

# 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 Ye Refugees

I am the One, the earth is my handmade work,  
The skies I laid them wide, beauty unfurled.  
Horizon to horizon,  
Creation to creation sings you home...

*Welcome home, gather round,  
All ye refugees, come in.  
Welcome home, gather round,  
All ye refugees, come in.*

Oh refugee, I did not cast you out,  
In death and broken ground, Salvation springs.  
My body and my blood,  
The healing that you need, come and receive...

Watch and wait and see, what is yet to be,  
Watch and wait and see, for the morning!

Go out in joy and join the great procession,  
The mountains and the heav'ns all will rejoice.  
Horizon to horizon,  
Creation to creation, with one voice...

Chelsey Scott, Kellie Haddock, and Flo Paris (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: The Lord reigns forever;  
he has established his throne for judgment.

All: **He rules the world in righteousness  
and judges the peoples with equity.**

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
Those who know your name trust in you,  
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

All: **Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;  
proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

Psalm 9:7-11

### Great Things

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

To God be the glory for wisdom and grace,  
That chose us and made us the heirs of His name.  
He justified freely His daughters and sons  
And gave us His Spirit, the seal of His love.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Through our Savior Jesus Christ!  
He has raised us up to a glorious hope,  
Rejoice, you ransomed ones, great things He has done!*

To God be the glory, He joined us with Christ.  
We share in His death and we're hid in His life.  
We stand in His righteousness, never our own  
And sit with Him now on His heavenly throne.

## 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.*

Father, as we draw near to You, we draw near the light.  
In the light, we see ourselves as we are.

Our attitude toward others is ruled  
by our agendas, our fears, and our wounds.  
We demand perfection from those around us  
and become angry when they do not perform up to our standards.

Our attitude towards You is ruled  
by our agendas, our fears and our wounds.  
Instead of receiving your love by faith,  
we try to prove that we are worthy of it.

We now bring these things into the light.  
Forgive us and heal us for Jesus' sake...

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

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.

Psalms 36:7-9

## 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

### The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
 Christ on the road to Calvary.  
 Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
 Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
 Took the blame, bore the wrath— we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
 Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
 Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
 Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
 Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
 Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
 "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
 For through Your suffering I am free.  
 Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
 Won through Your selfless love.

*Keith Getty, Kristen Getty (2005)*

## 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).*



### My Hope Is Built (The Solid Rock)

My hope is built on nothing less  
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
 But wholly lean on Jesus Name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,  
 All other ground is sinking sand;  
 All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
 I rest on His unchanging grace.  
 In e'vry high and stormy gale,  
 My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
 Support me in the whelming flood.  
 When all around my soul gives way,  
 He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall comes with trumpet sound,  
 Oh may I then in Him be found.  
 Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
 Faultless to stand before the throne.

*Edward Mote (1834), William Bradbury (1863)*

## 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 2:14-26

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? <sup>26</sup> For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

## SERMON

### “FAITH & WORKS”

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

*Jonah Hooper is Campus Minister at Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Winston Salem State University. He is Shadeeya’s husband and dad to Neriah and Jonah.*

*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.*

## 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.

### O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus;  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus  
‘Tis a heaven of heavens to me  
And it lifts me up to glory  
For it lifts me up to Thee.

Underneath me, all around me  
Is the current of His Love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore.

*S. Trever Francis (1834-1925), Bunessan (1888)*

## 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

### 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.

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.

*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.*

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:	\$7,802	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$308,444	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - July 18)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$288,736	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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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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