

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

November 12, 2023



Ordinary Time

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.

To God All Praise and Glory

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation.
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
He fills my soul with sweet relief and make my faithless murmur cease.

To God all praise and glory! (x4)

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing;
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
And in my Father's tender care His love eclipses my despair.

When life is hard and days are long, I'll sing aloud His praises.
That all may hear the grateful song my joyful spirit raises.
My heart revived, my soul restored, my heart rejoices in the Lord.

Let all who claim Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory.
Let all who lean on the Spirit's strength declare the wondrous story!
Cast every idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord and Christ alone.

Johann Jakob Schutz (1675), trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1864), Music & Add. lyrics Brian Eichelberger (2017)

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: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**All: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**All: They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.**

Psalm 36:6-9

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)

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.¹

We love the idea of shalom,

but we often fail to put it into practice.

We are often wise in our own sight.²

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.³

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...⁴

*** time for silent confession ***

References: ¹ 1 John 2:4; ² Romans 12:16; ³ Psalm 51:6-7; ⁴ Colossians 2:3

Words of Forgiveness

Ephesians 1:7-8a

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.

Passing of the Peace

What is 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.

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, friend most sure and true:
 Long my heart was burning,
 Fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for You.
 Yours I am, O spotless Lamb,
 So will I let nothing hide You, seek no joy beside You!

Let Your arms enfold me: take me in and hold me – keep me ever near.
 Though the earth be shaking,
 Every heart is quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
 Fire may flash and thunder crash;
 But, though sin and death assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

In our times of sadness, then the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in;
 Though the clouds will gather,
 Those who love the Savior can have peace within.
 Though we bear much sorrow here,
 Still in You lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

Gone, all worldly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.
 Gone, all empty glory! Jesus is my story; O, my soul, rejoice!
 Pain or loss or shame or cross
 Shall not from my Savior move me, since He chose to love me.

*Johann Franck (1653), trans by Catherine. Winkworth (1863)
 music & add. lyrics by Michael Van Patter (2018)*

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, or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).



Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
 I was lost but He brought me in;
 Oh His love for me! Oh His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed;
 I'm a child of God, yes I am.
 In my Father's house there's a place for me,
 I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me;
 His grace runs deep.
 While I was a slave to sin,
 Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me.

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am!
 You are for me, not against me,
 I am who You say I am! I am who You say I am!

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (2017)

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 our powerful and merciful God for 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.

The ransom of a man's life is his wealth,
but a poor man hears no threat. (13:8)

Wealth brings many new friends,
but a poor man is deserted by his friend. (19:4)

Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied,
and never satisfied are the eyes of man. (27:20)

A rich man is wise in his own eyes,
but a poor man who has understanding will find him out. (28:11)

A rich man's wealth is his strong city,
and like a high wall in his imagination. (18:11)

Better is a little with the fear of the Lord
than great treasure and trouble with it. (15:16)

Do not toil to acquire wealth;
be discerning enough to desist. (23:4)

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker,
but he who is generous to the needy honors him. (14:31)

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered. (11:25)

When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
and when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness. (11:10)

Sermon

"Wisdom with Money"

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's associate pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series called "Proverbs: Learning Skill in Shalom 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 than 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.

Christ, My Treasure

Poor and needy, I've spent my supply,
all on that which does not satisfy.
Empty-handed, welcomed still by Christ:
"Buy wine freely without cost or price."

*Oh, Your priceless love, Your matchless grace makes my heart sing.
Oh, mercy rich and free, poured abundantly makes my heart sing.*

Christ my treasure, my prosperity.
Christ my riches in wealth or poverty.
Christ my ransom, His life spent for mine.
Christ the Savior: Glorious! Divine!

Bottomless reserve, my inheritance preserved,
Ever undeserved, makes my heart sing.
Oh, our hope secured, all we've lost restored,
Christ our great reward!

Bobby Krier, Justin Ruddy (2012)

Sending Song

Give Reviving

Father, for Thy promised blessing, still we plead before Thy throne.
For the times of sweet refreshing, which can come from Thee alone.
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given, but in these we would not rest;
Blessings still with Thee are hidden, pour them forth and make us blessed!

Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever; answer, Father! Answer prayer!
 Bless, oh bless, each weak endeavor, blood-bought pardon to declare
 Wake Thy slumbering children, wake them, bid them to Thy harvest go
 Blessings, oh our Father, make, round their steps let blessings flow!

Let no people be forgotten, let Thy showers on all descend,
 That in one loud blessed anthem, millions may in triumph blend!
 Give reviving, give refreshing, give the looked-for Jubilee.
 To Thyself may crowds be pressing, bringing glory unto Thee!

Albert Midlane (b. 1825), Chelsey Scott and Aaron Sands (2007)

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:	\$19,066	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$643,060	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Nov. 5)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$623,380	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$19,679]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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