



# Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // FEBRUARY 7, 2021

## CALLED BY GOD

### ⤴ GATHERING SONG

#### Father, Long Before Creation

*Text: Chinese, trans by Francis Johnson (1951), Music: Andrew Osenga (2005)*

Father, long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.

#### *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 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.*

*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".

## Ⓣ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 102:25-28

Leader: Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

**All: They will perish, but you will remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment.**

Leader: You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,  
but you are the same, and your years have no end.

**All: The children of your servants shall dwell secure;  
their offspring shall be established before you.**

## Ⓢ SONG OF PRAISE

**Holy (Jesus, You Are)** *Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, Jason Ingram (2010)*

What heart could hold the weight of Your love,  
And know the heights of Your great worth?  
What eyes could look on Your glorious face, shining like the sun?

*You are holy, holy, holy,  
God most high and God most worthy!  
You are holy, holy, holy,  
Jesus, You are, Jesus, You are!*

Your name alone has power to raise us,  
Your light will shine when all else fades.  
Our eyes will look on Your glorious face  
Shining like the sun. Who is like You, God?

Who shall we say You are? You're the living God.  
Who shall we say You are? You're the Great I AM.  
The highest name of all, You're all You say You are.

And You shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.  
All eyes will look on Your glorious face,  
Shining like the sun. Who is like You, God?



# CLEANSED BY GOD

## ⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious and Holy One, Creator of all things,  
We come to you full of much that clutters and distracts us,  
stifles and burdens us, and makes us a burden to others.

Empty Us now of gnawing dissatisfactions,  
of anxious imaginings,  
of fretful preoccupations,  
of nagging prejudices,  
of old scores to settle,  
and of the arrogance of being right.

Empty us of the disguises and lies  
in which we hide ourselves from other people  
and from our responsibility for our neighbors and the world.

Hollow out in us a space that you can fill  
with our transformed selves,  
peace, a whole heart, a forgiving spirit,  
holiness, and laughter.  
Fill us with yourself, we pray,  
for your sake, and the sake of the world.

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

## ⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Psalm 107:8-9

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

## ⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

## ⤵ PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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 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.*

# CELEBRATING GOD

## Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

**You Are With Me** *Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken (2020)*

My heart is heavy and tired in this valley.  
Mountains grow higher and higher, but I can't find You.  
I'll keep lifting my eyes, I know You're with me.

I hear Your voice when You cry, "Comfort! Comfort!"  
Sorrow may last for a night, but in the morning  
Your joy breaks in with the night, I know You're with me.

*I know You're with me and You are for me,  
You've been behind me, You go before.  
You walk beside me, through darkest valleys.  
I know You are with me.*

You led me here where it's dry, out in the desert.  
You bring these bones back to life, You put together.  
You sing a song of delight, I know You're with me.

You will be praised, I will, I will wait!

**The Goodness of Jesus** *Rich Thompson, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson,  
Harrison Druery, Fiona Aghajanian and Michael Farren (2018)*

Come, you weary heart now to Jesus.  
Come, you anxious soul now and see.  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears,  
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.  
Satisfied, He is all that I need.  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come find what this world cannot offer,  
Come and find your joy here complete.  
Taste the living water, never thirst again,  
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus,  
He is all he said he would be.  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart,  
Rest here in His wondrous peace.



# CHANGED BY GOD

## Ⓢ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

## Ⓣ SCRIPTURE READING // Ephesians 1:1-23

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*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 our annual vision series. 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.

## Sermon- Todd Jones

Series: Flourishing Together

Title: Celebrating a Common Hope

### Kingdom Comes Again *Michael Van Patter (2021)*

In the dawn of your creation, all made good and all was well.  
Beauty past imagination, in Your presence, made to dwell.  
But our gaze was misdirected and we turned our hearts from You;  
Justice joined with loving-kindness so all things could be made new.

Scattered out through many places over history and time;  
Gathered by the Name of Jesus to embody kingdom come.  
For His children, in their groaning, Jesus shed His precious blood;  
Making peace through resurrection so the many could be one.

*Hallelujah! You are worthy! Dead and raised - now in Your glory!  
You have welcomed us as family, scattered us to tell your story.*

Laying down our vain ambition, taking up the kingdom come,  
We will join in God's great mission to restore creation's song.  
As we know God's grace and justice we reach out where love can mend,  
Lifting up the name of Jesus 'til His kingdom comes again.

## ⬇️ 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.**



Minister: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Minister: Lift up your hearts! **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. **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

**\*\* institution of the elements \*\***

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **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.

# SENT BY GOD

## Ⓢ SENDING SONG

**The Church's One Foundation** *Samuel Stone (1866), Brian Moss (1996)*

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

## ↔ COMMUNITY LIFE

### Ⓢ BLESSING & SENDING // 2 Corinthians 13:14

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.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## OPERATING BUDGET

<b>Given Last Week:</b>	\$9,304	Gifts can be placed in the offering
<b>Required to Date</b> (Jan. 1 - Jan 31)	\$53,180	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
<b>Given to Date</b>	\$38,899	Hope Chapel
<b>Over/[Under]</b>	[\$14,281]	908 N. Josephine Boyd St Greensboro, NC 27408

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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 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.*