

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

September 14, 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

Music & Visual Art:

Kendra Adachi

I wanted to write a song that felt like a celebration, both of the majesty of God as King and the belovedness we experience as His bride. The lyrics are taken almost directly from Scripture, and the music came quickly. It was incredibly fun to write. Weeks passed, and the art slot for Psalm 45 remained open. Perhaps singing about a mighty king was easier than trying to create an image that captures one, especially when our experience with earthly kings is underwhelming. That sparked an idea: to create a kingly city made entirely of God's creation. The collage is layers of Psalm 45, sheet music from similarly themed hymns, and photographs of all sorts of places across the world. Most of the materials in this piece are unseen, but that is also true of God Himself. There are infinite layers unknown to us, and yet we can still see the story of who He is. We stand in awe, not just of His power and might but of His creation that cries out in song just as we do. He is the King of kings, and His throne endures forever.

Reflection

*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.*

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

Psalms 145:9-12, 21

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: The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

All: **All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.**

Leader: They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,

All: **so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Leader: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

All: **Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

Songs of Praise

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet Thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; who, like me, His praise should sing?
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Praise the Everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Widely as His mercy goes.

Henry Lyte (1834), Michael Van Patter (2010)

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.

Gracious God:

We thankfully remember

the life of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth.

Yet we also acknowledge our failure

to respond earnestly and faithfully to His witness.

We confess that we have mistaken Jesus

for a mere earthly king, friendly companion,

or problem-solver,

failing to honor Him

as the ruler of all creation.

We do not appreciate the depth of

His passion and sacrifice on the cross,

And we fail to acknowledge him

as our only way of salvation.

We have not walked faithfully in the way of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, we pray,

and bring us ever more fully

into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord.

In His powerful name we pray...

*** time 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).*

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:23-24

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.

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, Walt Harrah (2024)

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 45 (ESV)

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¹ My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;

I address my verses to the king;

my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

² You are the most handsome of the sons of men;

grace is poured upon your lips;

therefore God has blessed you forever.

³ Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,

in your splendor and majesty!

⁴ In your majesty ride out victoriously

for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;

let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

⁵ Your arrows are sharp

in the heart of the king's enemies;

the peoples fall under you.

⁶ Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

⁷ you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

- ⁸ your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
- ⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
- ¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
forget your people and your father's house,
¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him.
- ¹² The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people.
- ¹³ All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.
- ¹⁴ In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.
- ¹⁵ With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.
- ¹⁶ In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.
- ¹⁷ I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Sermon

How to Worship God: Celebrating God's Son

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. 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.

Notes:

Notes:**King of Kings (Psalm 45)**

My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I write verses for my King,
Adorned in gold we come to the wedding feast.
As we draw near we will take heed and not tie ourselves to what used to be,
Gladly giving You our everything.

*You are the King of kings, You're robed in splendor and majesty;
You've conquered every enemy, Your throne will last forever.
You are the King of kings, the nations fall beneath Your feet,
We join together and loudly sing, "All praise to You forever!"
You are the King of kings!*

You judge with truth and humility,
There is nothing Your right hand cannot achieve.
Excellent beyond what we've ever seen,
You rule with grace and with a sword, in victory Your armies roar.

You let your sharpest arrows fly, You gird your sword at your side,
You pierce the hearts of Your enemies;
Yet You've made us Your bride despite everything,
So we give You everything, everything...

Kendra Adachi (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

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, 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: 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

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.**

Sung together:

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.

The Everlasting Love of God

How vast the everlasting love of God,
How sure and faithful as the morning.
This love so great for us could never fail
Nor end, for it had no beginning.

*O, the everlasting love of God,
It shall ever be my song.
So immense and free; more than life to me!
The everlasting love of God.*

How strong the Father's beating heart for us,
 What mercy runs to meet the sinner.
 As rivers yearn to reach the lowest place,
 His grace shall flow to me for ever.

How great and precious my Redeemer's blood,
 How pure the passion of the Savior.
 My sins are drowned beneath this mighty flood,
 My soul is swept away with wonder.

How deep the measure of the Spirit's work,
 Who dwells in us, who seals the promise.
 God's love through time and all eternity
 Shall stand and we shall stand upon it;
 What now could separate us from it?

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell and Matt Redman (2020)

Sending Song

We Will Feast

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
 We will sing with our hearts restored.
 "He has done great things", we will sing together.
 We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.
 We are not consumed, by the flood;
 Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.
 For the promised morning, oh how long?
 Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the Faithful one.
 And from the garden to the grave
 Bind us together, bring shalom.

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore (2015)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

Ephesians 3:20-21

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 to him who is able to do far more abundantly
 than all that we ask or think,
 according to the power at work within us,
 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
 throughout all generations, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Financial Update

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(Jan. 1 - Sept. 7)		Hope Chapel
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