

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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PREPARATION

*Almighty God, we pray for your blessing
on the church in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful find comfort.
Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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.

Creation Sings

In You we live, in You we move
In You we have our being
In every nation, all the earth
This song of ours is rising

*Creation, all creation sings Your glory,
Sings Your glory, God!*

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son,
Glory to the Spirit,
Who was and is to come.

David Leonard, Leslie Jordan (2015)

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: LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.

All: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

Leader: You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8:1-4

Oh! Great Is Our God!

Oh! Great is our God! So we should worship greatly!
No song is too loud, no orchestra too stately
To hail the majesty of our King!
So lift your voices loud as we sing.

Oh! Great is our God! So let our songs be endless!
So awesome His ways, how could we comprehend them?
So we will make it known to our kids
And we will sing about the gracious gifts you give.

*We will sing Your praise and pour forth your fame,
We will bless your name!
Let every one give thanks, because our God is great!*

Oh! Great is our God! And we cannot contain it!
We sing from our souls, affected by His greatness.
His mercy covers all that He 's made,
Showing His glory and His grace.

Brian Eichelberger (2009)

CONFESSON 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, we come to You now
confessing that our deepest problem
is that we do not believe You love us.
We do not sit still and give in to Your advances.
We think ourselves unworthy of Your love—
not believing the sacrifice of Christ has made us lovely in Your sight.

Because we do not receive the love You freely offer us,
we seek it out in other places.
We have wandered far from home in search of love.

So we come back to You now.
Do not just receive us, but delight in us.
Embrace us, sing over us.
We ask this solely on the basis of
what Christ has done for us.

*** 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).

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8-12

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

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Charles Wesley (1742), Kevin Twit (1996)

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 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.

PRAAYER 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

1 PETER 4:12-19

¹ So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

SERMON

“LEAD GENTLY”

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

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 “Hope for the Suffering”. 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.

All Things Are Ready

“All things are ready,” come, come to the supper spread;
Come, rich and poor, come old and young, come, and be richly fed.
“All things are ready,” come, the invitation’s given,
Through Him Who now in glory sits
At God’s right hand in heaven, all things are ready.

*The door is open wide for Christ, the Son, has died.
Oh feast upon the love of God!
O come where you belong, sing resurrection songs,
All things are ready, all things are ready, come!*

“All things are ready,” come, all barriers are removed
And God, in Christ, His precious love to fallen man has proved.
“All things are ready,” come, tomorrow may not be;
O sinner, come, the Savior waits
This hour to welcome thee, all things are ready.

Albert Midlane (1860), Matthew Smith, Sandra McCracken (2013)

PRAVERS FOR RELFLECTION

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 than I ever 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

Seeds of the Kingdom

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom;
Far and wide, He announces new birth:
“I, the Lord of Creation, am making new
every inch of the groaning earth!”

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter
is the Kingdom of God as its sown;
But the powers of hell shall against it fail
when the Kingdom of God is grown.

*Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest,
and we long for our King to appear,
Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r,
the Kingdom of God is near!*

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom
in the hearts of the poor and the weak.
He declares to the captives, "I bring good news:
You shall be mighty oaks of strength!"

Through the city of God flows a river:
from the throne of the Lamb waters pour.
And behold, on the banks grows the Tree of Life,
Where the nations are healed and restored!

Wendell Kimbrough (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 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:	\$5,786	Gifts can be placed in the offering plate on Sundays or mailed to:
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - Aug. 8)	\$340,352	Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$318,497	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$21,855]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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