

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

June 15, 2025



Ordinary Time

The Psalms Project

At the beginning of the year, we put out a call to artists in our church to contribute to an ambitious project; to write original songs and create visual artwork to accompany each of the 15 Psalms that would be part of our summer sermon series. Our creative community responded enthusiastically and has been hard at work since then crafting art that will come alongside the teaching and worship to help our congregation engage the Psalms more deeply!

Each Sunday you will hear (and most weeks be invited to sing!) a new song and will see a reproduction of the visual art created for the Psalm. The original art piece will be displayed in the sanctuary near the stage. In September we are planning a night to play all of the songs together and will set up a gallery with all 15 art pieces.

Artist Statements

Visual Art:

Amanda Hilgeman / God Comes / watercolor

I am struck by the weightiness of this psalm as it represents our Righteous Judge coming, speaking, and summoning. It is a tumultuous, almost crushing thought, as the psalmist says we are guilty of evil, deceitful, slanderous actions and we have forgotten God. My intention was to represent the turmoil of our guilt in the swirling storm of the sky and the depth of the shadows. But it also represents reflection and light breaking through as the psalmist creates this gloriously hopeful moment. Our God comes. He doesn't remain distant or silent. He gives us the opportunity to hear his rebuke and turn to him! He is calling his faithful ones. He is calling for us to glorify Him with a sacrifice of thanksgiving. He is calling us to do right and He will deliver us and show us salvation.

Music:

Haven Sink / God Speaks

When reading Psalm 50, I was struck by how the greatness and mightiness of God is contrasted with the "smallness" and simplicity of what He wants from us. He is the mighty God who speaks to us with fire and storms raging all around him, and yet he wants us to speak back to him - words of gratitude and praise, calling out His name for help in days of trouble. I find great comfort in the truth of this Psalm - that God does not keep silent, nor does he want us to.

Reflection

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

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 59:16-17

The Call to Worship and the Benediction are important traditions in the history of Christian worship. As the start and close of the service, they make an important point to us about worship: God gets the first and last word.

We understand the Call to Worship as God's call to us. If we are ever to have a relationship with God, it is God who must first initiate to us. God alone can invite us and draw us in.

Likewise, in the Benediction, it is only by God's blessing (which is what a "benediction" is) and power are we able to go out into the world, to surrender our lives in daily worship, and to live out God's mission.

Leader: I will sing of your strength;

I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.

For you have been to me a fortress
and a refuge in the day of my distress.

All: **O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,
for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.**

Songs of Praise

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.

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)

I Will Sing

With my mouth, I will tell of Your faithfulness,
 I'll declare, Lord, Your covenant with my life.

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,
 I will sing of the Lord's great love.
 I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,
 I will sing, oh I will sing.*

Lord, You are the glory of all our strength,
Your presence along the way for all our days.

Oh Lord, God Almighty, who is like You?
Oh Lord, God Almighty, none beside You.
Oh Lord, God Almighty, all the earth and sky belong to You.

Leslie Jordan and Sandra McCracken (2019)

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.

Mighty God, we are not our own;
we are Your treasured possession.
But we often act as if we owned You,
trying to manipulate Your power and Your goodness for our gain.

Christ Jesus, You have shown that You
have authority and power over all of creation, even death itself.
But we often treat You as if You had no control
over even the simplest areas of our lives.
When feeling out of control or scared,
we run away from You instead of to You.

Holy Spirit, you are our wise counselor,
our comforter, and our strength;
You are the promised overseer of the Church.
But we often live as if You were not.

Triune God, forgive us our sin,
free us from the bondage of our fears and rebellion.
Restore us to You and to each other.
Have mercy on us, not because we deserve it,
but because You are gracious and kind—
because You sent Christ to live and die and rise on our behalf...

*** pause for silent confession ***

Words of Forgiveness

Why is it called "Words of Forgiveness?" There's a reason we don't call this element "The Forgiveness of Sins." As Protestants, we truly believe that there is only one mediator between God and humankind—Jesus Christ (1 Tim 2:5). Therefore, no pastor or priest can offer God's pardon...this is the work of Christ alone, given freely by and directly from Him! Therefore, we are assured that as we confess our sins and put our faith in Jesus Christ, He indeed does pardon us. Our pastors and leaders in worship merely offer this good news as it is proclaimed in Scripture (see 1 John 1:9).

Leader: Jesus Christ, who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something
to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

**All: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!**

Leader: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

**All: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Philippians 2:6-11

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!

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.

