

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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Gathering Song

We sing as a way of engaging our voices, 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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
 Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
 Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
 Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise the Lord; praise the Lord, oh my soul!
 Praise the Lord!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
 Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
 If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
 Let the Amen sound from His people again,
 Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Joachim Neander (1680), Lobe den Herren (1665)

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 147:1-5

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 Inviter, and we respond to His grace!

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**All: For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Leader: The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**All: He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

**All: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

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)

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.

Almighty and Merciful God,
You have told to us that as Your people we are
to love mercy, practice justice, and walk humbly with You.
Our lives, however, do not measure up.

We have not practiced justice.
Instead, we have acted in ways that promote
our own comfort and advancement.
And we have often done so at the expense of our neighbors—
unmoved and insensitive to how our actions
might effect the greater community.

We have not loved mercy.
Instead, we have loved control over our lives
and the lives of our neighbors.
We want to win arguments more than restore relationships;
we want to be generous or forgiving,
only if we can see its direct benefit on us.

We have not walked humbly with You.
Instead, we have run in arrogance
and have clung to self-righteousness.
We strut through life as if we needed no friends,
no family, and worst of all, no God.

But we know that You are our God and Father
and we can come to You for forgiveness.

So we ask You, God and Father,
forgive us for our offenses against You and our neighbor.
Subdue everything in us which is contrary to Your purposes.
By the power of Your Spirit make us a community
who acts justly, loves mercy, and walks humbly with You.
Through Christ, our Lord...

*** time for silent confession ***

Words of Forgiveness

We are not alone. The Bible teaches that Jesus understands what it is to be human. Because He was fully man, He is compassionate and merciful toward us in our sin and failures. But not only can He sympathize with us, Jesus (being fully God) also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurrection.

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

Song of Lament

Learning the language: One Sunday each month (typically the first Sunday) we sing a song of lament together. These songs are often paraphrased from one of the roughly fifty lament Psalms in the Bible. The key characteristic of Biblical lament is that it is a prayer of complaint **to the Lord**. They are honest, gritty, despairing, angry, questioning, lonely, and so much more— but they are all within the context of relationship and conversation with God.

Lord, From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord, from sorrows deep I call, when my hope is shaken;
Torn and ruined from the fall, hear my desperation.
For so long I've pled and prayed, God, come to my rescue;
Even so the thorn remains, still my heart will praise You.

Storms within my troubled soul, questions without answers.
On my faith these billows roll; God, be now my shelter.
Why are you cast down, my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.

*Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him!
Sing, oh, sing through the raging storm,
You're still my God, my salvation!*

Should my life be torn from me, every worldly pleasure;
When all I possess is grief, God, be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night, be my hope and refuge.
'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord, my heart will praise You.

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa (2018)

Passing of the Peace

Why is the Greeting put after our Words of Forgiveness? The book of 2 Corinthians reminds us that part of God's goal in reconciling Himself to us was that we might likewise be reconciled with one another. But for healing and wholeness to take place in our relationships (which is what the Greeting enacts as we acknowledge one another in the peace of our Lord), we must first know the healing of our relationship with God through Christ. God's pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another without reservation or qualification!

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).



Song of Praise & Thanksgiving

Responding to grace: After being reminded of God's lavish grace and love toward us, we respond by celebrating with singing.

Thank You Jesus for the Blood

I was a wretch, I remember who I was;
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.
Sin separated, the breach was far too wide,
But from the far side of the chasm You held me in Your sight.

So You made a way across the great divide,
Left behind heaven's throne to build it here inside.
And there, at the cross You paid the debt I owed;
Broke my chains, freed my soul, for the first time I had hope.

*Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life;
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light!*

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin;
You were buried for three days, but then You walked right out again.
And now death has no sting and life has no end,
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb!

There is nothing stronger than the wonder-working power
Of the blood, the blood!
That calls us sons and daughters, we are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood, the blood!

Glory to His name, glory to His name!
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His name!

Charity Gayle, Ryan Kennedy, Steven Musso, David Gentiles, Bryan McCleery (2021)

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

Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii[c] and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Sermon

The Church's Mission: Neighbor

Jon Sink is an elder at Hope Chapel. This sermon is part of a series on the book of Luke where we are exploring "The Church's Mission." For past sermons, please visit our website.

Notes:

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: As we come to the table, let us pray together:

All: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, You have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of Your Name.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Approach

Minister: Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: Lord Jesus, Your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come.

All: As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving You. I come to this table on the basis of Your merit only and not my own. As You have completely and fully offered Yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to You as a living sacrifice. Amen.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

All: Alleluia!

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Minister: Take these in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, and drink, remembering that Christ's blood has been shed for you!

Preparation for the Table***The Feast*****Reflection Song**

This song is rooted in Matthew 25:34-40, where Jesus says that in offering care to the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, or imprisoned, we offer it to Christ.

We Welcome You, Lord

Ever lonely and despised, you had no beauty in our eyes.
When you stood before our door, we did not see you, Jesus our Lord.

From the prisons and the chains, it is your cry that rings in our ears;
Yours the pleas that we ignore, we did not hear you, Jesus our lord.

*How will you find us, Jesus, our friend?
Sheltering kindness will lead you in.
Here this table be adored,
Here at your feet, we welcome you, Lord.*

You the stranger, you the poor, you are the refugee at our door.
Yours the hands and yours the scars,
Here to be touched through Jesus our Lord

Ever watching over us, yours are the eyes that see us with love,
Yours the grace we can't afford, yours is the kindness of Jesus our Lord;
Meet us with kindness, Jesus our Lord.

Isaac Wardell (2015)

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Let us pray.

**All: O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world,
We thank You that in this holy meal,
You renew Your promises within us,
empower us by Your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as Your disciples. Amen.**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thomas Ken (1674), Louis Bourgeois (1551)

Prayers for Reflection

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.

Sending Song

Justice Will Roll Down

Sandra McCracken (2010)



1. Oh my love, you have grown so cold to the world out-
 2. Oh my child, I will be your light in your se-cret
 3. Soon, oh soon, when the trum-pet sounds, ev-'ry knee will



side, to the house next door. She who has been
 pain, in the dark of night. No en-e-e-my, no
 bend, ev-'ry heart will pound. I have made a



loved much, _____ has so much to give, mer-cy is the
 con-quer-or _____ will steal you life from me, I am your sal-
 new world, _____ where the ser-vant is the King, op-pres-sion will be



fra-grance of the brok-en-
 va-tion, and your vic-tory.
 o-ver, and the slave set free.



Jus-tice will roll down, oh jus-tice will roll down, from



high up-on those moun-tians with a might-y ri-ver sound,



it will roll down, it will roll down.

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

2 Corinthians 13:14

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$15,822	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$146,624	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Feb. 23)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$164,338	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	\$17,714	Greensboro, NC 27408

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