

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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EASTER SUNDAY

WELCOME

When we gather on Sundays, we join as a diverse group— some are exploring Christianity, others are committed followers of Jesus, and still others are seeking to recover a sense of connection they had to God in the past. Wherever you are on the journey, Hope Chapel welcomes you.

ABOUT US

Who is Hope Chapel?

Hope Chapel is a community of people who believe the Gospel (literally “good news”) of Jesus Christ- that we are loved and accepted by God through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. In a world which is well acquainted with sadness, fear, loneliness, and hatred, we believe this Gospel brings hope and healing, and opens our eyes to see beauty in places of significant brokenness and suffering.

What are we about?

We are seeking to live out, in our words and actions, the teachings of Jesus by working for the spiritual, social, and cultural wellbeing of the university area of Greensboro, and the surrounding neighborhoods. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey— if you are skeptical or mildly curious about Christianity, or if you are a committed follower of Jesus— we are glad you are here.

This Morning

The style of our worship services could be described as informal and eclectic. We seek to incorporate a wide range of musical styles and instruments. Our liturgy includes prayers and readings from Scripture and a wide range of cultures and times. Our preaching team teaches reformed, Biblical, and gospel-centered sermons in a conversational style.

Many of us have significant “church baggage” and a Christian worship service can sometimes surface many questions and wounds related to religion. You should always feel the freedom to participate actively in our worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. We desire Hope Chapel to be a safe place for you to come and investigate the historic Christian faith.

Children are important to us at Hope Chapel! We currently provide nursery for ages 0-24 months and combined children's discipleship program for kids up to 5th grade.

FOR REFLECTION

Prayer of Preparation

God, we are witnesses of what Christ has done.
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,

He went about doing good and healing
all who were oppressed;
And You, God, were with him in every moment.

He allowed himself the full range
of human experience,
both of pain and death,
and of joy and resurrection.
He lived out his true calling here on the earth,
His authentic self and Imago Dei,
powerfully and fully,
with full presence, attention, and intention.

We ask for help as we strive to live in balance,
giving proper attention to Lent:
to lament, grief, and the realities of trauma,
but ultimately, to live as Easter People.

As Easter People, we believe
that Christ's work is complete,
that all spiritual resources are shared with us,
that we partake of the Divine Nature,
that healing and wholeness are our birthright,
that joy and freedom belong to us,
that our true selves are reflections of God,
that goodness and mercy follow us
our whole lives long,
that death is not an end, but a beginning.

Help us, God, to live in the reality of Resurrection,
being and behaving in every moment
as though the work -
of sacrifice,
of healing,
of bringing all things into Oneness-
is complete, now and forever!
Therefore we approach every experience,
interaction, and moment
with gratitude, peace, and joy. Amen.

(written by Fran Pratt)

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light
That brightens as she chokes out her reply
'They took my love away, my day is night'
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

Easter Dawn, Malcolm Guite

Remember Jesus of Nazareth, staggering on broken feet out of the tomb toward the Resurrection, bearing on his body the proud insignia of the defeat which is victory, the magnificent defeat of the human soul at the hands of God.

Frederick Buechner
The Magnificent Defeat

The fact that dead people do not ordinarily rise is itself part of early Christian belief, not an objection to it. The early Christians insisted that what had happened to Jesus was precisely something new; was, indeed, the start of a whole new mode of existence, a new creation. The fact that Jesus' resurrection was, and remains, without analogy is not an objection to the early Christian claim. It is part of the claim itself."

N.T. Wright
The Resurrection of the Son of God

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His Heart Beats

His heart beats, His blood begins to flow,
Waking up what was dead a moment ago.
His heart beats, now everything is changed
'Cause the blood that brought us peace with God
Is racing through His veins. His heart beats.

He breathes in, His living lungs expand;
The heavy air surrounding death turns to breath again.
He breathes out, He is word and flesh once more,
The Lamb of God, slain for us, is a Lion ready to roar, and His heart beats.

So crown Him the Lord of Life!
Crown Him the Lord of Love!
Crown Him the Lord of All!

He took one breath and put death to death
Where is your sting, O grave?
How grave is your defeat?
I know, I know His heart beats.

He rises, glorified in flesh,
Clothed in immortality, the firstborn from the dead.
He rises, and His work's already done,
So He's resting as He rises to reclaim the Bride He won, and His heart beats.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
He must reign until no enemy is left,
The last enemy to be destroyed, to be destroyed is death!

His heart beats, He will never die again,
I know that death no longer has dominion over Him.
So my heart beats with the rhythm of the saints,
As I look for the seeds the King has sown to burst up from their graves.

Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive (2018)

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: Beloved, open your eyes! Can you see it?!

The King is on his throne,
 surrounded by multitudes and multitudes of angels,
 exulting in the work of Jesus,
 who is raised higher than any other authority,
 victorious over sin and death and hell,
 with the name that causes all to fall in worship.

