

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.

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Rippon's Selection of Hymns (1787) alt. Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832)

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: Declare God's glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

All: **For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

Psalm 96:3-4

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 of mercies: we confess that we have sinned against You.
By Your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance in our hearts.
Help us to see You as You are:
With outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save.

Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow Him more faithfully.
As we have received Him, so strengthen us to walk in Him,
Depend on Him, commune with Him, and be conformed to Him.

Give us an experience of Your grace that makes us bold,
So that we might joyfully live for the good of others...

*** 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).

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4-5

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.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King,
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him: Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope!
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes!

Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, Matt Papa (2013)

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).



What a Savior

King of heaven, Holy One,
 At the cruel cross, where I belonged;
 The sins of the world weighed upon the Son,
 How great your love.

*Hallelujah, O what a Savior!
 His name be praised, now and forever!*

You crossed the borders of sins divide,
 Battled for us and won the fight;
 From glory to glory, from death to life,
 So great Your love!

The grave could not answer His glorious mercy
 As light broke through shadow, creation cried;
 Behold now the Savior, the name so much greater,
 He overcame death as He rose to life.

Oh Jesus redeemer, the high king of heaven,
 Exalted forever in victory!
 And one day we'll see Him in all of his glory,
 Our King is returning and all will sing.

Anna Hamilton, Ben Cantelon, Nick Herbert, Sam Bailey (2021)

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 9:2-13

² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. ¹¹ And they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” ¹² And he said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? ¹³ But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

SERMON

“THE TRANSFIGURATION”

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.

The Transfiguration

When he took the three disciples to the mountainside to pray,
his countenance was modified, his clothing was aflame.
Two men appeared: Moses and Elijah came; they were at his side.
The prophecy, the legislation spoke of when - ever he would die

Then there came a word of what he should accomplish on the day.
Then Peter spoke, to make of them a tabernacle place.
A cloud appeared in glory as an accolade. they fell on the ground.
A voice arrived, the voice of God, the face of God, covered in a cloud.

What he said to them, the voice of God: the most beloved son.
 Consider what he says to you, consider what's to come.
 The prophecy was put to death, was put to death, and so will the Son.
 And keep your word, disguise the vision till the time has come.

Lost in the cloud, a voice: Have no fear! We draw near!
 Lost in the cloud, a sign: Son of man! Turn your ear!
 Lost in the cloud, a voice: Lamb of God! We draw near!
 Lost in the cloud, a sign: Son of man! Son of God!

Sufjan Stevens (2004)

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.

Faithful

In the light of Your Son, I find it's not what I've done,
For You have overcome,
Grace I couldn't afford, Your love has opened the door,
Now my hope is secure.

In the light of the dawn, my praise will go on;
Forever You'll be my song.
Love I couldn't deny, You have opened my eyes,
Brought me into Your light.

*You are faithful, always faithful to me,
You're faithful to me.
As surely as the morning sun will rise,
You're faithful to me.*

Though at times I don't see, my heart will believe
You're the maker of all things.
Faith has a hold on my view, my understanding renewed,
You're the hope I cling to.

In the morning, You are faithful!
In the evening, You are faithful!
In the noonday, You are faithful to me!
You're faithful to the end!

Nathan Horst (2011)

SENDING SONG

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word,
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
 Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always!
 Thou and Thou only first in my heart;
 High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
 May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Dallan Forgaill (8th century), Irish folk melody

COMMUNITY LIFE

BLESSING & SENDING

What is the benediction? Benediction is a word with Latin origin (bene = "well," and dicere = "to speak"); a benediction is a word which "speaks wellness/goodness" to us, therefore properly understood as a blessing. The benediction in worship has ancient roots, going back to the worship of God's people in the Temple. When we utilize the benediction in our worship, we connect ourselves with an ancient practice of God's people and join with them together in worship of our one great God.

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$17,407	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$70,200	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Feb. 6)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$60,900	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$9,600]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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