

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

October 15, 2023



**Ordinary Time**

## 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, bodies, 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.*

### Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks,  
 You paint the evening sky with wonders.  
 The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea,  
 All nature testifies Your splendor.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
 Sing His greatness, all creation!  
 Praise the Lord, raise your voice,  
 You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west,  
 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

You reached into the dust, in love, Your Spirit breathed,  
 You formed us in Your very likeness.  
 To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds,  
 To join the everlasting chorus.

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out,  
 All heaven hear the sound of worship.  
 Let every nation bring its honors to the King,  
 A roar of harmonies eternal.

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa (2021)

## 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: I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

**All: Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.**

Leader: One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.  
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**All: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.  
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

Psalm 145:1-7

### Greater Than We Can Imagine

Every day we'll bless You and praise Your name  
And on Your glorious splendor we will dwell.  
On Your wondrous works, Lord, we'll meditate  
And of Your awesome power we will tell.  
We'll speak of Your salvation and Your abundant goodness...

*Because You are greater than we can imagine!  
You are too beautiful for us to fathom!  
Oh, You are great, and greatly to be praised!*

Every generation shall sing Your worth  
And magnify Your mercy and Your grace.  
We'll sing about the Savior who came to earth  
To bear the sins of those He came to save.  
You fill our hearts with wonder, we'll worship You forever...

George Romanacce, Eric Grover (2009)

## 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 of Wisdom and Grace:

We confess to you

Our tendency to say that we know you  
but fail to obey your commands.<sup>1</sup>

We love the idea of shalom,  
but we often fail to put it into practice.

We are often wise in our own sight.<sup>2</sup>

Forgive our sin and self-righteousness.

Teach us wisdom in the inmost place.

Cleanse us with hyssop, and we will be clean;  
wash us, and we will be whiter than snow.<sup>3</sup>

Renew us by your grace,

that we might be cultivators of shalom in the world.

In the name of our merciful Savior Jesus,

in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom...<sup>4</sup>

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

*References:* <sup>1</sup> John 2:4; <sup>2</sup> Romans 12:16; <sup>3</sup> Psalm 51:6-7; <sup>4</sup> Colossians 2:3

## Words of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## 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.

### Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away!  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow we may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe;  
All that are longing to see his face,  
May at this moment his grace receive.

*Julia H. Johnston (1911), D.B. Towner (1910)*

## 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).



### The Goodness of Jesus

Come, you weary heart now to Jesus.  
Come, you anxious soul now and see.  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears,  
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.  
Satisfied, He is all that I need.  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come find what this world cannot offer,  
Come and find your joy here complete.  
Taste the living water, never thirst again,  
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus,  
He is all he said he would be.  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart,  
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Rich Thompson, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson,  
Harrison Druery, Fiona Aghajanian and Michael Farren (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.*

A fool takes no pleasure in understanding but only in expressing his opinion. (18:2)

The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult. (12:16)

If one gives an answer before he hears, it is to his folly and shame. (18:3).

A fool’s lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating. (18:6).

There is one who’s rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (12:18)

The one who conceals hatred has lying lips, and whoever utters slander is a fool. (10:18)

Doing wrong is like a joke to a fool, but wisdom is pleasure to a man of understanding. (10:23)

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. (12:15).

Like a thorn that goes up into the hand of a drunkard is a proverb in the mouth of fools.(26:9)

A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool. (17:10).

If a wise man has an argument with a fool, the fool only rages and laughs, and there is no quiet. (29:9)

Leave the presence of the fool, for there you do not meet words of knowledge.(14:7)

Let a man meet a she-bear robbed of her cubs rather than a fool in his folly. (17:12).

The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way, but the folly of fools is deceiving. (14:8)

Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself. (26:4)

Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes. (26:5)

## Sermon

### “Wisdom for the Fool”

*Jake Henry is a member of Hope Chapel and works as an educator and Chaplain in the Army National Guard. This sermon is part of a series called “Proverbs: Learning Skill in Salom Cultivation”. 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: Is the Father with us?

**All: He is.**

Minister: Is the Christ among us?

**All: He is.**

Minister: Is the Spirit here?

**All: He is.**

Minister: This is our God:

**All: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Minister: We are His people:

**All: We are redeemed by His grace.**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen  
Christ will come again!**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

**All: Hallelujah!**

\*\* institution of elements \*\*

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Minister: Let us pray together:

**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.**

### **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.

## Never See the End

Where can we run, where can we hide,  
That You will not find us?  
Deepest of depths, highest of heights,  
Your love, it chases us.  
No matter where we've been, no matter what we've done,  
We can't escape Your love.

*We will never see the end,  
We will never see the end of Your goodness.  
We will never see the end,  
We will never see the end of Your goodness.*

Though we pass through the fire,  
Or we pass through the flood, You will be with us.  
Though we walk through the valley,  
The darkest of night Your love will be our light.  
And when we are in plenty or we are in want,  
You will always be enough.

In our darkest hours, on our hardest days,  
We do not have to be afraid.  
For You will never leave, You will not forsake,  
The promises that You have made.

*Jess Ray (2019)*

## 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

Minister: May the living God, who alone can renew,  
 draw near to you, strengthen you, and give you hope,  
 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:	\$11,083	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$584,600	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Oct. 8)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$562,481	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$22,118]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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