

# 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.*

### All Creatures

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

All the Redeemed, washed by His blood,  
Come and rejoice in his great love. O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin,  
Cast all your burdens now on Him.

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say, O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King.

*St. Francis of Assisi (1225), tune is LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

## 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: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God in his sanctuary;  
 praise him in his mighty heavens.  
 Praise him for his acts of power;  
 praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
 praise him with the harp and lyre,  
 praise him with timbrel and dancing,  
 praise him with the strings and pipe,  
 praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
 praise him with resounding cymbals.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
 Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150

### Glory to God

Glory to God on high,  
 Let heav'n and earth reply, "Praise His name!"  
 His love and grace adore,  
 Who all our sorrows bore, praise His name!

*Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!*  
*Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!*

Jesus, our Lord and God,  
 Bore sin's tremendous load, praise His name!  
 Tell what His arm has done,  
 What spoils from death he won, praise His name!

Let all the hosts above  
 Join in one song of love, praise His name!  
 To Him ascribed be  
 Honor and majesty, praise His name!

*James Allen (1831), Ryan Bowles, Charlie Swing,  
 Todd Van Patter, Michael Van Patter (2009)*

## 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:

You created the world, and it was good.  
But our first parents fell into sin,  
and we have inherited their corruption.

We confess that we have turned our backs on you;  
we have served our own idols;  
we have sought our own glory.

Forgive our sin, O God,  
and renew us by your grace,  
that we might be agents of redemption in the world,  
in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*\*\* 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).*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

## 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

### To God All Praise and Glory

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation.  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
He fills my soul with sweet relief and make my faithless murmur cease.

*To God all praise and glory (x4)*

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing;  
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
And in my Father's tender care His love eclipses my despair.

When life is hard and days are long, I'll sing aloud His praises.  
That all may hear the grateful song my joyful spirit raises.  
My heart revived, my soul restored, my heart rejoices in the Lord.

Let all who claim Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory.  
Let all who lean on the Spirit's strength declare the wondrous story!  
Cast every idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord and Christ alone.

*Johann Jakob Schutz (1675), trans. Frances Elizabeth  
Cox (1864), Music & Add. lyrics Brian Eichelberger (2017)*

### Goodness of God

I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me;  
All my days I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

*All my life You have been faithful,  
All my life You have been so, so good!  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.  
In darkest nights, You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend;  
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything  
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

*Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, Ed Cash, Brian Johnson (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.*

### JAMES 1:19-27

<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

## SERMON

### “CHRIST-LIKE LIVING”

*Jake Henry is a member of Hope Chapel and works as an educator and Chaplain in the Army National Guard.*

*This sermon is part of a series in the New Testament book of James called “A Life Centered on Christ”. For past sermons, please visit our website or search for “Hope Chapel Sermons” wherever you listen to podcasts.*

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



## 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.

### There Is a Mountain

There is a mountain only the lame can climb,

There is a table only the hungry find;

Only the beggar will have the currency, when need is all you need.

There is a victory only the conquered gain,

There is a glory that you get when give up your name.

Oh the peace when you finally yield the fight, in surrender rise.

*Come with open hands in need,*

*come hearts broken, bended knee,*

*A gift can only be received, received.*

So come to the mountain, He carries the cripple to the feast.

Come to the table, undeserved He has saved you a seat.

Come and eat and drink without money and without a cost,

He has paid it on the cross.

The king bends low to wash our feet, to lift our heads, set captives free,

To lead us home to that wedding feast; we taste it now, at last we'll eat

Of that richest food, oh that well-aged wine.

The shroud will lift, our tears he'll dry,

Come hungry souls, be satisfied both now and forever.

## 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

### Christ Be All Around Me

As I rise, strength of God go before, lift me up.  
As I wake, eyes of God look upon, be my sight.

As I wait, heart of God satisfy and sustain.  
As I hear, voice of God lead me on, be my guide.

*Above and below me, before and behind me,  
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.*

As I go, Hand of God, my defense, by my side.  
And as I rest, breath of God fall upon, bring me peace.

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed  
For every moment, every moment.

*David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan (2015)*

## 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:	\$7,354	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$287,172	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - July 4)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$265,248	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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