

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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## 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.*

### Almighty God

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.  
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy,  
Come with Your light, we cannot hide from You.

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,  
With gratitude we raise our song to You.  
Come and fill the praises of Your people,  
In grace and truth, You make us new again.

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,  
We long for more than what this world provides.  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us,  
But Your river deep floods over everything.

To You all hearts are open, Almighty God...

Leslie Jordan, David Leonard, Sandra McCracken (2014)

## 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: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up,  
you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?

**All: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up,  
you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is he, this King of glory?

**All: The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.**

Psalm 24:7-10

## Song of Praise

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

*Praise the Lord!, praise the Lord, oh my soul,  
Praise the Lord!, praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the Lord!*

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## 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.*

Sovereign God:

We confess that we have not lived for your glory.

Instead of trusting in your provision,

We are fraught with worry and anxiousness.

Instead of relying on your strength,

We are given to hiding and self-protection.

We repent of our sin

And we long for your salvation.

For the sake of your glory,

Pour out your renewing Spirit upon us.

Help us to trust in your grace

And walk in your ways.

*\*\* 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.*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

## 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

### My Hope Is Built (The Solid Rock)

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus Name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In e'vry high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall comes with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

*Edward Mote (1834), William Bradbury (1863)*

## 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](http://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 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## Sermon

### “Witness of Pentecost”

*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.

### Great Comforter, Descend

Why should the children of a King go mourning all their days?  
Great Comforter, descend and bring some tokens of Thy grace.

Dost Thou not dwell in all the saints, and seal the heirs of Heav'n?  
When wilt Thou banish my complaints and show my sins forgiv'n?

*Great Comforter, descend! Great Comforter, descend!  
And bring some tokens of Thy grace,  
Great Comforter, descend!*

Assure my conscience of her part in the Redeemer's blood;  
And bear Thy witness with my heart that I am born of God.

Thou art the earnest of His love, the pledge of joys to come;  
And Thy soft wings, celestial Dove, will safe convey me home.

*Isaac Watts (1709), Michael Van Patter (2011)*

## Sending Song

### Your Labor Is Not in Vain

Your labor is not in vain,  
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained;  
Your planting and reaping are never the same,  
but your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown  
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
but your labor is not unknown.

*For I am with you, I am with you.  
I am with you, I am with you  
For I have called you, called you by name,  
Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
 the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,  
 for all that is old will at last be made new:  
 the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

The houses you labored to build  
 will finally with laughter and joy be filled.  
 The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed  
 and all that is broken be healed.

*Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell (2017)*

## 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.**

## Year-End Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$46,999	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required for 2022	\$590,569	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)		Hope Chapel
Given in 2022	\$694,436	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	\$103,867	Greensboro, NC 27408

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We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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