

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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PREPARATION

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need forgiveness;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
to whoever will come – this church opens wide her doors
and welcomes you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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.

He Is Good (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord our God, all the earth.
Come into His presence singing songs of joy!
Know that the Lord - He is our God;
He is our Maker and we belong to Him.

*As we come before our King,
We will bless His holy name for He is good!
We will tell of all He's done
And proclaim His steadfast love for He is good!*

Enter His gates and His courts with praise and thanksgiving.
Give thanks to Him and bless His holy name.
For the Lord is good - His love endures forever!
His faithfulness extends to all generations.

Angie Schinke (2019)

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: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Through him we have also obtained access
 by faith into this grace in which we stand,
 and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

All: **Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Romans 5:1-2, Psalm 95:1

Greater Than We Can Imagine

Every day we'll bless You and praise Your name
 And on Your glorious splendor we will dwell.
 On Your wondrous works, Lord, we'll meditate
 And of Your awesome power we will tell.
 We'll speak of Your salvation and Your abundant goodness...

*Because You are greater than we can imagine!
 You are too beautiful for us to fathom!
 Oh, You are great, and greatly to be praised!*

Every generation shall sing Your worth
 And magnify Your mercy and Your grace.
 We'll sing about the Savior who came to earth
 To bear the sins of those He came to save.
 You fill our hearts with wonder, we'll worship You forever...

George Romanacce, Eric Grover (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, 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).

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:9-11

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

You Are With Me

My heart is heavy and tired in this valley.
Mountains grow higher and higher, but I can't find You.
I'll keep lifting my eyes, I know You're with me.

I hear Your voice when You cry, "Comfort! Comfort!"
Sorrow may last for a night, but in the morning
Your joy breaks in with the night, I know You're with me.

*I know You're with me and You are for me,
You've been behind me, You go before.
You walk beside me, through darkest valleys.
I know You are with me.*

You led me here where it's dry, out in the desert.
You bring these bones back to life, You put together.
You sing a song of delight, I know You're with me.

You will be praised, I will, I will wait!

Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken (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, or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).



His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
 Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum;
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
 What Father so tender is calling us home?
 He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
 Stronger than darkness, new every morn';
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
 His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell (2016)

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

1 PETER 4:12-19

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

SERMON

"EXPECT SUFFERING"

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.

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)

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

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
 like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel Stone (1866), Brian Moss (1996)

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:	\$11,811	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$329,716	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Aug. 1)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$312,711	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$17,005]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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