

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

October 29, 2023



**Ordinary Time**

## Preparation

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need forgiveness;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
to whoever will come – this church opens wide her doors  
and welcomes you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## 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.*

### We Sing the Mighty Power

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,  
if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,  
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

*Text: Isaac Watts (1715), Tune: ELLACOMBE (1784)*

## 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: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright,

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Psalm 33:1-5

### Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore Him;

Praise Him, angels in the height!

Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;

Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;

Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.

Laws which never shall be broken

For their guidance He hath made.

*All creation join the song of praise!*

*Let every tongue declare His mighty ways!*

*And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy all of our days!*

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;

Never shall His promise fail.

God Has made His saints victorious,

Sin and death shall not prevail.

Anonymous lyrics (1796), Eric Marshall (2014)

## 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

Ephesians 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## 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.*

### Abide

For my waking breath, for my daily bread,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.  
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*You're the way the truth and the life,  
You're the well that never runs dry,  
I'm the branch and You are the vine,  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

*Be my strength, my song in the night,  
Be my all, my treasure my prize;  
I am Yours, forever Your mine,  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.  
For the victories still in front of me,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.

When I pass through death, as I enter rest,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.  
For eternal life, to be raised with Christ,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*Aaron Keyes, Aaron Williams, Dee Wilson (2020)*

## 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).



## All You Do Is Good

You are full of compassion and abounding in love,  
 You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.  
 You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.  
 You turn weeping to dancing and despair into thanks.

*You are good and all you do is good.  
 You are good and all you do is good.  
 You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,  
 All you do is good.*

You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves,  
 Those who hate you, you ransom, Give you blood for their shame.  
 With the bent stem, you're tender, shield the smoldering flame,  
 You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.

You lift up, you, you revive, you, you restore, you, you increase, you,  
 You anoint, you, you fill up, you, you spill out, you, you release, you,  
 You make grow, you, you bring forth, you, you call out, you, you set free  
 It's who you are, It's who you were, It's who you will always be.

Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind,  
 Running over with healing, inexhaustible might.  
 You in us, and we in you, the delight in your face.  
 Resting here we enjoy you, and our joy is your praise.

*Nathan Partain (2015)*

## 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.*

Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread. (Proverbs 20:13)

Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger. (19:15)

Prepare your work outside; get everything ready for yourself in the field, and after that build your house. (24:27)

Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. (6:6-8)

In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty. (14:23)

Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty. (27:19)

Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox. (14:4)

Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice. (16:8)

The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death. (21:6)

It is not good to eat much honey, nor is it glorious to seek one's own glory. (25:27)

Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it. (11:27)

Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men. (22:29)

## Sermon

### “Wisdom for our Work”

*Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel’s associate pastor of assimilation & discipleship. 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.

### **It Was Finished Upon That Cross**

How I love the voice of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary;  
 He declares his work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me.  
 Though the sun had ceased its shining– though the war appeared as lost,  
 Christ had triumphed over evil; it was finished upon that Cross.

Now the curse it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me;  
 Full, the pardon he has offered; great, the welcome that I receive.  
 Boldly I approach my Father– clothed in Jesus’ righteousness;  
 There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that Cross.

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me,  
 But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!  
 Free from every plan of darkness– free to live and free to love;  
 Death is dead and Christ is risen! It was finished upon that Cross.

Onward to eternal glory– to my Savior and my God;  
 I rejoice in Jesus’ victory, it was finished upon that Cross.

*Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Nigel Hendroff (2021)*

### **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

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:	\$12,078	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$613,830	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Oct. 22)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$583,190	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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