

# 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, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet Thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; who, like me, His praise should sing?  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Praise the Everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Widely as His mercy goes.

*Henry Lyte (1834), Michael Van Patter (2010)*

## 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: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All: **All nations will come and worship before you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

Revelation 15:3-4

### 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.*

Oh Great God:

In Jesus Christ You did not disdain the company of sinners  
But welcomed them with love.

Look upon us in mercy, we pray.

Our sins are more than we can bear;

Our pasts enslave us;

Our misdeeds are beyond correcting.

Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo;

Free us from a past we cannot change;

Heal what we can no longer fix.

By Your grace, turn the tears of our past

Into the joys of new life with You...

*\*\* 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).*

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

## 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.*

### 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)*

## 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).*



## When I Think About the Lord

When I think about the Lord,  
 How He saved me, how He raised me,  
 How He filled me with the Holy Ghost,  
 How He healed me to the uttermost.  
 When I think about the Lord,  
 How He picked me up, turned me around,  
 How He set my feet on solid ground...

*It makes me wanna shout,  
 "Hallelujah! Thank you Jesus!  
 Lord, You are worthy of all the glory,  
 All the honor, all the praise!"*

*James Huey (1998)*

## Soul Will Sing

Hallelujah, oh my soul will sing...  
 Hallelujah, oh my soul will sing...  
 Hallelujah, oh my soul will sing...  
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You reign forever, oh my soul will sing...

You brought me over, oh my soul will sing...

*Travis Green (2016)*

## 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 50:1-26

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. <sup>2</sup> And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. <sup>3</sup> Forty days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

<sup>4</sup> And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, <sup>5</sup> 'My father made me swear, saying, "I am about to die: in my tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me." Now therefore, let me please go up and bury my father. Then I will return.'" <sup>6</sup> And Pharaoh answered, "Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear." <sup>7</sup> So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, <sup>8</sup> as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. <sup>9</sup> And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very great company. <sup>10</sup> When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and grievous lamentation, and he made a mourning for his father seven days. <sup>11</sup> When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning by the Egyptians." Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. <sup>12</sup> Thus his sons did for him as he had commanded them, <sup>13</sup> for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. <sup>14</sup> After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him

to bury his father.

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

<sup>22</sup> So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's house. Joseph lived 110 years. <sup>23</sup> And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation. The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph's own. <sup>24</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." <sup>25</sup> Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." <sup>26</sup> So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

## SERMON

### “LOOKING FORWARD TO RESTORATION”

*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.**

## 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.

### Come to the Feast

Go to the highways and hedges, go to the farthest of fields.  
Go and compel the sick and the well,  
For our Father's hosue will be filled.

Go to the streets of the city, bring in the crippled and blind,  
All who would taste this banquet of grace  
Must come and waste no more time.

*Come to the feast, come to the table,  
The great and the least, the rich and the poor!  
Come to the feast, come to the table,  
Come and hunger no more.*

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered,  
Dressed in his pure righteousness.  
For all of your guilt, his blood it was spilt,  
So come by your Father be blessed.

*Jeff Lawson (2012)*

## SENDING SONG

### Behold The Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember.  
 His wounds that heal, His death that brings us life,  
 cursed of God to make us one.  
 So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice,  
 As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin shed for you, drink and remember.  
 He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
 So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice.  
 As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember  
 Our call to follow in the steps of Christ, as His body here on earth.  
 As we share in His suffering, we will proclaim Christ will come again.  
 And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King.

*Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend (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

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| Given Last Week:   | \$11,831   | Gifts can be placed in the offering |
| Required to Date   | \$489,256  | plate on Sundays or mailed to:      |
| (Jan. 1 - Nov. 14) |            | Hope Chapel                         |
| Given to Date      | \$468,710  | 908 N. Josephine Boyd St            |
| Over/[Under]       | [\$20,546] | 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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