**All: His kingdom of peace has no end.
 Fear and sadness are gone because all power belongs
 to the all loving and ever living God.**

Leader: Can you see it?!

He moves in love toward his people.
 He purchases their souls with his own blood.
 He raises them from the death of sin,
 and makes them a part of his family,
 rulers in his kingdom.

**All: All that's left for them is glory upon glory,
 sinners resurrected in majesty,
 whose very existence is a miracle
 that makes angels gasp at the immensity
 and reach of his grace.**

Leader: Can you see it?!

He is the one who does the unthinkable,
whose purposes can never be undone,
who speaks and it is accomplished.

All: He lives and will reign forever and ever.

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He has risen indeed!

Leader: Hallelujah!

All: Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life!

From Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 11:15; Philippians 2:10;
Revelation 5:9; Ephesians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:12; Isaiah 14:27

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Charles Wesley (1739), Lyra Davidica (1708)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

Sin is a word that means, at its core, "an obsession or worship of oneself." Martin Luther famously described sin as "curving in on oneself," which causes a relational breach not only with the people we harm, but also with God by not giving God the place he deserves in our lives, as our loving Creator and Savior.

Almighty God,
When You raised Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
You confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by ways that lead to death and emptiness.
We return to our sinful ways
instead of stepping into the new life You give.
Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;
new love where have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded.

In the bright light of Easter morning, Lord,
our sin is exposed, and Your grace is revealed.
Raise us in Your love so that, with joy,
we may be found in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life.

*** time for silent confession of sin ***

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).

Leader: This is what the Lord says:

“Death is swallowed in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

For sin is the sting that results in death.

All: But thank God! He has given us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: In Christ, our sins are forgiven, death has no grip on us,
and we will share in His victory.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

based on 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Why is the Greeting put after our Words of Forgiveness? The book of 2 Corinthians reminds us that part of God’s goal in reconciling Himself to us was that we might likewise be reconciled with one another. But for healing and wholeness to take place in our relationships (which is what the Greeting enacts as we acknowledge one another in the peace of our Lord), we must first know the healing of our relationship with God through Christ. God’s pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another without reservation or qualification!

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.

Continuously

I will hold your right hand, right beside you, my word is true
 I am continuously, continuously with you.
 Though your flesh and heart may fail, I will hold you in veil,
 I am continuously, continuously with you.

*Rest in my love as you sleep tonight,
 Rest in the song that mercy sings,
 Your shield and strength, all through the fight
 I will be your covering.*

I'll be your shelter where e'r you go,
 When you wonder I'll bring you home.
 I am continuously, continuously with you.

Sandra McCracken (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, or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).



Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us,
 How high the mountain I could not climb.
 In desperation I turned to Heaven
 And spoke Your name into the night.
 Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness
 Tore through the shadows of my soul.
 The work is finished, the end is written;
 Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
 What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
 The God of angels stepped down from glory
 To wear my sin and bear my shame.
 The cross has spoken, I am forgiven;
 The King of kings calls me His own.
 Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,
 Jesus Christ my living hope.

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!
 Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
 You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name,
 Jesus Christ, my living hope!*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
 Your buried body began to breathe.
 Out of the silence, the roaring lion
 Declared the grave has no claim on me.
 Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham (2017)

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.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

SERMON

“THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL”

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.

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.

Risen Indeed

And so the winter dies with a blast of icy wind,
 Like a mournful cry, it's giving up the ghost again;
 Another sheet of snow melts away to gold and green,
 Look at Peter go, he's racing to the tomb to see...
 Where has my Jesus gone?
 He is not dead, He is risen – risen indeed.

And now the flowers bloom like a song of freedom,
 Behold the earth is new, if only for the season.
 And so the seed that died for You becomes a seedling;
 Just put your hand into the wound that bought your healing.
 And let your heart believe
 He is not dead, He is risen – risen indeed.

And the rain will fall on the furrow,
 It immerses the earth in sorrow.
 Mary, the sun will rise again,
 Mary, the sun will rise again,
 Daughter, listen, listen:
 Daughter listen, He speaks your name.

And Father Abraham could not have dreamed of this,
 Could never understand the end of all those promises.
 How all the pieces fit, every star and grain of sand,
 Is safely hid in Jesus' hand.
 Let every tongue confess:
 He is not dead, He is risen, risen

Andrew Peterson (2018)

SENDING SONG

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

How can it be, the One who died, has born our sin through sacrifice
 To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
 Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
 Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
 Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.*

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting.

The power that raised Him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace; go tell of His goodness.

Ed Cash, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty (2012)

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: May the God of peace,
who raised to life the Great Shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do His will in every good thing,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

from Hebrews 13:20

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$8,617	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$175,500	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - April 10)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$157,415	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$18,085]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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