

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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PREPARATION

*To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior —
This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ,
the ally of his enemies, the defender of the guilty,
the justifier of the inexcusable, the friend of sinners.
Welcome!*

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.

Greater Than We Can Imagine

Every day we'll bless You and praise Your name
And on Your glorious splendor we will dwell.
On Your wondrous works, Lord, we'll meditate
And of Your awesome power we will tell.
We'll speak of Your salvation and Your abundant goodness...

*Because You are greater than we can imagine!
You are too beautiful for us to fathom!
Oh, You are great, and greatly to be praised!*

Every generation shall sing Your worth
And magnify Your mercy and Your grace.
We'll sing about the Savior who came to earth
To bear the sins of those He came to save.
You fill our hearts with wonder, we'll worship You forever...

George Romanacce, Eric Grover (2009)

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: Let us give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

All: for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107:8-9

You Are With Me

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!

Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken (2020)

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.

Lord God, forgive us.

Lost in ourselves, we dwell endlessly
on yesterday's embarrassment, anger and grief

Lord God, forgive us.

Lost in our domain, it is hard to see
beyond yesterday's fighting, suspicion and fear.

Lord God, forgive us.

Lost in our fantasy, it is tempting to live
in yesterday's illusions.

Lord God, forgive us.

Fill us with the security found in Jesus Christ,
that we might be lost in the wonder and sanity of Your hope.

Lord God, have mercy on us, according to Your loving-kindness...

*** 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).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

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

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior, all the day long!*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 Angels descending bring from above
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest
 I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Fanny Crosby, Phoebe Knapp (1873)

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).



All the Poor and Powerless

All the poor and powerless,
All the lost and lonely,
All the thieves will come confess,
And know that You are holy,
And know that You are holy.

*And all will sing out, hallelujah!
And we will cry out, hallelujah!*

All the hearts who are content,
All who feel unworthy,
All who hurt with nothing left,
Will know that You are holy.

Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2010)

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.

1 PETER 2:13-17

¹³ Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

SERMON

“SUBMIT TO STATE”

Ben Milner is lead pastor at Salem Presbyterian Church in Winston Salem.

This sermon is part of a series in the book of 1 Peter called “Live In the Empire”. 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.

COMMUNION LITANY

Minister: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: God of all Good, we bless You for the means of grace;
 teach us to see in them Your loving
 purposes and the joy and strength of our souls.
 You have prepared for us a feast;
 and though we are unworthy to sit down as guests,
 We wholly rest on the merits of Jesus.

Minister: While we gaze upon the emblems of our Savior's death,
 may we ponder why he died, and hear him say,

All: 'I gave my life to purchase yours,
 presented myself an offering to pay for your sin,
 shed my blood to blot out your guilt,
 opened my side to make you clear,
 endured your curses to set you free,
 bore your condemnation to satisfy divine justice.'

Minister: In the supper we remember his eternal love, boundless grace,
 infinite compassion, agony, cross, redemption,
 and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory.
 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 give thanks to God.

All: God of mercy,
 You are full of tenderness and compassion,
 slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive.
 Thank You for Your grace, demonstrated to us on the cross.

As the outward elements nourish our bodies,
 so may Your indwelling Spirit invigorate our souls,
 until that day when we hunger and thirst no more,
 and sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast. 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. 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.

The Table

I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table.

*Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden light.
He is able, He will restore at the table of the Lord.*

There is peace at the table of the Lord,
There is peace at the table of the Lord,
I won't worry anymore at His table.

There is healing at the table of the Lord,
There is healing at the table of the Lord,
I won't suffer anymore at His table.

I know He has a place for me, oh, what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God.

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Wayne Jolley (2014)

SENDING SONG

Your Labor Is Not in Vain

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.

Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell (2017)

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 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.

2 Corinthians 13:14

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$6,671	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$265,900	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - June 20)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$249,282	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$16,618]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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 We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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