

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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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.

All Ye Refugees

I am the One, the earth is my handmade work,
The skies I laid them wide, beauty unfurled.
Horizon to horizon,
Creation to creation sings you home...

*Welcome home, gather round,
All ye refugees, come in.
Welcome home, gather round,
All ye refugees, come in.*

Oh refugee, I did not cast you out,
In death and broken ground, Salvation springs.
My body and my blood,
The healing that you need, come and receive...

Watch and wait and see, what is yet to be,
Watch and wait and see, for the morning!

Go out in joy and join the great procession,
The mountains and the heav'ns all will rejoice.
Horizon to horizon,
Creation to creation, with one voice...

Chelsey Scott, Kellie Haddock, and Flo Paris (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: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

All: **The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

Leader: He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;**

Psalm 98:1-4

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)

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, we come to You today admitting that
we are too often satisfied with keeping our distance from You.

Some of us are afraid that You might come
into our lives and rearrange them. So we shut You out.

Some of us are convinced that if You came near to us,
You would only accuse and condemn. So we shut You out.
But You have promised to receive us and delight in us.

So we draw near to You now
through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Receive us for His sake. Enter into our lives and renew 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 your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

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

Responding to grace: After being reminded of God's lavish grace and love toward us, we respond by celebrating with singing.

Anchor of Hope

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God, author of all that is good.
Faithful provider and giver of life, source of all power and love.

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!
Refuge of strength to the end.
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save,
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men.*

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God, radiant, holy delight.
Beautiful Father, victorious Son, source of unchangeable light.

You are light in the dark,
You are healing for the broken heart.
You are hope, you are Lord,
You are life, you are love that endures.

Powerful, constant, unwavering God, shepherd who comes for the lost.
Rock of salvation, remarkable love, savior who died on the Cross.

Brown Bannister, Ellie Holcomb (2011)

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).



Abide with Me

Abide with me; falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth did smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Henry Lyte (1847) Justin Smith (2007)

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 45:1-28

¹Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s

children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

¹⁶ When the report was heard in Pharaoh’s house, “Joseph’s brothers have come,” it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. ¹⁷ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Say to your brothers, ‘Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan, ¹⁸ and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.’ ¹⁹ And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, ‘Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. ²⁰ Have no concern for your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.’”

²¹ The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. ²² To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes. ²³ To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey. ²⁴ Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, “Do not quarrel on the way.”

²⁵ So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob.

²⁶ And they told him, “Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt.” And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. ²⁷ But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸ And Israel said, “It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

SERMON

“JOSEPH REVEALS HIMSELF TO HIS BROTHER”

Jim Osborne is a practicing physician and founding member/elder of Hope Chapel. Since 2008, he has been a regular part of the teaching team at Hope.

This sermon is part of a series in the book of 1 Peter called “Live In the Empire”, focusing on the authority and power of Jesus. 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.

Prayer After Communion

Our Father we give you thanks and praise
That when we were still far off
You met us in Your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, declaring Your love
He gave His grace and opened the gates of glory to us

So may we who share Christ's body live His risen life.
We who drink His cup bring life to others
We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope that You've set before us
So we and all Your children shall be free

And the whole earth live to praise Your name
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Greg LaFollette (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

Give Reviving

Father, for Thy promised blessing, still we plead before Thy throne.
 For the times of sweet refreshing, which can come from Thee alone.
 Blessed earnest, Thou hast given, but in these we would not rest;
 Blessings still with Thee are hidden, pour them forth and make us blessed!

Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever; answer, Father! Answer prayer!
 Bless, oh bless, each weak endeavor, blood-bought pardon to declare
 Wake Thy slumbering children, wake them, bid them to Thy harvest go
 Blessings, oh our Father, make, round their steps let blessings flow!

Let no people be forgotten, let Thy showers on all descend,
 That in one loud blessed anthem, millions may in triumph blend!
 Give reviving, give refreshing, give the looked-for Jubilee.
 To Thyself may crowds be pressing, bringing glory unto Thee!

Albert Midlane (b. 1825), Chelsey Scott and Aaron Sands (2007)

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.**

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$14,116	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$478,620	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Nov. 7)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$457,129	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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 We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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