



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // JANUARY 5, 2020

CALLED BY GOD

⤴ GATHERING SONG

O **Worship the King!** *R. Grant (1833), J.M. Kraus (1756), 4th Verse: David Guthrie (1991)*

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His wonderful love.
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light and canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to worship above.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end;
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

All hail to the King! In splendor enthroned,
Glad praises we bring, Thy wonders make known;
Returning victorious, great conqueror of sin,
King Jesus, all glorious, our vict'ry will win!

⤵ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

All: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

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'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".*

⤴ SONG OF PRAISE

To God All Praise and Glory *Johann Jakob Schutz (1675), trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1864), Music & Add. lyrics Brian Eichelberger (2017)*

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation.
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
He fills my soul with sweet relief and make my faithless murmur cease.

To God all praise and glory (x4)

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing;
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
And in my Father's tender care His love eclipses my despair.

When life is hard and days are long, I'll sing aloud His praises.
That all may hear the grateful song my joyful spirit raises.
My heart revived, my soul restored, my heart rejoices in the Lord.

Let all who claim Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory.
Let all who lean on the Spirit's strength declare the wondrous story!
Cast every idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord and Christ alone.

CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

**God the Father, we admit that we are too busy with our
plans and purposes, our worries and hopes, and our labors and pleasures.
We have filled our lives with ourselves.**

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

**God the Son, we confess that we treat you very little
like Lord of our lives, much less, Lord of the Sabbath.
We do not trust you to provide, guide, or care for us.**

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

**God the Spirit, we are restless and impatient with your work in our lives.
Forgive us for running to other things if you do not act as we expect.
Forgive us for treating you more like a neglectful servant
than the promised comforter.**

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

*** time for silent confession ***



⬇ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

↔ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

⦿ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Jesus Is Alive

Michael Farren, Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell, Jesse Reeves, Niki Shepherd, James Tealy (2012)

There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days,
For the One that once was buried lives again.
Now the tomb is bare and empty and the stone is rolled away,
Praise the Risen One, who overcame the grave!

All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak:
Come find living water, everlasting streams.
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more:
Find the Risen King, who overcomes the world.

*Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night!
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King, for Jesus is Alive!*

No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear,
For our sin and shame, they have no power here.
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free,
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory!

Hallelujah, death is undone!
Hallelujah, Jesus has won!
Hallelujah, we overcome - in Jesus, oh in Jesus!

Only a Holy God *Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson (2016)*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

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 other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendour outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy- forever a Holy God!
Come and worship the Holy God!*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God.

CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Mark 5:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening came, He *said to them, "Let us go over to the other side."³⁶ Leaving the crowd, they *took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him.³⁷ And there *arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up.³⁸ Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"³⁹ And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.⁴⁰ And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"⁴¹ They became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

Sermon- John Freeman
Series: Rest In The New Year
Title: When Reality Sinks In

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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For past sermons, please visit our website.



⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

All Things Are Ready *Albert Midlane (1860), Matthew Smith, Sandra McCracken (2013)*

"All things are ready," come, come to the supper spread;
Come, rich and poor, come old and young, come, and be richly fed.
"All things are ready," come, the invitation's given,
Through Him Who now in glory sits
At God's right hand in heaven, all things are ready.

*The door is open wide for Christ, the Son, has died.
Oh feast upon the love of God!
O come where you belong, sing resurrection songs,
All things are ready, all things are ready, come!*

"All things are ready," come, all barriers are removed
And God, in Christ, His precious love to fallen man has proved.
"All things are ready," come, tomorrow may not be;
O sinner, come, the Savior waits
This hour to welcome thee, all things are ready.

⤵ COMMUNION

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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](https://www.venmo.com/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.*

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: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

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: Let us pray together:

All: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Rest In You (Psalm 127) *Haven Sink (2019)*

My soul finds rest in God alone
And still I think that I can do it on my own.
With these broken hands, maybe I can find a way to
build some peace of mind.
And so I labor til the day is done and I work until the morning comes;
How long before I finally realize?

*Unless the Lord builds the house, lays every stone in place,
Unless You watch over this city that You made,
All my labor is in vain; so help me finally rest in You.*

My soul finds rest in God alone
Still I think that I can make it on my own.
Things come undone, I just hold on tighter,
Afraid to let it go.
So I lie down in uncertainty, I toss and turn with worry,
And sleep won't come until I realize.

Because You give to Your beloved sleep,
You give to Your beloved sleep.
Your promises I know You'll keep,
so I can lie down in perfect peace.



SENT BY GOD

⬆️ SENDING SONG

Your Labor Is Not in Vain *Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell (2017)*

Your labor is not in vain,
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained;
Your planting and reaping are never the same, but your labor is not in vain.

*For I am with you, I am with you. I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name; Your labor is not in vain.*

Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown.

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

The houses you labored to build will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed.

↔️ COMMUNITY LIFE

⬆️ BLESSING & SENDING // Ephesians 3:20-21

Minister: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work
within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$5,820
Required to Date	\$442,468
(Jan. 1 - Dec 29)	
Given to Date	\$483,210
Over/[Under]	\$40,742

ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Goal:	\$900,000
Pledged:	\$461,611
Needed:	\$438,389
Given to date:	\$131,745

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