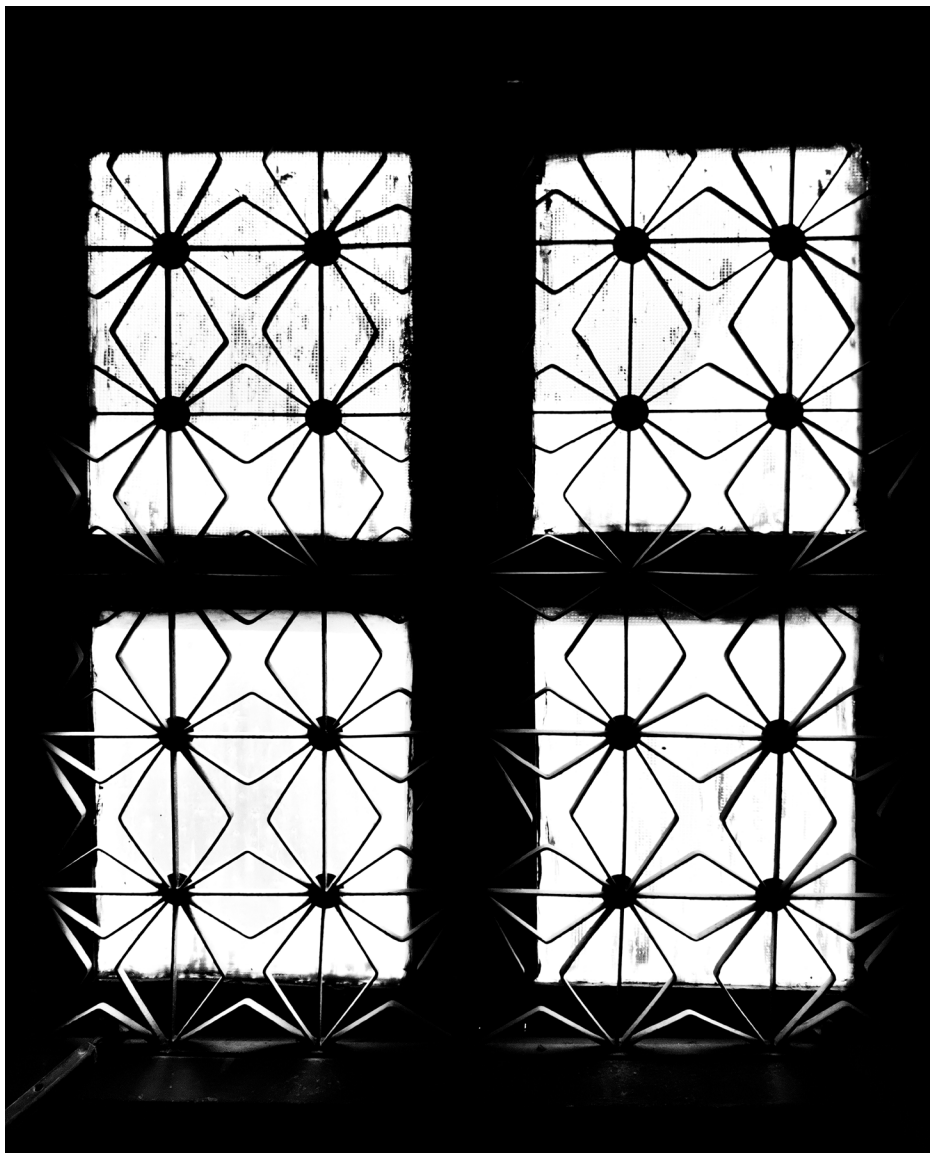


# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

November 6, 2022



## Preparation

*O God,  
by your power may we, with all the saints,  
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth  
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.*

—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

## 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.*

### Immortal Invisible

Walter Chalmers Smith, Welsh melody (1867), ch. M. Van Patter

## 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 Inviter, and we respond to His grace!*

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**All: Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—**

Leader: who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,

**All: who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Psalm 103:1-5

## 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.*

God:  
You are Light,  
And in you there is no darkness at all.  
We confess that in us, there is much darkness.  
Our prayers are infrequent,  
Our love inconsistent,  
Our obedience incomplete.  
Gracious God, forgive our sin.  
Illumine our darkness.  
Help us live in the Light of your truth and your  
Presence., For our good and your glory.

*\*\* time for silent confession \*\**

## Shine Into Our Night

We are not what we should be.  
 We haven't sought what we should seek.  
 We've seen Your glory, Lord, but looked away.  
 Our hearts are bent, our eyes are dim,  
 Our finest works are stained with sin  
 And emptiness has shadowed all our ways.

*Jesus Christ, shine into our night,  
 Drive our dark away till Your glory fills our eyes  
 Jesus Christ, shine into our night,  
 Bind us to Your cross, where we find life.*

Still we often go astray, we chase the world, forget Your grace;  
 But You have never failed to bring us back.  
 Reveal the depths of what You've done,  
 The death You died, the vict'ry won.  
 You made a way for us to know Your love.

Joel Sczebel (2011)

## Words of Forgiveness

***We are not alone.** The Bible teaches that Jesus understands what it is to be human. Because He was fully man, He is compassionate and merciful toward us in our sin and failures. But not only can He sympathize with us, Jesus also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurrection.*

<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... <sup>12</sup> to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:4-5, 12

## 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. (...continued on next page..)*

*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](http://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give), or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).



### Goodness of God

I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me;  
 All my days I've been held in Your hands.  
 From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head  
 I will sing of the goodness of God.

*All my life You have been faithful,  
 All my life You have been so, so good!  
 With every breath that I am able  
 I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.  
 In darkest nights, You are close like no other.  
 I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend;  
 I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything  
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

*Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, Ed Cash, Brian Johnson (2018)*

### 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

<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup> And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup> 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, <sup>30</sup> save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup> So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup> 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.

<sup>33</sup> And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup> 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?" <sup>35</sup> And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup> 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." <sup>37</sup> And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> 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

### “The Sun Stops Shining”

*Ben Milner is lead pastor at Salem Presbyterian Church in Winston Salem. 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.*

## 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. (....continued on following page)

### 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.

### Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!  
 Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?  
 Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?  
 Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,  
 When God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin.  
 Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;  
 Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.  
 Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.  
 Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!  
 Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

*Isaac Watts (1707), Traditional Irish tune*

## Sending Song

### The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
 Christ on the road to Calvary.  
 Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
 Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
 Took the blame, bore the wrath— we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
 Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
 Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
 Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
 Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
 Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
 "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
 For through Your suffering I am free.  
 Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
 Won through Your selfless love.

Keith Getty, Kristen Getty (2005)

## 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 peace of God,  
 which transcends all understanding,  
 guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$15,361	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$514,800	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Oct 30)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$537,510	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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