



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // DECEMBER 8, 2019
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALLED BY GOD

⤴ GATHERING SONG

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name *Edward Perronet (1780), Oliver Holden (1793)*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to his call,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

⤵ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**All: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

**All: So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.**

*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 In-
vitation 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, wel-
comed in and responding
to this incredible grace.*

*Come, let us worship our
Savior, Jesus Christ!*

What Is Advnt?

Advent is a word that means "coming" or "arrival." Since the fourth century, the Church has celebrated this season of Advent, starting on the fourth Sunday before Christmas day. The celebration of Advent helps us focus our attention on Jesus Christ's birth and ministry as well as his promised return. Throughout the season we are constantly reminded that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world.

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".

LITANY FOR ADVENT WEEK 2: PEACE

Leader: Oh Great God, we are gathered here, your people, seeking out your face and the peace that is found in your Presence.

All: Let us dwell always in your presence, and walk in Your peace.

Leader: When humanity opened the door to sin,
we were plunged into darkness and despair.
But You, Loving God, have made peace
with us and restored us to grace.

All: For Your infinite mercy and lovingkindness, we thank You.

Leader: You sent your son Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace,
into the world as a human to save and heal Your children
who were lost. The light of peace came into the world.

**All: We who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!**

Leader: We prepare our hearts now and acknowledge
that Christ's work on the cross was the beginning
of Your kingdom here on earth.
Your kingdom is a peaceable kingdom,
where lion and lamb may lie down together,
where there is neither Jew nor Gentile,
slave nor free, male nor female.
We are all one in the peace of Christ.

**All: May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,
and may we carry the light of peace wherever we go. Amen.**

⤴ SONG OF RESPONSE

Come Light Our Hearts *Sandra McCracken (2012)*

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait,
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait,
Truly our hope is in You, truly our hope is in You.

O Lord of life, our only hope,
Your radiance shines on all who look
To You in the dark, Emmanuel come, come light our hearts.

O Joy above all other loves,
In you we find more than enough
We come as we are, O heal and restore; come light our hearts.



Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus *Charles Wesley (1744), HYFRDOL (1830)*

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine own sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

CLEANSSED BY GOD

Ⓢ CONFSSION OF SIN

God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light
And walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior...

*** time for silent confession***

Ⓣ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Ephesians 2:8-9

Ⓢ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ⓢ NEW MEMBERS JOIN

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 community and individually.

We are not alone.

The Bible teaches that Jesus understands what it is to be human (and Advent is a beautiful reminder of that). Because He was fully man, He is compassionate and merciful toward us in our sin and failures. But not only can He sympathize with us, Jesus also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurrection.

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).



Jesus came and Jesus comes. This hymn reminds us of one of the central ideas of Advent: we remember the birth of Jesus as "God with us" AND we celebrate that He continues to be with us and will one day come again.

In this text, verse 1 looks back, verses 2-4 focus on Jesus' presence in our lives right now, and verse 5 points forward to when He "comes again in glory".

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 attendees 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

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring *Godfrey Thring (1864), Michael Van Patter (2012)*

Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,
came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption,
lowly came on earth to die.
Jesus comes again in mercy,
when our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
to an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.

Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,
glads our hearts, and dries our tears;
Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
bringing news of sins forgiven;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
leading souls redeemed to Heav'n;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the gate of death is riv'n.

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,
when the heav'ns shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory;
let us then our homage pay,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Till the dawn of endless day.

Ⓢ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

God with Us *Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan (2012)*

You've come to bring peace, to be love, to be nearer to us.
You've come to breathe life, to be light, to shine brighter in us.
Oh Emmanuel, God with us.

*Our Deliverer, You are Savior,
In Your presence we find our strength.
Over everything, our redemption;
God with us, You are God with us.*

You've come to be hope to this world, for Your honor and name.
You've come to take sin, to bear shame and to conquer the grave.
Oh Emmanuel, God with us.

CHANGED BY GOD

Ⓣ SCRIPTURE READING // Joshua 6:1-16, 20

¹ Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. ² And the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. ³ You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. ⁴ Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵ And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him." ⁶ So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord." ⁷ And he said to the people, "Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord."

⁸ And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Lord went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the Lord following them. ⁹ The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁰ But Joshua commanded the people, "You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout." ¹¹ So he caused the ark of the Lord to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

¹² Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. ¹³ And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁴ And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did for six days.

¹⁵ On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶ And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city.

²⁰ So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city.

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.



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This sermon is part of
our Advent series.
For past sermons, please
visit our website.

What Is Communion?

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

1 Corinthians 10:16-17
teaches us that we are
actually communing with
Christ Himself as we par-
take of the elements. We
mysteriously "participate
in the body and blood" of
Jesus. As we take commu-
nion, 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 wor-
ship guide).

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

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

Sermon- Clyde Godwin
Series: What Are You Waiting For?
Title: Joshua

⬇️ COMMUNION

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

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

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

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister: And now we give you thanks because Christ was born a child
into a line of broken and sinful people, a royal house lying in ruins.
In righteousness he will judge the world,
as the one who gives us himself—his body and his blood—
for our righteousness and peace and for the rebuilding of his kingdom.

**All: And so we gladly thank you,
joining our voices with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
who forever sing to the glory of your Name.**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been 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: 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.**



Come to Us, O Lord *Eric Marshal (2012)*

O living Word; please come and dwell in us.
Lord wipe away these tears.
O Ancient Son, so long foretold,
We're desperate souls, draw near.

And we will stand, securely in the strength of the Lord,
Every heart will surely come and adore the Great I Am.

Our Shepherd King, please come and dwell with us.
To fields of grace, lead on.

We need You now, break our chains by Your glory and power.
Make us captive to a holy desire; Come to us, O Lord.

Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Lord, draw us close, unto Thyself.
King of kings, God's chosen One, we need you now, to Thee we run.

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

Christ Be All Around Me

David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan (2015)

As I rise, strength of God go before, lift me up.
As I wake, eyes of God look upon, be my sight.

As I wait, heart of God satisfy and sustain.
As I hear, voice of God lead me on, be my guide.

*Above and below me, before and behind me,
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.*

As I go, Hand of God, my defense, by my side.
And as I rest, breath of God fall upon, bring me peace.

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed
For every moment, every moment.

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.

↔ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤵ BLESSING & SENDING // 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Minister: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace
at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$10,597	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - Dec 1)	\$408,432	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
Given to Date	\$440,624	Hope Chapel
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