

# 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.*

### Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify.  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo The Incarnate God ascended, pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

*Joseph Hart (1759), Matthew Smith (2000)*

## 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:** Among the gods there is none like you,

Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

**All:** All the nations you have made

will come and worship before you, Lord;

they will bring glory to your name.

For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

Psalms 86:8-10

### 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.*

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

*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).*

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.

Psalm 36:7-9

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

### Awake My Soul

The image of God invisible, the firstborn of all life.  
Before and within, He holds it all in;  
One name, one faith, one Christ.

No one is good enough to save himself;  
Awake my soul tonight to boast nothing else!

I trust no other source or name, nowhere else can I hide  
This grace gives me fear, and this grace draws me near;  
And all that it asks it provides.

No seam in this garment, all my rags to hide,  
No less than your love for Jesus is mine.

When I stand on the edges of Jordan  
With the saints and the angels beside;  
When my body is healed and the glory revealed,  
Then still I can boast only Christ!

*Sandra McCracken (2002)*

## 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).*



## Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.  
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace.  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

*Augustus Toplady (1776), Thomas Hastings (1830)*

## 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 32:22-32, 33:1-11

<sup>22</sup> The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup> And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup> Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

<sup>33:1</sup> And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. <sup>2</sup> And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. <sup>3</sup> He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

<sup>4</sup> But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. <sup>5</sup> And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." <sup>6</sup> Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down. <sup>7</sup> Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. <sup>8</sup> Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor in the sight of my lord." <sup>9</sup> But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." <sup>10</sup> Jacob said, "No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me. <sup>11</sup> Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." Thus he urged him, and he took it.

## SERMON

### “JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD”

*Todd Jones is Hope Chapel's founding/lead pastor.*

*This sermon is part of a series based in the Old Testament called “Fathers of the Faith”, focusing on some of the key figures in the Biblical narrative. 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: 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.**

### The Feast

With wondering eyes, Lord we admire the feast prepared by grace;  
Come, Lord, and set our souls on fire, and fill each heart with peace.  
These emblems of thy precious love, by faith may we receive!  
And with a solemn pleasure prove, we in thy name believe.

*We eat this bread, we drink this wine,  
come give yourself to us.  
We know you're here, that's why we've come,  
to feast on thee with love.*

No goodness of our own we bring; we're sinners vile and base;  
Christ is our all; of Christ we sing, and long to see his face.  
O may we each, with heart and tongue sing, "Worthy is the Lamb";  
To him alone the praise belongs, and we'll adore his name.

*William Gadsby (verses), 1838, Karl Digerness (2004)*

## 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

### How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Now unto the king who reigns over all,  
And never changes or turns.  
Unfailing justice, unfading grace,  
Whose promises remain. Yes, Your promises remain.

*The heavens ring, the saints all sing, "Great is your faithfulness!"  
From age to age we will proclaim, "Great is your faithfulness,  
How great is your faithfulness!"*

Everything changes, but your stay the same;  
Your word and kingdom endure.  
We lean on the promise of all that you are,  
And trust forevermore, we will trust forevermore.

From generation to generation, You never fail us, oh God!  
Yesterday and today and tomorrow, until the day you return.

*Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (2011)*

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:	\$10,740	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$446,712	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Oct. 17)		Hope Chapel
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