

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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the SECOND SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS

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 Creatures

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

All the Redeemed, washed by His blood,
Come and rejoice in his great love. O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin,
Cast all your burdens now on Him.

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King.

St. Francis of Assisi (1225), tune is LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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: Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel,
Who alone does marvelous deeds.

All: **Praise be to his glorious name forever;
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

Psalm 72:18-19

Jesus Is Alive

There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days,
For the One that once was buried lives again.
Now the tomb is bare and empty and the stone is rolled away,
Praise the Risen One, who overcame the grave!

All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak:
Come find living water, everlasting streams.
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more:
Find the Risen King, who overcomes the world.

*Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night!
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King, for Jesus is Alive!*

No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear,
For our sin and shame, they have no power here.
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free,
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory!

Hallelujah, death is undone!
Hallelujah, Jesus has won!
Hallelujah, we overcome – in Jesus, oh in Jesus!

*Michael Farren, Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell,
Jesse Reeves, Niki Shepherd, James Tealy (2012)*

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:

You created the world, and it was good.

But our first parents fell into sin,
and we have inherited their corruption.

We confess that we have turned our backs on you;
we have served our own idols;
we have sought our own glory.

Forgive our sin, O God,
and renew us by your grace,
that we might be agents of redemption in the world,
in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*** 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).

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

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.

The Lord Is My Joy

The Lord is my joy...
When all that I have is lost, the Lord is my joy.
The Lord is my strength...
When I am too weak to go on, the Lord is my strength.

*My all in all is He, my healing King,
My master tends to me, for Him my soul shall sing.*

The Lord is my rock...
When all I have faith in fails, the Lord is my rock.
The Lord is my delight...
Above all the joys of life, the Lord is my delight.

*My all in all is He, my breath, my song,
In Him I have everything, to Him my soul belong.*

I wait, and wait upon you, to come to me in rescue;
Give strength, my heart is failing. Yet still, my lips will praise You.

You who gave Your only Son, I dare not doubt Your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am Yours, then all is right.

*My all in all is He, my closest friend,
I put all my trust in Him, on Him my soul depends.*

Nathan Partain (2008)

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).



How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend (1995)

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.

MARK 15:21-39

²¹ And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²² And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵ And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷ And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

³³ And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

SERMON

“CRUCIFIXION”

Todd Jones is Hope Chapel’s founding/lead pastor. This sermon is part of a series called “Mark in Reverse”, where we are studying the Gospel of Mark beginning at the resurrection and moving backward. For past sermons, please visit our website. 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.

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.

The Everlasting Love of God

How vast the everlasting love of God,
 How sure and faithful as the morning.
 This love so great for us could never fail
 Nor end, for it had no beginning.

*O, the everlasting love of God,
 It shall ever be my song.
 So immense and free; more than life to me!
 The everlasting love of God.*

How strong the Father's beating heart for us,
 What mercy runs to meet the sinner.
 As rivers yearn to reach the lowest place,
 His grace shall flow to me for ever.

How great and precious my Redeemer's blood,
 How pure the passion of the Savior.
 My sins are drowned beneath this mighty flood,
 My soul is swept away with wonder.

How deep the measure of the Spirit's work,
 Who dwells in us, Who seals the promise
 God's love through time and all eternity.
 Shall stand and we shall stand upon it;
 What now could separate us from it.

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell and Matt Redman (2020)

SENDING SONG

Seeds of the Kingdom

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom;
 Far and wide, He announces new birth:
 "I, the Lord of Creation, am making new
 every inch of the groaning earth!"

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter
 is the Kingdom of God as its sown;
 But the powers of hell shall against it fail
 when the Kingdom of God is grown.

*Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest,
 and we long for our King to appear,
 Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r,
 the Kingdom of God is near!*

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom
 in the hearts of the poor and the weak.
 He declares to the captives, "I bring good news:
 You shall be mighty oaks of strength!"

Through the city of God flows a river:
 from the throne of the Lamb waters pour.
 And behold, on the banks grows the Tree of Life,
 Where the nations are healed and restored!

Wendell Kimbrough (2017)

COMMUNITY LIFE

BLESSING & SENDING

Minister: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace
 at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

YEAR-END FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$20,606
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)	\$553,072
Given to Date	\$577,495
Over/[Under]	\$24,423

ROOTED FOR RENEWAL (3-YEAR BUILDING CAMPAIGN)

Goal:	\$900,000
Pledged:	\$461,611
Given to date:	\$480,684

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