



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // OCTOBER 13, 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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Henry Lyte (1834), Michael Van Patter (2010)*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet Thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; who, like me, His praise should sing?
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Praise the Everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Widely as His mercy goes.

⤵ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 64:1-4

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

**All: All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of 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 initi-
ate to us. God alone can
invite us and draw us in.*

*Likewise, in the Benedic-
tion, 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".*

*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.*

⤴ SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

James Allen (1831), Ryan Bowles, Charlie Swing, Todd Van Patter, Michael Van Patter (2009)

Glory to God on high,
Let heav'n and earth reply, "Praise His name!"
His love and grace adore,
Who all our sorrows bore, praise His name!

Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!

Jesus, our Lord and God,
Bore sin's tremendous load, praise His name!
Tell what His arm has done,
What spoils from death he won, praise His name!

Let all the hosts above
Join in one song of love, praise His name!
To Him ascribed be
Honor and majesty, praise His name!

CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God:
Your word says that every good gift is from above.
You are our great Provider;
You give us everything we need.
Yet we confess that we turn these gifts into idols
That we love, serve and worship above you.

Forgive us for turning your gifts into gods.
Help us to find our contentment and fulfillment in you alone.
By the power of Christ Jesus we pray...

*** time for silent confession ***



⬇️ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Psalm 36:7-9

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

↻ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

⬆️ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

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.

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled.
In the hour of darkness, Your light was revealed.
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed.
In the absence of holiness, You are still God.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

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 accepted for tax purposes).

Ⓢ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

All Things Rise *Sam Yoder (2015)*

God, how beautiful Your Holy Word
That formed the worlds in such goodness.
O, the shame that we would spurn it all,
To turn and fall into darkness.

God, we'll sing how through Your Son You turned
This loss and hurt into glory.
How, when scorned in death You raised Him up,
His gain's become the whole world's story.

*Let all things rise and bless Your name!
All things made right and new again.
O Lord our God, Your goodness
Is free and boundless, is reaching endless through it all.*

And on this road with every step we take,
Your faithfulness is our portion.
You've prepared a city bright and fair,
Whose gates forever stay open.

Son of God, in You we've taken up
The way of love's occupation.
O, the joy to share in Your reward,
The stunning turn of new creation.



CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Psalm 1

- ¹ Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- ² but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
- ³ He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
- ⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- ⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Sermon- Todd Jones
Series: Practical Transformation
Title: Scripture

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 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.

Todd is Hope Chapel's founding/lead pastor.

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 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.

Ancient Words *Lynn DeShazo (2001)*

Holy words, long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart, oh, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home,

*Ancient words, ever true; changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, oh, let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice, oh heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words, long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, oh let the ancient words impart.



SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

In Christ Alone Keith Getty, Stuart Townend (2001)

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love! What depths of peace!
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

↻ 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. **Amen.**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$8,549
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - Oct 6)	\$340,360
Given to Date	\$356,798
Over/[Under]	\$16,438

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
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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 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.