

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.

O Worship the King!

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His wonderful love.
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light and canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to worship above.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end;
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

All hail to the King! In splendor enthroned,
Glad praises we bring, Thy wonders make known;
Returning victorious, great conqueror of sin,
King Jesus, all glorious, our vict'ry will win!

R. Grant (1833), J.M. Kraus (1756), 4th Verse: David Guthrie (1991)

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

The Call to Worship and the Benediction are important traditions in the history of Christian worship. As the start and close of the service, they make an important point to us about worship: God gets the first and last word.

We understand the Call to Worship as God's call to us. If we are ever to have a relationship with God, it is God who must first initiate to us. God alone can invite us and draw us in.

Likewise, in the Benediction, it is only by God's blessing (which is what a "benediction" is) and power are we able to go out into the world, to surrender our lives in daily worship, and to live out God's mission.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God, our Father.

He has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

All: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Glory be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Adapted from Colossians 1

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.

Our Father in heaven, we come to You now, as our King.
And we can only come to You because You welcome
the needy and the afflicted. And that is who we are.

Father, our central need is for Your reign. Yet, we run from it.
We are afraid of being weak, because we don't trust You to carry us.
We try to look out for our own well-being,
because we don't think You're capable of doing that.

Many are the times in this past week
when we have wrestled control of our lives away from You.
In those times, we have turned our hearts
away from Your heart and our feet away from Your commandments.

So, receive us now as Your children.
Receive us, not because we're good or because we vow to do better;
but receive us because You rejected Your Son in our place.
We pray in His name...

*** 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

SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Steadfast

I will build my house, whether storm or drought,
On the rock that does not move.
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke, all the starry host
Are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light. You are steadfast, steadfast.

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
“Hallelujah to the Lamb!” You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled.
In the hour of darkness, Your light was revealed.
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed.
In the absence of holiness, You are still God.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, Josh Silverberg (2016)

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).



Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in;
Oh His love for me! Oh His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed;
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me,
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me;
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me.

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am!
You are for me, not against me,
I am who You say I am! I am who You say I am!

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (2017)

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.

Genesis 29:13-35

¹³ As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, ¹⁴ and Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh!" And he stayed with him a month.

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

¹⁷ Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) ²⁵ And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. ²⁹ (Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) ³⁰ So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.

³¹ When the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ³² And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the Lord has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." ³³ She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. ³⁴ Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. ³⁵ And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the Lord." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.

SERMON

“DESPITE THE DRAMA, THE PROMISE MOVES FORWARD”

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: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise,
joining our voices with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
who forever sing to the glory of your Name.

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Dying, you destroyed our death;
rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Minister: 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: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking
we may be made one with Christ and one another.

All: Amen.

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

As our Savior taught us, so we pray,

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 the Poor and Powerless

All the poor and powerless,

All the lost and lonely,

All the thieves will come confess,

And know that You are holy,

And know that You are holy.

And all will sing out, hallelujah!

And we will cry out, hallelujah!

All the hearts who are content,

All who feel unworthy,

All who hurt with nothing left,

Will know that You are holy.

Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2010)

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.

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

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

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Number 6:24-26

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$6,665	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$436,076	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Oct. 10)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$411,327	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$24,749]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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