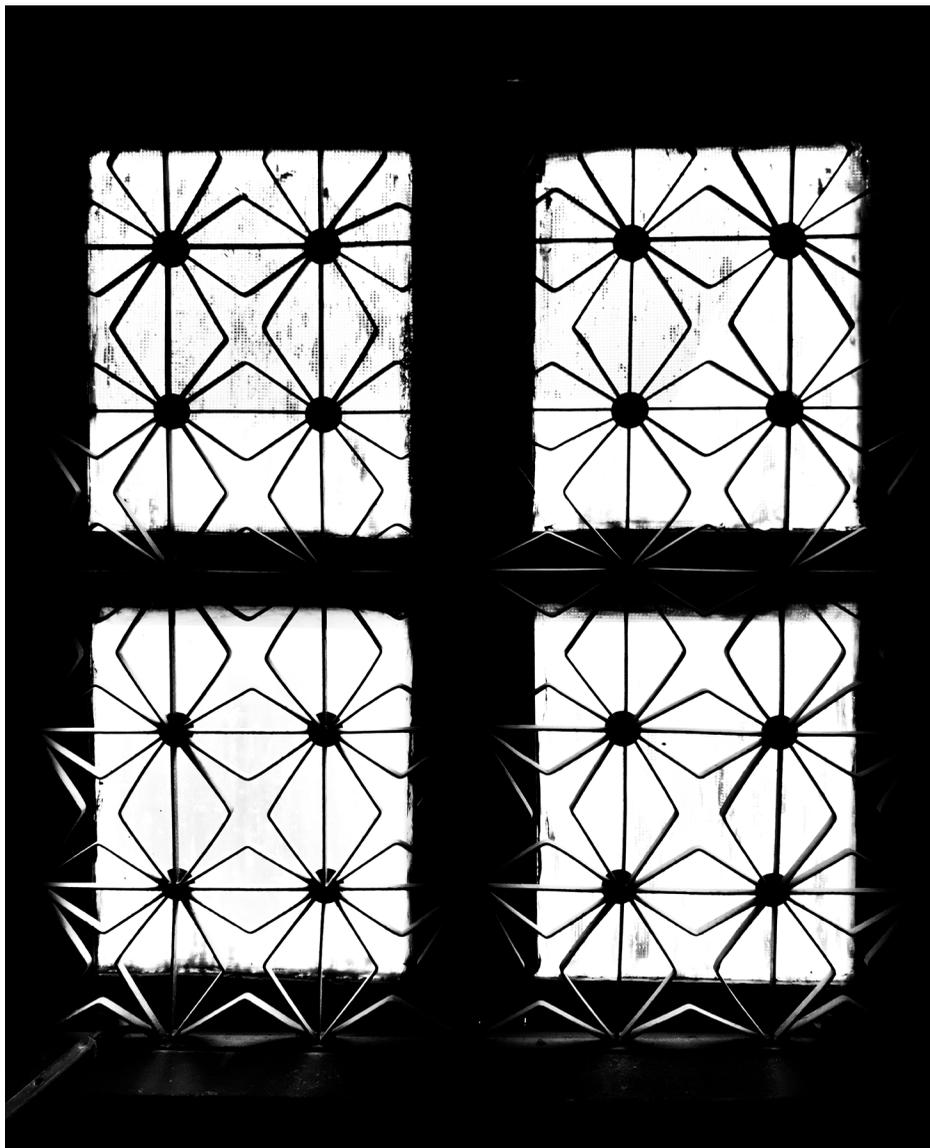


WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

October 2, 2022



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

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!

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 come here this morning in need of grace.

All week, a war has been raging in our hearts.

We have looked to people, situations, and experiences
to give us security, identity, and hope.

We have journeyed far in search of life's treasures,
often finding only heartache, deadends, and disconnection.

Forgive us, and awaken us

to the only glory that really satisfies:

the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Redeemer.

*** 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.

Whole Heart

When I am broken, when I'm afraid,
When I don't have it together, when I lose my way,
There is a place where I can go
Where I am safe, where I am home...

*And I can trust You with my whole heart,
Trust You with my whole heart, my whole heart.
Yes I can trust You with my whole heart,
Trust You with my whole heart, with my whole heart.*

You know my story, You've always been
My true companion, my Faithful friend;
There's not a moment of my life
I live without You by my side...

Let every anxious part of me, and every fearful thought in me,
Be set free, set free in Your peace, Your peace.
Let every shackle on me break, and every shadow fall away
I'm set free set free in Your peace, Your peace.

Taylor Leonhardt, Leslie Jordan, Jess Ray (2021)

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).



I Belong to You

I've been captured by a love I can't explain,
 And now You have me and I'm forever changed.
 I've abandoned everything I've ever known;
 Now I surrender, my life is not my own.

*I belong to You, I belong to You
 I belong to You, I belong to You*

My life is not my own— to You, I belong;
 I give myself, I give myself to You.
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 I give myself, I give myself to You.

William McDowell (2011)

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

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,
⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Sermon

"Treasure Hunt"

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 called "The Greatest Story", where we are surveying the entire Bible using The Jesus Storybook Bible as a framework. 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: 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.

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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.

Knowing You

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
 All this world reveres and wars to own;
 All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
 Spent and worthless now compared to this.

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You
 There is no greater thing.
 You're my all, You're the best,
 You're my joy, my righteousness,
 And I love You Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
 To be found in You and know as Yours,
 To possess by faith what I could not earn
 All surpassing gift of righteousness

Oh to know the power of Your risen life,
 And to know You in Your sufferings;
 To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
 So with You to live and never die.

Graham Kendrick (1993)

Sending Song

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, friend most sure and true:
 Long my heart was burning,
 Fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for You.
 Yours I am, O spotless Lamb,
 So will I let nothing hide You, seek no joy beside You!

Let Your arms enfold me: take me in and hold me – keep me ever near.
 Though the earth be shaking,
 Every heart is quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
 Fire may flash and thunder crash;
 But, though sin and death assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

In our times of sadness, then the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in;
 Though the clouds will gather,
 Those who love the Savior can have peace within.
 Though we bear much sorrow here,
 Still in You lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

Gone, all worldly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.
 Gone, all empty glory! Jesus is my story; O, my soul, rejoice!
 Pain or loss or shame or cross
 Shall not from my Savior move me, since He chose to love me.

Johann Franck (1653), trans by Catherine. Winkworth (1863)
 music & add. lyrics by Michael Van Patter (2018)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

Minister: May our Faithful God, who has promised
 never to leave or forsake you,
 fill you with all joy and peace in Christ,
 so that you may overflow with hope
 by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$6,215	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$456,300	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Sept. 25)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$446,161	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$10,139]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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 We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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