

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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**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

Psalm 96:1-6

*An Invitation. The Call to Worship is sometimes called the Invitation to Worship. As we shuffle through the doors on Sunday morning, we come to a Gospel-feast, invited by Jesus Christ. But not only does He offer the invitation, He also pays the cost of admission through His life, death and resurrection. And so we are honored guests, welcomed in and responding to this incredible grace. Come, let us worship our Savior, Jesus Christ!*

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**All: Sing to the Lord, bless His name;  
tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare His glory among the nations,  
His marvelous works among all the peoples!

**All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
He is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.

**All: Splendor and majesty are before Him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

### 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.*

Holy, wise, and loving Father,  
 we humble ourselves before You now,<sup>1</sup>  
 confessing that we are by nature sinful and unclean.<sup>2</sup>  
 Not only is all creation groaning under the effects of sin,<sup>3</sup>  
 but like ink dropped into clean water,  
 our own hearts and lives are evidence of  
 the total corruption that sin has ushered into the world.<sup>4</sup>  
 We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions.  
 We acknowledge that no one is righteous,<sup>5</sup>  
 that even our best acts are as filthy rags in your sight.<sup>6</sup>  
 and that our only hope in life and death  
 is to belong to God through the work of Jesus.<sup>7</sup>

It is in His strong name that we humbly ask You to  
 have mercy on us and forgive us.<sup>8</sup>  
 Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit<sup>9</sup>  
 so that we may delight in Your will<sup>10</sup>  
 and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name...<sup>11</sup>

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

Scripture References:

<sup>1</sup> James 4:10, <sup>2</sup> Ephesians 2:3, <sup>3</sup> Romans 8:22, <sup>4</sup> Mark 7:20-23, <sup>5</sup> Romans 3:11, Psalm 53:1-3,  
<sup>6</sup> Isaiah 64:6, <sup>7</sup> Romans 14:7-9, <sup>8</sup> Proverbs 18:10, Psalm 86:1, <sup>9</sup> Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:18,  
<sup>10</sup> Psalm 40:8, <sup>11</sup> John 15:8.

## Words of Forgiveness

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4-5

## 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.*

### 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).*



## Come and Tear Down the Walls

Come and tear down the walls I've built up,  
 Every wall I've built up, every wall I've built up.  
 Cause You deserve every piece of my heart,  
 Every piece of my heart, every piece of my heart.

*Lord, I am trusting that You are a faithful Father  
 And all that you have, it is good.  
 You're a generous giver,  
 Your love's like no other,  
 Won't you come and break through to me ...*

Over and over and over again,  
 I am bringing my heart to You with open hands.  
 Closer and closer, You're drawing me in,  
 As the depths of my heart lay before You again.

*Jenny Wahlström, Mark Alan Schoolmeesters (2016)*

## 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.*

## Scripture Reading

Romans 1:18-32

*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.*

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew

God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup> and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

<sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup> Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

## Sermon

### “Sin & Wrath: the intro to God’s Gospel”

*Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of Romans, where we are exploring the doctrine of justification, or how we are made right with God. 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 our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise,  
joining our voices with Your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven,  
who forever sing to the glory of Your Name.**

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Dying, You destroyed our death;  
rising, You restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Minister: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

\*\* institution of the elements \*\*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Minister: Merciful God, pour out Your Holy Spirit  
on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking  
we may be made one with Christ and one another.

**All: Amen.**



Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

As our Savior taught us, so we pray,

**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.

## Unchanging One

O my distrustful heart how small thy faith appears!  
 But greater, Lord, thou art, than all my doubts and fears.  
 Did Jesus once upon me shine? Then Jesus is forever mine.

Unchangable His will, whatever be my frame;  
 His loving heart is still eternally the same.  
 My soul through many changes goes, His love no variation knows.

*O praise the great unchanging One!*  
*O praise the great unchanging One!*

Thou, Lord, wilt carry on, and perfectly perform,  
 The work Thou hast begun in me, a sinful worm  
 'Midst all my fear, and sin, and woe, Thy Spirit will not let me go.

The fullness of Thy grace at first did freely move  
 I still shall see Thy face, and feel that God is love.  
 My soul into Thy arms I cast; I trust I shall be saved at last.

*W. Hammond (1745), A. M. Toplady (1776),  
 Michael Van Patter (2009)*

## Sending Song

### From the Depths of Woe (from Psalm 130)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee a voice of lamentation.  
 Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, and hear my supplication.  
 If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
 O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth.  
 Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.  
 No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,  
 And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit.  
 On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit.  
 His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support.  
 I wait for it with patience.

What though I wait the live-long night, and 'til the dawn appeareth.  
 My heart still trusteth in His might, it doubteth not nor feareth.  
 Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed,  
 And wait 'til God appeareth.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth.  
 His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.  
 Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free,  
 From all their sin and sorrow.

*Martin Luther (1523), Christopher Miner (1997)*

## 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: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of  
 the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
 that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you  
 with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us  
 what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ,  
 to whom be glory for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$12,911	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$16,067	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Jan. 7)		Hope Chapel
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Over/[Under]	[\$3,155]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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