

# 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.*

### **Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens**

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels in the height!  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made.

*All creation join the song of praise!  
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways!  
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy all of our days!*

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God Has made His saints victorious,  
Sin and death shall not prevail.

*Anonymous lyrics (1796), Eric Marshall (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: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

**All: All the earth bows down to you;  
they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.**

Psalm 66:1-4

### Great Things

Come let us worship our King, come let us bow at His feet;

He has done great things.

See what our Savior has done, see how His love overcomes;

He has done great things, He has done great things.

*Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquer the grave,  
You free every captive and break every chain,  
Oh God, You have done great things!  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive;  
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high.  
Oh God, You have done great things!*

You've been faithful through every storm

You'll be faithful forevermore, You have done great things.

And I know You will do it again for Your promise is "Yes and Amen",

You will do great things, God, You do great things!

Hallelujah God, above it all,

Hallelujah God, unshakable,

Hallelujah, You have done great things!

*Jonas Myrin, Phil Wickham (2018)*

## 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, to know You  
is the fulfillment of our deepest longings  
and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires.  
Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere.

We have put the seeking of idols,  
which are bound to leave us feeling empty,  
above seeking You.

We have failed to love you  
with our whole heart, soul, and mind.

We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us for our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
And grant that from now on,  
we might serve you in the newness of life....

*\*\* 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).*

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Psalm 107:8-9

## 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."*

## 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).*



## SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

### Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King,  
 He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
 In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;  
 Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man.  
 In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.  
 See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man;  
 Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree;  
 In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
 See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
 Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life;  
 But no grave could e'er restrain Him: Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
 What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope!  
 Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes!

*Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, Matt Papa (2013)*

## 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 4:1-12

<sup>1</sup> What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup> You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

<sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup> There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

## SERMON

### “DESIRE & IDOLATRY”

*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 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.

### 'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
 and to take Him at His Word;  
 Just to rest upon His promise,  
 and to know, "Thus says the Lord!"

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
 just to trust His cleansing blood;  
 And in simple faith to plunge me  
 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
 just from sin and self to cease;  
 Just from Jesus simply taking  
 life and rest, and joy and peace.

*Louisa Stead (1882), William Kirkpatrick (b. 1838)*

## 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

### None But Thee

Jesus, mighty King of Heaven, Thou, O Lord, our guide shall be.  
Thy commission we rely on, we will follow none but Thee.

As an emblem of Thy passion and Thy victory o'er the grave,  
We who know Thy great salvation are baptized now beneath the wave.

*Fall on us, O Holy Lord,  
Our hearts, Oh King, are only Yours!  
By your grace we live, and we will follow none but Thee,  
Will follow none but Thee!*

Fearless of the worlds despising, we the ancient path pursue.  
Buried with our Lord and rising to a life divinely new.

Sin shall never be our master, captives of Thy blessed grace.  
Offering our lives hereafter, we resolve to seek Thy face.

*John Fellows (d. 1783), Eric Marshall (2011)*

## 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:	\$4,366	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$361,624	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Aug. 22)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$332,469	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$29,155]	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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