

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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PREPARATION

*O God,
by your power may we, with all the saints,
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.*

—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

GATHERING SONG

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.

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height!
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.

*All creation join the song of praise!
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways!
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy all of our days!*

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail.
God Has made His saints victorious,
Sin and death shall not prevail.

Anonymous lyrics (1796), Eric Marshall (2014)

WELCOME

We're glad you are here. If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to fill out a "Connect Card", available in a seat-back near you or online using this QR code. We would love the chance to connect with you and help you know more about our community.



CALL TO WORSHIP

Created and Called. We believe that God created humans to be in relationship with Him, and to worship Him as their Creator. But it's more than that. He is also a loving Father who is calling, or inviting His children to come near. God's is both the Creator and the Invitor, and we respond to His grace!

Leader: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

All: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Leader: So give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
Make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
Tell of all his wondrous works!

from Matthew 11 and Psalm 95

Oh How I Need You

Lord I find You in the seeking,
Lord I find You in the doubt.
And to know You is to love You
and to know so little else.

*I need You, oh how I need You.
Oh how I need You, oh how I need You.*

Lord I find You in the morning,
Lord I seek You everyday.
Let my life be for Your glory,
woven in Your threads of grace.

Light, glorious light, I will go where You shine.
Break the dawn, crack the skies,
make the way bright before me.
In Your light I will find all I need, all I need is You.

Stu Garrard, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard, Paul Mabury (2012)

CONFESSION OF SIN

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 community and individually.

Almighty God: we confess to you

Our tendency to honor you with our lips

While our hearts are far from you.

We are content to appear righteous

Instead of truly being righteous.

Forgive our sin and our self-love.

Awaken us to Your glory.

Send Your Spirit to renew and change our hearts...

*** time for silent confession ***

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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 humankind—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).

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Psalm 145:7-9

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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."

SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Steadfast

I will build my house, whether storm or drought,
On the rock that does not move.
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke, all the starry host
Are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light. You are steadfast, steadfast.

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
"Hallelujah to the Lamb!" You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled.
In the hour of darkness, Your light was revealed.
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed.
In the absence of holiness, You are still God.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, Josh Silverberg (2016)

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

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 (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).



The Goodness of Jesus

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.

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

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Church, City, World. Corporate prayer is an essential part of the worship and work of God's people. We pray for specific needs— naming and sometimes lamenting the brokenness in the world— mindful to ask a powerful and merciful help for the Church, the city, the world, and for one another.

The leader will end each section of the prayer by saying "Lord, in Your mercy..." and the congregation responds with "...Hear our prayer".

SCRIPTURE READING

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.

HEBREWS 12:1-17

¹ Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let's rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴ You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

⁵ and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,

Nor faint when you are punished by Him;

⁶ For whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He punishes every son whom He accepts."

⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ But if you are without discipline, of which all

have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. ¹¹ For the moment, all discipline seems not to be pleasant, but painful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

¹² Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is impaired may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

¹⁴ Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that there be no sexually immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that even afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

SERMON: "DISCIPLINE"

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This sermon is part of a series in the book of Hebrews called "The Supremacy of Christ", focusing on the authority and power of Jesus. For past sermons, please visit our website.

COMMUNION

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: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: **Dying, you destroyed our death;
 rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Minister: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

*** institution of the elements ***

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. Amen.

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. Amen.

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. Amen.

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.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Minister: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit

on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking
we may be made one with Christ and one another.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

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.

Psalm 3

O Lord, how many are my foes, in my weakest flesh and blood!
 My peace they daily discompose, but my hope is God.
 Tired with the burdens of the day, to thee I raised an evening cry:
 You heard when I began to pray, and thine help was nigh.

*Christ beside me, Christ before me,
 Christ behind me, King of my heart;
 Christ within me, Christ below me,
 Christ above me, never to part.*

Supported by thine heav'nly aid, I laid me down, and slept secure:
 Death shall not make my heart afraid, though I rise no more.
 But God sustained me all the night, salvation doth to God belong;
 He raised my head to see the light, He's my morning song.

God is near, God is near,
 I will not fear, I will not fear.

Words: Isaac Watts (1744), Add. lyrics and music: Kendra Adachi (2019)

SENDING SONG**The Lord Is My Joy**

The Lord is my joy...
 When all that I have is lost, the Lord is my joy.
 The Lord is my strength...
 When I am too weak to go on, the Lord is my strength.

*My all in all is He, my healing King,
 My master tends to me, for Him my soul shall sing.*

The Lord is my rock...
 When all I have faith in fails, the Lord is my rock.
 The Lord is my delight...
 Above all the joys of life, the Lord is my delight.

*My all in all is He, my breath, my song,
 In Him I have everything, to Him my soul belong.*

I wait, and wait upon you, to come to me in rescue;
Give strength, my heart is failing. Yet still, my lips will praise You.

You who gave Your only Son, I dare not doubt Your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am Yours, then all is right.

*My all in all is He, my closest friend,
I put all my trust in Him, on Him my soul depends.*

Nathan Partain (2008)

COMMUNITY LIFE

BLESSING & SENDING

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.

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Romans 15:13

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$8,884	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$255,264	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - June 13)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$242,610	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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