



# Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

## CALLED BY GOD

### ⬇️ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 66:1-4

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."**

### ⬆️ SONG OF PRAISE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *Charles Wesley (1739), Felix Mendelssohn (1840)*

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled".

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies.

With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!

Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity

Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings

Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die.

Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

*Why do we sing?*

*We sing as a way of engaging our voices, imaginations, 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 worshipping 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.*



*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."*



Come, Desire of nations, come, fix in us Thy humble home.  
Rise, the women's conquering Seed, bruise in us the serpent's head.  
Adam's likeness now efface, stamp Thine image in its place;  
Second Adam from above, reinstate us in Thy love.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## CLEANSED BY GOD

### ⤴ CONFSSION 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.

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.

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...

\*\* time for silent confession\*\*

### ⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Titus 3:5-7

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### ⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

### ⤵ PASSING OF THE PEACE

# CELEBRATING GOD

## Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

**Joy to the World** *Isaac Watts (1719), Lowell Mason (1836), ANTIOCH tune*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heaven and nature sing, and Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

*Joachim Neander (1680), Lobe den Herren (1665)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the amen sound from His people again, gladly for aye we adore Him.

*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](http://hopechapelgreensboro.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.*



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**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.

# CHANGED BY GOD

## ⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

## ⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Exodus 12:17-51

<sup>17</sup> And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. <sup>18</sup> In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. <sup>19</sup> For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. <sup>20</sup> You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread."

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup> Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup> For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. <sup>24</sup> You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. <sup>25</sup> And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. <sup>26</sup> And when your children say to you, "What do you mean by this service?" <sup>27</sup> you shall say, "It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

<sup>28</sup> Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

<sup>29</sup> At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. <sup>30</sup> And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead.

<sup>31</sup> Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as you have said. <sup>32</sup> Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!"



<sup>33</sup> The Egyptians were urgent with the people to send them out of the land in haste. For they said, "We shall all be dead." <sup>34</sup> So the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their cloaks on their shoulders. <sup>35</sup> The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for silver and gold jewelry and for clothing. <sup>36</sup> And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

<sup>37</sup> And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. <sup>38</sup> A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds. <sup>39</sup> And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

<sup>40</sup> The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was 430 years. <sup>41</sup> At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. <sup>42</sup> It was a night of watching by the Lord, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the Lord by all the people of Israel throughout their generations.

<sup>43</sup> And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the statute of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it, <sup>44</sup> but every slave[b] that is bought for money may eat of it after you have circumcised him. <sup>45</sup> No foreigner or hired worker may eat of it. <sup>46</sup> It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones. <sup>47</sup> All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. <sup>48</sup> If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. <sup>49</sup> There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

<sup>50</sup> All the people of Israel did just as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron.

<sup>51</sup> And on that very day the Lord brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

**Sermon-** Daniel Northrup  
Series: Let My People Go

*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.*



## ⬇️ 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.**



**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** *William Williams (1745), Jeremy Casella (2002)*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side,  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears goodbye!

## 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

### Song of Moses

*Graham Kendrick , Joseph Pat Barrett , Ben Smith, Aaron Keyes , Chris Moerman (2010)*

Oh the Lord our strength and song, highest praise to him belong;  
Christ the Lord our conquering king,  
Your name we raise, Your triumphs sing.

*Oh praise the Lord, our mighty warrior,  
Praise the Lord, the glorious one .  
By his hand we stand in victory,  
By his name we've overcome.*

Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest we worship you.  
You divide the raging seas, in death to life you safely lead.

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven crying out  
"Glory, glory to the king, You reign for all eternity!"

## ↔ 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.**

### **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.*

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week: \$4,921  
Required to Date \$537,744  
(Jan. 1 - Dec. 20)  
Given to Date \$494,749  
Over/[Under] [\$42,995]

## ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Goal: \$900,000  
Pledged: \$461,611  
Needed: \$438,389  
Given to date: \$304,902

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