Come Unto Jesus

Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary
 Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel
 Here bring your wounded heart, broken and needy
 Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal

Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying
 Hope of the penitent, peace in our strife
 Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying
 "My yoke is easy, My burden is light"

*Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus
 Lay down your burdens, He is enough
 Come unto Jesus, rest in His love*

Come, taste the Bread of Life broken for sinners
 Drink from the cup of His promise made sure
 Feast at His table as sons and as daughters
 Grace overflowing is yours evermore

Matt Merker, Laura Story, Jordan Kaughlin (2023)

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.

Psalm 50 (ESV)

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- ¹ The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
- ³ Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.
- ⁴ He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- ⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- ⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge! *Selah*
- ⁷ "Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
- ⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
- ⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
- ¹⁰ For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
- ¹¹ I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- ¹² "If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.
- ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
- ¹⁵ and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

- ¹⁶ But to the wicked God says:
 “What right have you to recite my statutes
 or take my covenant on your lips?”
- ¹⁷ For you hate discipline,
 and you cast my words behind you.
- ¹⁸ If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,
 and you keep company with adulterers.
- ¹⁹ “You give your mouth free rein for evil,
 and your tongue frames deceit.
- ²⁰ You sit and speak against your brother;
 you slander your own mother's son.
- ²¹ These things you have done, and I have been silent;
 you thought that I was one like yourself.
 But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.
- ²² “Mark this, then, you who forget God,
 lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!
- ²³ The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;
 to one who orders his way rightly
 I will show the salvation of God!”

Sermon

How to Worship God: Singing God’s Wisdom, Part 2

Jon Sink is an elder at Hope Chapel. This sermon is part of a series on the book of Psalms, where we learn about how God’s “songbook” shapes us as Christians. For past sermons, please visit our website.

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 accepted for tax purposes).



God Speaks (Psalm 50)

Haven Sink (2025)

1. In the fi - re that burns up the ground, in the storm that swirls in the clouds,
 2. Out of Zi - on where beau - ty is found, in your glo - ry that shines al - a - round,

in the thun - der that makes the moun - tains trem - ble,
 to your peo - ple who bow to you in won - der.

To the sun ri - sing o - ver the earth, To cre - a - tion de - cla - ring your worth,
 To the moon as it wel - comes the night, to your chil - dren who live in the light,

to the heav - ens that tell us of your great - ness, God
 to the ones who are faith - ful and un - sha - ken.

speaks, God speaks. He will not keep si - lent.

We sing our song to You as an of - fer - ing of praise,

We lift our voice to You, gi - ving thanks for all our days,

In times of trou - ble we will call out your name. Our God, our help al - ways.

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

Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing...

Hosanna In the Highest

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest,
and blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Greg LaFollette (2018)

Words of Institution

Prayer of Approach

Minister: Sanctify this bread and wine,
and use these elements to communicate to us
the mercy of your Son,
that we might be enabled to submit our lives to you.

**All: Grant that this sacrament would empower us
to die to ourselves, and live for your glory,
now and forever, amen.**

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

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

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Preparation for the Table

The Feast

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Brothers and sisters,
since the Lord has fed us at his Table,
let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!
Bless the Lord, O my soul;

All: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: and forget not all God's benefits,

Minister: who forgives all your iniquity,

All: who heals all your diseases.

Minister: Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.

**All: Therefore we praise you, God,
with our hearts and our voices, now and forevermore. Amen.**

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.

Known and Loved

God, You were there from my beginning,
For I was crafted by Your hands;
You see my hopes and hesitations,
My days are written in Your plan.

If You have seen my weakest moments
And still You love me even then,
I need no greater confirmation
That God, Your goodness has no end.

*I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness,
No need for hiding, here in His light.
This truth I treasure, my peace forever,
Is being known and loved by Him.*

I trust with Jesus, it is finished
For He has paid my every debt;
No need to pull it all together,
For what is broken He will mend.

Though I can't see the path before me,
I know the One who knows the way.
And as I walk, His hand will guide me
Until I see Him face to face.

Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell, Fiona Aghajanian (2022)

Sending Song

Justice Will Roll Down

Oh my love, you have grown so cold
To the world outside, to the house next door.
She who has been loved much, has so much to give;
Mercy is the fragrance of the broken.

*Justice will roll down, oh justice will roll down
From high upon those mountains with a mighty river sound!
It will roll down, it will roll down.*

Oh my child, I will be your light
 In your secret pain, in the dark of night.
 No enemy, no conqueror, will steal your life from me,
 I am your salvation, and your victory.

Soon, oh soon, when the trumpet sounds,
 Every knee shall bend, every heart will pound.
 I have made a new world, where the servant is the king;
 Oppression will be over, and the slave set free.

Sandra McCracken (2010)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

2 Thessalonians 3:16

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 Lord of peace himself give you peace
 at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Financial Update

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