

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

January 15, 2023



## 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.*

### All Creatures

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

All the Redeemed, washed by His blood,  
Come and rejoice in his great love. O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin,  
Cast all your burdens now on Him.

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say, O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King.

St. Francis of Assisi (1225), tune is LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## 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: I will extol the LORD at all times;  
his praise will always be on my lips.  
I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

**All: Glorify the LORD with me;  
let us exalt his name together.**

Psalm 34:1-3

## Song of Praise

### I Will Sing

With my mouth, I will tell of Your faithfulness,  
I'll declare, Lord, Your covenant with my life.

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,  
I will sing of the Lord's great love.  
I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,  
I will sing, oh I will sing.*

Lord You are the glory of all our strength,  
Your presence along the way for all our days.

Oh Lord, God Almighty, who is like You?  
Oh Lord, God Almighty, none beside You.  
Oh Lord, God Almighty, all the earth and sky belong to You.

*Leslie Jordan and Sandra McCracken (2019)*

## 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.*

Gracious and forgiving God hear our confession

We acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins:

those known to us that burden our hearts,  
and those unknown to us but seen by you.

We know that before you nothing remains hidden,  
and in you everything is revealed

Gracious and forgiving God hear our request

Free us from the slavery of sin;

liberate us from the bondage of guilt;

work in us that which is pleasing in your sight;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## 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.*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

## 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

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



### Known and Loved

God, You were there from my beginning,  
For I was crafted by Your hands;  
You see my hopes and hesitations,  
My days are written in Your plan.

If You have seen my weakest moments  
And still You love me even then,  
I need no greater confirmation  
That God, Your goodness has no end.

*I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness,  
No need for hiding, here in His light.  
This truth I treasure, my peace forever,  
Is being known and loved by Him.*

I trust with Jesus, it is finished  
For He has paid my every debt;  
No need to pull it all together,  
For what is broken He will mend.

Though I can't see the path before me,  
I know the One who knows the way.  
And as I walk, His hand will guide me  
Until I see Him face to face.

*Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell, Fiona Aghajanian (2022)*

## 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

### Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-37

*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.*

<sup>2:42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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<sup>4:32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. <sup>36</sup> Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

## Sermon

### “Witness of the New Temple”

*Todd Jones is Hope Chapel’s founding/lead pastor. This sermon is part of a series called “Witness: The Movement Continues”, where we are studying the book of Acts and its call to cultivate shalom. 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.

**All:     It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty,  
           and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.  
           He took upon himself the weight of our sin  
           and carried the burden of our guilt.  
           He shared our life in every way,  
           and though tempted, was sinless to the end.  
           Baptized as Your own, he went willingly to his death  
           and by Your power was raised to new life.

**All:     In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church,  
           delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
           and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.**



Minister: Sanctify this bread and wine, and use these elements  
to communicate to us the mercy of your Son,  
that we might be enabled to submit our lives to you.

**All: Grant that this sacrament would empower us to die  
to ourselves, and live for your glory, now and forever, amen.**

**\*\* institution of elements \*\***

Minister: God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,  
and will also give us all things with him.

**All: Therefore we praise you, God, with our hearts and our voices,  
now and forevermore! 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.

### Come to the Feast

Go to the highways and hedges, go to the farthest of fields.  
Go and compel the sick and the well,  
For our Father's hosue will be filled.

Go to the streets of the city, bring in the crippled and blind,  
All who would taste this banquet of grace  
Must come and waste no more time.

*Come to the feast, come to the table,  
The great and the least, the rich and the poor!  
Come to the feast, come to the table,  
Come and hunger no more.*

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered,  
Dressed in his pure righteousness.  
For all of your guilt, his blood it was spilt,  
So come by your Father be blessed.

*Jeff Lawson (2012)*

## Sending Song

### Faithful One

Faithful One, we lift our praise  
Toward your light we turn our gaze.  
The weight of sin is bearing down,  
We need your grace to save us now.

*Faithful One, Faithful One, You never fail, You never fail,  
You never fail to raise the sun, Faithful One.  
Faithful One, Faithful One, You never fail, You never fail,  
Not my will, but Yours be done.*

God of Grace I long to live  
By the peace you freely give.  
When lesser things seduce my eyes,  
Lord, break my heart and make me wise.

Ancient love has brought to bear  
 Kinship with the royal heir.  
 You broke the bread, you poured the wine,  
 Now I am yours and you are mine.

Randall Goodgame (2014)

## 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 Christ, who out of defeat  
 brings new hope and a new future,  
 fill you with his new life;  
 and the blessing of God almighty,  
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you,  
 and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$5,416	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$14,615	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Jan. 8)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$5,676	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$8,938]	Greensboro, NC 27408

Online giving is available on our website: [www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give](http://www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give)

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