



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // DECEMBER 13, 2020

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALLED BY GOD

⤴ GATHERING SONG

O Come All Ye Faithful *John Francis Wade (1743), Trans. by Frederick Oakley (1841)*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus to Thee be all glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

⤵ 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.*

Why a "call to worship"?
*Worship is something we
offer to God every day of
our lives in everything that
we do. If we are worship-
ing as we come in the
church doors, why do we
have a Call to Worship?
Implied in the phrase is
the word "corporate."
When we hear the Call to
(corporate) Worship, we
are called by God as one
community to worship
Him together.*

*What is unique about
Sunday is not that we
worship on that day and
not others; it is that we
worship together.*



Advent Litany
Scripture Sources:

- (1) John 1:23
- (2) Isaiah 61:1,2
- (3) Isaiah 61:10, Luke 1:47
- (4) Luke 1:52
- (5) Luke 1: 53
- (6) Isaiah 61:2, 4
- (7) Psalm 126:5
- (8) Luke 1:50

*This litany was written by
Fran Pratt and used with
permission (<http://www.franpratt.com/>)*

*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".*

⌂ ADVENT LITANY

There is a moment

When the trajectory of earth

And the trajectory of heaven collide -

A human being overshadowed by Divine Presence...

Like Mary, the Mother chosen by God.

Like John, the voice crying in the wilderness ⁽¹⁾.

Like Jesus, the Christ in human form.

Like us, when we awaken to God.

The calling of good news to the oppressed,

Healing for the brokenhearted,

Liberty for the captives,

Release for prisoners,

Comfort for all who mourn ⁽²⁾,

Extends to all of us.

With Mary, we will rejoice ⁽³⁾:

Unjust rulers will be toppled.

The powerless will be honored ⁽⁴⁾,

The hungry filled with good things ⁽⁵⁾.

And the year of God's favor,

The year of jubilee and repair will be upon us ⁽⁶⁾.

We ready ourselves,

To bear witness to the day

When we who sow in tears

Will reap with shouts of joy ⁽⁷⁾.

We work diligently and wait expectantly;

Gathering up all the evidence,

Pondering all the clues,

Adding our own experiences and stories,

Testifying to the mercy of God

From generation to generation ⁽⁸⁾. Amen.

⌆ **O Come, Messiah, Come** *Isaac Wardell (2009)*

Oh come, oh come Messiah! Oh come our Alleluia!

Oh sing, oh sing Hosanna! Oh come, Messiah, come!

Comfort and joy, Alpha, Omega, He

Sorrow and toil, no longer rulers be.



⤴ SONG OF PRAISE

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.

CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God who inhabits eternity
but dwells with those who are of a humble and contrite spirit:
before you and our Lord Jesus Christ we confess our sins.

We have ignored the presence of your Spirit.
We have failed to look for the return of our Savior and Judge.
We have been blind to your coming
in the suffering of the hungry, the exiled,
the destitute, the sick, and the imprisoned.
In your great goodness put away our offenses
and cleanse us from our sin, for Jesus' sake...

*** time for silent confession***

*Why 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."

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

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Ⓣ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Matthew 1:21

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Ⓢ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend, Keith Getty (2015)

Sing we the song of Emmanuel;
This the Christ who was long foretold.
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem,
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God Most High in a manger laid,
Lift your voices and now proclaim;
Great and glorious, Love has come to us,
Join now with the hosts of heaven!

Come we to welcome Emmanuel,
King who came with no crown or throne.
Helpless He lay, the Invincible,
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son.
O what wisdom to save us all,
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall.
Grace and majesty, what humility,
Come on bended knee, adore Him!

Go spread the news of Emmanuel,
Joy and peace for the weary heart.
Lift up your heads, for your King has come,
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark.
Glory shining for all to see.
Hope alive, let the gospel ring.
God has made a way, He will have the praise,
Tell the world, His name is Jesus!

Continuously Sandra McCracken (2016)

I will hold your right hand, right beside you, my word is true
I am continuously, continuously with you.
Though your flesh and heart may fail, I will hold you in veil,
I am continuously, continuously with you.

*Rest in my love as you sleep tonight,
Rest in the song that mercy sings,
Your shield and strength, all through the fight
I will be your covering.*

I'll be your shelter where e'r you go,
When you wonder I'll bring you home.
I am continuously, continuously with you.

CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Exodus 12:1-13

¹ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷ "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰ And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will exe-

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 hopechapel-greensboro.org/give, or give through **Venmo** to **@HopeChapel** (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).

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



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

*This sermon is part of a series
on the Old Testament
book of Exodus.
For past sermons, please
visit our website.*

cute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Sermon- Daniel Northrup
Series: Let My People Go
Title: Passover

⬇️ 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.**

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.

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.



SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

Good Christians, All Rejoice *Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan (2015)*

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today,
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today; Christ is born today.

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now you hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save,
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save.

↔ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

⤵ 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

OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$9,772
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - Dec. 6)	\$516,656
Given to Date	\$479,557
Over/[Under]	[\$37,099]

Gifts can be placed in the offering
plate on Sundays or mailed to:

Hope Chapel
908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Greensboro, NC 27408

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.

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We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.