

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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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:

Maria Thurlow / Psalm 104 / Oil on canvas

Psalm 104 is like an inventory of all of the aspects of Gods creation and how they are all filled with his glory. There is purpose and beauty in it all. On a trip across the UK last summer I was inspired by how man, in his working the land and building upon Gods work endeavors to make more beauty! Even the cultivated fields reflect the patterns and beauty of Gods own creation.

Music:

Judy Dominick / How Manifold Are Your Works (Psalm 104)

Psalm 104 is a rapturous celebration of God as the creator, ruler, and sustainer of the vast panorama of the world we inhabit and the universe beyond it. I wanted to write a song that reflected the manifold aspects of creation mentioned within its 35 verses: oceans, mountains, springs, celestial bodies, birds of the air, beasts of the field, trees, crops, labor, and time itself. There is a sense that humans have dominion over much of creation, but there is also the realization that we are ultimately created beings who participate in a creation choir that sings praises to the LORD who has dominion over all.

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.

Delight In the Word of the Lord (Psalm 1)

Happy is the one whose mind is not enchanted by the wicked,
Happy is the one whose follows not the way of the sinner,
Who does not find belonging with the scoffer,
But meditates both night and day on the good Word of the Lord.

*Like a tree planted by the water,
When the dry days come he will not wither up.
So those who delight in the law of the Lord will prosper.
Oh, delight in the Word of the Lord.*

The wicked are like dust, in time they will be blown and forgotten,
And sinners in the end will have no place, have no leg to stand on.
But the righteous ones are known and loved by God,
And headed for a bright and hopeful future with the Lord.

Michael Van Patter (2015)

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 95:1-7

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: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

**All: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

**All: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

God of All Eternity

You spoke and the darkness surrendered to light,
The angels in chorus rejoiced at the sight!
Most amazing story, Eden filled with glory,
Leaped into form at the Makers delight.

Wild things of sea, restless clouds come, then go;
Winter to spring, mountain streams overflow.
Providence attends it, Who can comprehend it?
All of creation gives praise to the Lord!

*To the only God of all be Glory;
He reigns with mercy and strength!
Who was, and is and evermore shall be,
The God of all Eternity!*

Satan deceived, Eve and Adam were cursed;
Soon there would be a most glorious reverse.
Jesus our salvation, born of humble station,
Our God became flesh to redeem this world.

Offering his body, a ransom for sin,
Dying, then rising, He's coming again.
Since our God is for us, Who can stand against us?
His love that holds us will never end.

Justin Unger (2014)

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.

Gracious God:

We affirm that You alone are Good.

But we have sought our good in other things.

We have pursued joy in the creation
rather than in the Creator.

We have not loved what is truly good.

Forgive our sin, O God.

Forgive us for refusing to believe
that You are Good, and that You do good.

Have mercy upon us,
according to Your goodness,
according to Your unfailing love...

*** time for silent confession ***

Words of Forgiveness

Psalm 28:6-9

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.

Blessed be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Passing of the Peace

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.

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).



His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
 Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum;
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
 What Father so tender is calling us home?
 He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
 Stronger than darkness, new every morn’;
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
 His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
 We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford;
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell (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.

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 104 (ESV)

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
- ² covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.
- ³ He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;
he makes the clouds his chariot;
he rides on the wings of the wind;
- ⁴ he makes his messengers winds,
his ministers a flaming fire.
- ⁵ He set the earth on its foundations,
so that it should never be moved.
- ⁶ You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
- ⁷ At your rebuke they fled;
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.
- ⁸ The mountains rose, the valleys sank down
to the place that you appointed for them.
- ⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.

- ¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills;
- ¹¹ they give drink to every beast of the field;
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- ¹² Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;
they sing among the branches.
- ¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
- ¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for man to cultivate,
that he may bring forth food from the earth
- ¹⁵ and wine to gladden the heart of man,
oil to make his face shine
and bread to strengthen man's heart.
- ¹⁶ The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
- ¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has her home in the fir trees.
- ¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.
- ¹⁹ He made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
- ²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the beasts of the forest creep about.
- ²¹ The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
- ²² When the sun rises, they steal away
and lie down in their dens.
- ²³ Man goes out to his work
and to his labor until the evening.
- ²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ Here is the sea, great and wide,

which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships,
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

²⁷ These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.

²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

³⁰ When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,

³² who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Praise the LORD!

Sermon

How to Worship God: Singing Our Thanks

Jim Osborne 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" teaches us to worship. For past sermons, please visit our website.

How Manifold Are Your Works (Psalm 104)

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
 He is clothed with majesty, He has wrapped Himself in glory.
 He stretches our the heavens like a tent,
 He walks upon the wings of the wind.

He sets the earth's foundations;
 They can never be undone, they've been covered with the oceans.
 The waters heard the sound of Your command,
 They fled into the depths where they remain.

*How manifold are your works (let the goats sing),
 In wisdom You have made them all (and the hyrax),
 they look to You (the leviathan)
 For everything they need (the storks and the cattle).
 How manifold are Your works (let the lions roar).
 In wisdom You have made us all (let the cedars call),
 We look to You (wild donkeys, too)
 For everything we need (the creatures of the sea), oh Lord.*

You send forth springs in freshets;
 They satisfy the beasts of the field and of the heavens.
 The ground produces food for us to eat
 Even wine and bread to fill our hearts.

The moon marks off the seasons;
 The days and weeks and years, the sun knows when to rise and set.
 Man and lion look to these for signs
 Of when to work and when to go to sleep.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever (I will sing praise to),
 High up in the mountains, deep in the seas.
 All rejoice, all bow down (God all my life),
 All across the earth, deep in our hearts rejoice.

I'll sing to the Lord all my life
 For as long as I have breath,
 I will never cease to praise my God.

Judy Dominick (2025)

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.

All Things Are Ready

"All things are ready," come, come to the supper spread;
Come, rich and poor, come old and young, come, and be richly fed.

"All things are ready," come, the invitation's given,
Through Him Who now in glory sits
At God's right hand in heaven, all things are ready.

*The door is open wide for Christ, the Son, has died.
Oh feast upon the love of God!
O come where you belong, sing resurrection songs,
All things are ready, all things are ready, come!*

"All things are ready," come, all barriers are removed
And God, in Christ, His precious love to fallen man has proved.

"All things are ready," come, tomorrow may not be;
O sinner, come, the Savior waits
This hour to welcome thee, all things are ready.

Albert Midlane (1860), Matthew Smith, Sandra McCracken (2013)

Sending Song**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)

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

Given Last Week:	\$17,227	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$513,184	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - July 6)		Hope Chapel
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