

# 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.*

### Oh Our Lord

We behold the rising sun,  
The earth awakes, Your hope has come.  
As we look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

We behold the breaking dawn,  
The light that shines over everyone.  
We look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

*Oh, oh, oh our Lord, Oh, oh, oh our Lord,  
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!*

We behold the falling rain,  
Like waters rise, flood this place,  
We reach for You, we cling to You oh Lord.

Oh, Your name is a light in the darkness!  
Oh, Your name is the word of truth!  
Oh, Your name, oh Your name!

*Paul Baloche, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2011)*

## 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: O Give thanks to the Lord!

Call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

tell all of his wonderful works!

Glory in his holy name!

Psalm 105:1-3

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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 the Lord!, praise the Lord, oh my soul,*

*Praise the Lord!, praise the Lord, oh my soul,*

*Praise the Lord!*

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.

*Joachim Neander (1680), Lobe den Herren (1665)  
arr. and chorus by Michael Van Patter (2010)*

## 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, who may dwell in your sanctuary?

Who may live on your holy hill?

Those whose walk is blameless and who does what is right,

who speaks the truth from their heart

and has no slander on their tongue,

who does their neighbor no wrong

nor takes up a reproach against their friend.

*Silence*

For all our offenses, and all our wanderings:

Heavenly Father, forgive us.

## 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).*

"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. "Your sins have been paid for."

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

from Isaiah 40

## 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

### Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
 What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
 Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
 And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
 O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
 Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
 Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
 Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
 And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
 And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

*Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa (2020)*

## 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](https://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give), or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).*



## Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in;  
Oh His love for me! Oh His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed;  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.  
In my Father's house there's a place for me,  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me;  
His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin,  
Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me.

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am!  
You are for me, not against me,  
I am who You say I am! I am who You say I am!

*Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (2017)*

## 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.*

## JAMES 3:1-18

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup> For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses so

that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup> Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

## SERMON

### “WORDS & WISDOM”

*As our lead pastor, Todd Jones, is on sabbatical this summer, we are blessed to have a series of guest preachers in the pulpit.*

*Andy Koesters serves as Pastor to Churches and Families with Families Alive (familiesalive.org). He and his family worship with us regularly at Hope Chapel.*

*This sermon is part of a series in the book of Hebrews, focusing on the supremacy (or 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.*

## COMMUNION LITANY

Minister: Is the Father with us?

All: He is.

Minister: Is the Christ among us?

All: He is.

Minister: Is the Spirit here?

All: He is.

Minister: This is our God:

All: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Minister: We are His people:

All: We are redeemed by His grace.

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. Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

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

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

All: Thanks be to God!



Minister: Let us pray together:

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.

### Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness.  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds,  
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

## 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.

## SENDING SONG

### Give Reviving

Father, for Thy promised blessing, still we plead before Thy throne.  
For the times of sweet refreshing, which can come from Thee alone.  
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given, but in these we would not rest;  
Blessings still with Thee are hidden, pour them forth and make us blessed!

Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever; answer, Father! Answer prayer!  
Bless, oh bless, each weak endeavor, blood-bought pardon to declare  
Wake Thy slumbering children, wake them, bid them to Thy harvest go  
Blessings, oh our Father, make, round their steps let blessings flow!

Let no people be forgotten, let Thy showers on all descend,  
That in one loud blessed anthem, millions may in triumph blend!  
Give reviving, give refreshing, give the looked-for Jubilee.  
To Thyself may crowds be pressing, bringing glory unto Thee!

*Albert Midlane (b. 1825), Chelsey Scott and Aaron Sands (2007)*

# 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 our Faithful God,  
 who has promised never to leave or forsake you,  
 fill you with all joy and peace in Christ,  
 so that you may overflow with hope  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$12,163	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$319,080	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - July 25)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$300,900	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$18,180]	Greensboro, NC 27408

Online giving is available on our website: [www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give](http://www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give)  
 We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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