:
After being reminded
of God's lavish grace
and love toward us, we
respond by celebrating
with singing.*

What's the offering all about? *The offering is a way for Christians to support the mission and ministry of the church. Christians offer a sacrificial portion of their resources—time, talents, possessions—as an act of faith and gratitude in response to God's grace. While many at Hope Chapel make their regular contributions through online giving and automated bill pay, offerings are a part of our worship service as an opportunity for the regular, proportionate and generous giving of the resources God has given us.*

If you are a guest, please feel no obligation to give. Giving is for the members and regular attenders who desire to give to God and His church so that we can be a blessing to Him and our community in even greater ways.

Ways to give:
You may drop a check or cash in the offering plate, give online at hopechapelgreensboro.org/give, or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel. (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes)

CELEBRATING GOD

⤴ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Nothing But the Blood *Robert Lowry (1876)*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh precious is the flow that makes me white as snow,
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see—nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing, this my plea—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

⤴ GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Who You Say I Am *Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (2017)*

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in; oh His love for me!
Oh His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed;
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes He died for me.

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed;
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me,
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

I am chosen, not forsaken,
I am who You say I am!
You are for me, not against me,
I am who You say I am! I am who You say I am!



CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Colossians 2:16-23

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹ "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

Sermon- Daniel Northrup
Series: Maturing in Jesus
Title: Fidelity to the Gospel Message

What do we do during the Scripture Reading? The Word of God is one of the chief means through which God has chosen to speak to us. The public reading of Scripture, then, is a sacred act that deserves our full attention and focus. Especially in our age, we must discipline ourselves to listen to readings for longer periods of time, for God's Word is food for our soul.

Daniel is Hope Chapel's associate pastor for youth, outreach, and assimilation.

This sermon is part of a series on the book of Colossians, tracing the themes of the authority, power, and sovereignty of Jesus.

For past sermons, please visit our website.



What Is Communion?

What we do during communion isn't merely a symbolic act or a remembrance—it's more than that.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 teaches us that we are actually communing with Christ Himself as we partake of the elements. We mysteriously "participate in the body and blood" of Jesus. As we take communion, let us remember that Christ is spiritually present in a special way for us in this sacrament. Let's enjoy the feast!

If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, please feel free to not participate and instead spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection" are included in this worship guide).

We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

PLEASE NOTE:
Gluten-free bread is available in both serving lines.

⬇️ COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts! **All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of your Name.

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Minister: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

**** institution of the elements ****

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another. **All: Amen.**

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever. As our Savior taught us, so we pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Just As I Am *Andrew Peterson (2003)*

What's that on the ground? It's what's left of my heart;
Somebody named Jesus broke it to pieces and planted the shards
And they're coming up green and they're coming in bloom,
I can hardly believe this is all coming true.

*Just as I am and just as I was,
Just as I will be He loves me, He does.*



*He showed me the day that He shed His own blood;
He loves me, oh He loves me, He does.*

All of my life I've held on to this fear.
These thistles and vines ensnare and entwine what flowers appeared.
It's the fear that I'll fall one too many times,
It's the fear that His love is no better than mine

*Just as I am and just as I was,
Just as I will be He loves me, He does.
He showed me the day that He shed His own blood;
He loves me, oh He loves me, He does.*

Well it's time now to harvest what little that grew;
This man they call Jesus, who planted the seeds has come for the fruit.
And the best that I've got isn't nearly enough,
He's glad for the crop, but it's me that He loves.

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Prayer for renewal and commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, to love God and neighbor, and to a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, to pursue forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace, and to live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Guides for prayer:

If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, please feel free to not participate and instead, to spend this time in prayer. The prayers provided here may serve as a good place to start.



SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

All Must Be Well *Mary Bowly Peters (1847), Matthew Smith (2007)*

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding,
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

⤴ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤴ BLESSING & SENDING // Romans 15:13

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

All: Amen.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*What is the benediction?
Benediction is a word with Latin origin (bene = "well," and dicere = "to speak"); a benediction is a word which "speaks wellness/goodness" to us, therefore properly understood as a blessing. The benediction in worship has ancient roots, going back to the worship of God's people in the Temple. When we utilize the benediction in our worship, we connect ourselves with an ancient practice of God's people and join with them together in worship of our one great God.*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$8,117	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - Nov. 4)	\$310,816	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
Given to Date	\$349,643	Hope Chapel
Over/[Under]	\$38,827	1825 Spring Garden St Greensboro, NC 27403

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