

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

November 19, 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.

All Glory

We enter Your gates with thanksgiving
 And with thanksgiving, we enter Your gates.
 We pour out Your praise in Your presence
 And in Your presence, we pour out Your praise.
 And the song we sing, we sing forevermore...

*All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit, the Spirit of our God!
 As it was in the beginning and will be in the end;
 All glory to Your everlasting name!*

This is the sound of the forgiven
 A song of freedom, O Jesus, on and on Your name resounds.
 We lift up a shout for You are risen,
 And now we are risen, come on and pour His praises out...

And the song we sing, we sing forevermore!
 And the song we sing, we sing for You alone!
 Come on and pour His praises out,
 Come on and sing His praises now!

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (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: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

Psalm 145:10-13

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)

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

Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from 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.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long!*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Fanny Crosby, Phoebe Knapp (1873)

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).*



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.*

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)

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.

Hear my son, your father's instruction,
and forsake not your mother's teaching,
for they are a graceful garland for your head
and pendants for your neck. (1:8-9)

My son, if you receive my words
and treasure up my commandments with you,
making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
yes, if you call out for insight
and raise your voice for understanding,
if you seek it like silver
and search for it as for hidden treasures,
then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; (2:1-6)

So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman,
from the adulteress with her smooth words,
who forsakes the companion of her youth
and forgets the covenant of her God;
for her house sinks down to death,
and her paths to the departed; (2:16-18)

The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked,
but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous. (3:33)

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
for the Lord reproves him whom he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights. (3:11-12)

Whoever spares the rod hates his son,
but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him. (13:24)

A man of wrath stirs up strife,
and one given to anger causes much transgression. (29:22)

A continual dripping on a rainy day
and a quarrelsome wife are alike;
to restrain her is to restrain the wind
or to grasp oil in one’s right hand. (27:15-16)

An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels. (31:10)

Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. (6:6)

The sluggard does not plow in the autumn;
he will seek at harvest and have nothing. (20:4)

Sermon

“Wisdom in Our Homes”

Andy Koesters serves as Pastor to Churches and Families with Families Alive (familiesalive.org). He and his family worship at Hope Chapel.

This sermon is part of a series called “Proverbs: Learning Skill in Salom Cultivtion”. 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.

Bread of the World

Bread of the world, in mercy broken;
 Wine of the soul, in mercy shed;
 By Whom the words of life were spoken,
 And in Whose death our sins are dead.

*Lamb of God, have mercy.
 Lamb of God, have mercy.*

Look on the heart by sorrow broken;
 Look on the tears by sinners shed;
 And be Thy feast to us the token
 That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

*Reginald Heber (1827); based on text from Didache, c.200
 Clint Wells (2011), Luke Brodine (2011)*

Sending Song

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
 Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.
 Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,
 Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
 Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.
 Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,
 Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
 Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.
 On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,
 Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

Mary Bowly Peters (1847), Matthew Smith (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:	\$10,698	Gifts can be placed in the offering
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(Jan. 1 - Nov. 12)		Hope Chapel
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