

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.

O For a Thousand Tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

*Oh that I had a thousand tongues to sing Your praise,
My grateful heart would tell the stories of Your grace,
So with my life and every breath, I will worship You.*

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

*Charles Wesley (1739),
Chorus: Michael Van Patter (2011)*

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: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
 make known his deeds among the peoples!
 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

All: **Glory in his holy name;**
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Psalm 59:16-17

Cannons

It's falling from the clouds, a strange and lovely sound,
 I hear it in the thunder and the rain.
 It's ringing in the skies, like cannons in the night,
 The music of the universe plays.

*We're singing, You are holy, great and mighty,
 The moon and the stars declare who You are!
 I'm so unworthy, but still You love me,
 Forever my heart will sing of how great You are!*

Beautiful and free, the song of galaxies,
 Reaching far beyond the Milky Way.
 Let's join in with the sound, come on let's sing it out,
 As the music of the universe plays.

All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen...

Phil Whickem (2008)

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.

Glorious God:

We confess before You

The sin of being under-whelmed by who You are.

Your glory doesn't captivate us like it should.

Your holiness doesn't humble us like it should.

Your love doesn't comfort us like it should.

And so we ask you to forgive us

And reveal your glory to us again,

That we might see it together and rejoice,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*** 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).

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:9-11

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.

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Charles Wesley (1742), Kevin Twit (1996)

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 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

SERMON

“WHO IS THE GREATEST?”

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.

Lesser Loves

I was a prisoner; You held the key.
The door was opened; You welcomed me.
Oh I was guilty of every crime,
but you took my place and you did my time.

How can I thank you, Lord? My broken heart, You have restored.

How can I thank you, Lord? You give me grace I cannot afford.

I was an enemy but You made me a guest;
You spread a table in the wilderness.
Beside the waters, You filled my cup,
O how I have settled for lesser loves.

Trent Dabbs, Kate York, Isaac Wardell (2015)

SENDING SONG

None But Thee

Jesus, mighty King of Heaven, Thou, O Lord, our guide shall be.
Thy commission we rely on, we will follow none but Thee.

As an emblem of Thy passion and Thy victory o'er the grave,
We who know Thy great salvation are baptized now beneath the wave.

*Fall on us, O Holy Lord,
Our hearts, Oh King, are only Yours!
By your grace we live, and we will follow none but Thee,
Will follow none but Thee!*

Fearless of the worlds despising, we the ancient path pursue.
Buried with our Lord and rising to a life divinely new.

Sin shall never be our master, captives of Thy blessed grace.
Offering our lives hereafter, we resolve to seek Thy face.

John Fellows (d. 1783), Eric Marshall (2011)

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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| Given Last Week: | \$15,409 | Gifts can be placed in the offering |
| Required to Date | \$58,500 | plate on Sundays or mailed to: |
| (Jan. 1 - Jan. 30) | | Hope Chapel |
| Given to Date | \$43,193 | 908 N. Josephine Boyd St |
| Over/[Under] | [\$15,307] | Greensboro, NC 27408 |

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