

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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All-Church Worship: Why We Believe This is Important

We are blessed as a church to be ministering to 150 kids currently (5th grade and younger) and their families. Biblically, the primary disciplers of these 150 kids are their parents, but the secondary disciplers of those kids are their church family—which is us, their community at Hope Chapel. So as the church, we want to help our parents learn how to disciple their kids, AND to come alongside them to help their kids know Jesus. Towards this end, we have decided to try out having *all-church worship* once every six weeks with the whole family of God worshipping together. How do we think this will benefit Hope Chapel?

First, its good for kids. Kids 5th grade and below make up 1/3 of our church family. All-church worship gives this large group the opportunity to experience the vital means of grace with the church body on Sunday mornings: including confession, assurance, prayer, reading and preaching of the word of God, and sacraments. It also allows them to see true worship modeled by our congregation.

Second, its good for parents. A Sunday morning service, in the midst of all these vital means of grace, is such an important time to get to be with and disciple our kids as they encounter the things of God--with the people of God—maybe for the first time. We want to create space for that, and have a service that models how to engage our kids (along with our adults) about these things. That being said, we know it may be more challenging for parents than typical Sundays, which is why we are limiting these to 8x/year.

Third, it's good for the Whole Church. Jesus said to we must become like little children if we hope to enter the kingdom of heaven. Especially for adults who are not around children often, we have much to learn about the faith from our children. We are expecting their joy, curiosity, questions, and simple faith can teach us about God in fresh ways.

Fourth, it's good for our volunteers. We currently have 192 volunteers serving in kids' ministry on a six-week rotation—and many have done so for over a decade. These Sundays provide a break from the rotation and a chance for volunteers to join the service.

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.*

Gathering Song

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring. God reigns, let the earth be glad.

Maltbie Babcock (1901) traditional English melody

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 100

Why a "call to worship"? Worship is something we offer to God every day of our lives in everything that we do. If we are worshipping as we come in the church doors, why do we have a Call to Worship? Implied in the phrase is the word "corporate." When we hear the Call to (corporate) Worship, we are called by God as one community to worship Him together.

What is unique about Sunday is not that we worship on that day and not others; it is that we worship together.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
 Serve the Lord with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!

**All: Know that the Lord, he is God!
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**All: For the Lord is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.**

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.

Oh! Great Is Our God!

Oh! Great is our God! So we should worship greatly!
 No song is too loud, no orchestra too stately
 To hail the majesty of our King!
 So lift your voices loud as we sing.

Oh! Great is our God! So let our songs be endless!
 So awesome His ways, how could we comprehend them?
 So we will make it known to our kids
 And we will sing about the gracious gifts you give.

*We will sing Your praise and pour forth your fame,
We will bless your name!
Let every one give thanks, because our God is great!*

Oh! Great is our God! And we cannot contain it!
We sing from our souls, affected by His greatness.
His mercy covers all that He's made,
Showing His glory and His grace.

Brian Eichelberger (2009)

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence,
Come into His presence with singing!
Come into His presence,
Come into His presence with singing!
Come into His presence with singing,
With singing, with singing!

Randall Goodgame, Andrew Osenga, Natalie Leonhardt (2024)

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.

Heavenly Father, we confess
we dishonor You by our words, thoughts and deeds.

Depending on our own strength we stumble;
proclaiming our own goodness we sin;
glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch.
We turn from You, and desire lasting satisfaction
from the things of this world.

We pray now, forgive us our many sins,
cleanse the darkness from our lives,
turn our faces toward you.

In the name of Your most precious son, Jesus Christ, 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).

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

I John 4:9-11

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.

The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down;
And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise.
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah,
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,
And every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains,
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Oh every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings!
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free,
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord?

Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring (2015)

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).



Goodness of God

I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me;
 All my days I've been held in Your hands.
 From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
 I will sing of the goodness of God.

*All my life You have been faithful,
 All my life You have been so, so good!
 With every breath that I am able
 I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.
 In darkest nights, You are close like no other.
 I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend;
 I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, Ed Cash, Brian Johnson (2018)

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.

Jonah 1:4-6 (ESV)

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⁴ But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶ So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

Sermon

God's Heart for His Mission: A Storm of Mercy

Erik Rome is Hope Chapel's pastor of community & mission. This sermon is part of a series on the book of Jonah, where we learn God's mission and heart for the world, and how we are to join that 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: We give thanks to You, O God, for the goodness and love which You have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be Your people; in Your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, Your Son. For You sent him to be born to the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Him, You have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before You. In Him, you have brought us out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

**And so, with Your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:**

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: Together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Minister: Come, Creator God: renew the face of the earth;
Come, eternal Savior: remake us in Your likeness;
Come, Holy Spirit, transform these gifts:
that Christ may be known to us in the breaking of the bread
and that we may be strengthened to serve Him in the world.

Minister: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the Cross.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Preparation for the Table

The Feast

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Faithful God, as we are nourished by heavenly food,
may we live according to Your will
and show the fruits of Your love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him;
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.

Jesus said, if I am weak, I should come to Him;
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful,
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus,
Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him;
 No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him.

Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me;
 And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

*For the Lord is good and faithful,
 He will keep us day and night.
 We can always run to Jesus,
 Jesus, strong and kind.*

*Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson,
 Michael Farren, Colin Buchanan (2019)*

Sending Song

Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
 We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.
 But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;
 And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
 In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.
 Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,
 And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
 We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,
 To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.
 We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
 Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;
 And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,
 But the waves of great destruction brought us trembling to our knees.
 Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,
 And the God of comfort took away our fears.

Wendell Kimbrough (2016)

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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Required to date:	\$696,464	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Sept. 21)		Hope Chapel
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