



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

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.

CALLED BY GOD

⤴ GATHERING SONG

Oh Our Lord *Paul Baloche, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2011)*

We behold the breaking dawn,
The light that shines over everyone.
We look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

We behold the rising sun,
The earth awakes, Your hope has come.
As we look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

*Oh, oh, oh our Lord, Oh, oh, oh our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!*

We behold the falling rain,
Like waters rise, flood this place,
We reach for You, we cling to You oh Lord.

Oh, Your name is a light in the darkness!
Oh, Your name is the word of truth!
Oh, Your name, oh Your name!

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.*

The Call to Worship and the Benediction are important traditions in the history of Christian worship. As the start and close of the service, they make an important point to us about worship: God gets the first and last word.

We understand the Call to Worship as God's call to us. If we are ever to have a relationship with God, it is God who must first initiate to us. God alone can invite us and draw us in.

Likewise, in the Benediction, it is only by God's blessing (which is what a "benediction" is) and power are we able to go out into the world, to surrender our lives in daily worship, and to live out God's mission.

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 9:7-11

Leader: The Lord reigns forever;
he has established his throne for judgment.

**All: He rules the world in righteousness
and judges the peoples with equity.**

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

**All: Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

⬆️ SONG OF PRAISE

This Is Amazing Grace *Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham (2012)*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me!*

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.



CLEANSSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious and merciful God:
we confess to you that time after time,
we have entered your presence with countless prayers,
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.

We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.
We have rehearsed your commandments,
but have refused to serve our neighbor.

We humbly ask that you forgive our lack of faith
and pardon our acts of injustice.
Grant us the healing that comes from your presence
and from the strength of your all-powerful Word,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*** time for silent confession ***

⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // 1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

⤴ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

⤴ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Blessed Assurance *Fanny Crosby, Phoebe Knapp (1873)*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*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.*

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long!*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

There Is a Fountain *William Cowper (1772), Early American Melody*

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains: lose all their guilty stains:
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed ones of God be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed ones of God, be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save:
I'll sing Thy power to save, I'll sing Thy power to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save.

**What do we do during
the Scripture Reading?**
*Because the Word of God
is one of the chief means
through which God has
chosen to speak to us, it
is a principle and direct
way we "hear from God" in
worship. The public read-
ing of Scripture, then, is a
sacred act that deserves
our full attention and fo-
cus. Especially in our age,
we must discipline our-
selves to listen to readings
for longer periods of time,
for God's Word is food for
our soul.*



CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Sermon- Daniel Northrup
Series: Practical Transformation
Title: Prayers of the People

⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

Jesus' Prayer Angie Schinke (2018)

Our Father, who art 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 – have mercy!
Give us the grace to forgive those who have sinned against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one
For Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power,
Yours is the glory forever and ever, amen.

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

This sermon is part of a series examining how the elements of our liturgy can shape and transform both our personal lives and life together in community.

For past sermons, please visit our website.

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).*



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:
All bread is gluten-free.

COMMUNION

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

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

All: God of all Good, we bless You for the means of grace; teach us to see in them Your loving purposes and the joy and strength of our souls. You have prepared for us a feast; and though we are unworthy to sit down as guests, We wholly rest on the merits of Jesus.

Minister: While we gaze upon the emblems of our Savior's death, may we ponder why he died, and hear him say,

All: 'I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself an offering to pay for your sin, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clear, endured your curses to set you free, bore your condemnation to satisfy divine justice.'

Minister: In the supper we remember his eternal love, boundless grace, infinite compassion, agony, cross, redemption, and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory. 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: Let us give thanks to God.

All: God of mercy, You are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Thank You for Your grace, demonstrated to us on the cross.

As the outward elements nourish our bodies, so may Your indwelling Spirit invigorate our souls, until that day when we hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast.

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.

God of My Life, to Thee I Call

William Cowper (1779), Clint Wells, Brian Murphy, Benj Pocta (2007)

God of my life, to Thee I call,
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall;
When the great water floods prevail
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe and must succeed for whom
The Lord is sure to plead.

Friend of the friendless and the saint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door
Invites the helpless and the poor!

That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer;
But a prayer hearing, answering God
Supports me under every load.



SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

Faithful One *Randall Goodgame (2014)*

Faithful One, we lift our praise
Toward your light we turn our gaze.
The weight of sin is bearing down,
We need your grace to save us now.

*Faithful One, Faithful One, You never fail, You never fail,
You never fail to raise the sun, Faithful One.
Faithful One, Faithful One, You never fail, You never fail,
Not my will, but Yours be done.*

God of Grace I long to live
By the peace you freely give.
When lesser things seduce my eyes,
Lord, break my heart and make me wise.

Ancient love has brought to bear
Kinship with the royal heir.
You broke the bread, you poured the wine,
Now I am yours and you are mine.

↔ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤵ BLESSING & SENDING

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$9,719
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - Sept 22)	\$323,342
Given to Date	\$343,885
Over/[Under]	\$20,543

ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Goal:	\$900,000
Pledged:	\$459,000
Needed:	\$441,000
Given to date:	\$101,971

Gifts can be placed in the offering
plate on Sundays or mailed to:
Hope Chapel
908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Greensboro, NC 27408

Online giving is available on our website: www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give
We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

**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 bless-
ing. 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 to-
gether in worship of our
one great God.