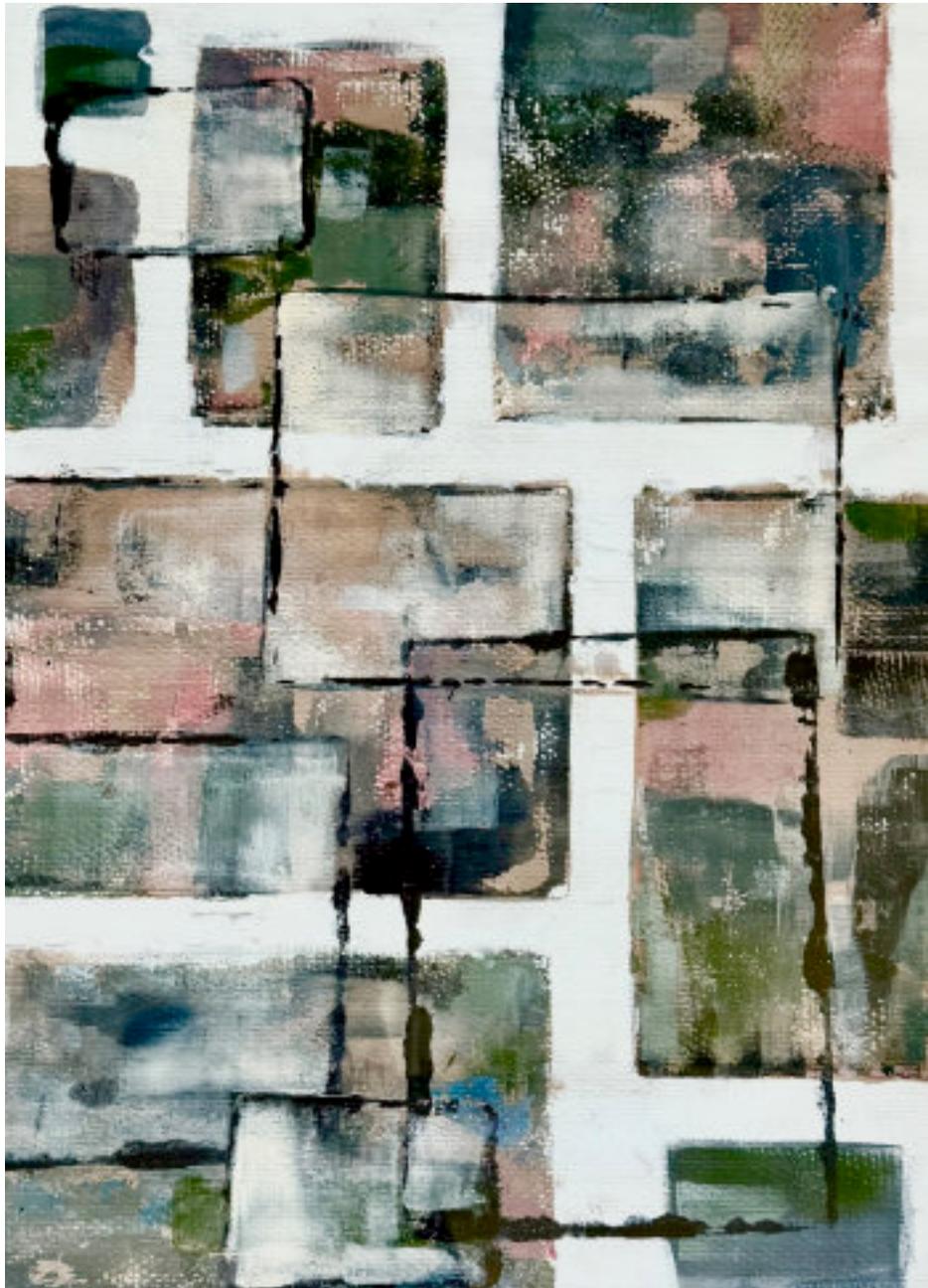


# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

September 7, 2025



# 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:

*Katie Anderson / Psalm 16: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places*

*Mixed media on paper*

*Using a color palette that mixes the sad with the rejoicing I approached this piece with a series of gel plate abstracts printed on one piece of paper. The world will try to convince us that boundaries are the opposite of freedom. Just like the snake in the garden lead Eve to doubt that Gods boundary was for her good. But when we step back and look at all of our limitations through the understanding that our good father is writing out story we can see that each boundary has fallen in pleasant places. Surely we have a delightful inheritance.*

### Music:

*Joshua Spencer / Psalm 16*

*Psalm 16 is introduced as a "Miktam" of David. Miktam is said to refer to a "specific type of psalm, often personal, reflecting deep trust in God during times of danger and hardship." David is complex. That is an understatement. He did some pretty heinous things while also being called a man after God's own heart. I have always appreciated the complicated nature of David's relationship with God. He was either participating in some undignified dancing or crying in despair. Through all his missteps, he always came back to the Father.*

*When reading through Psalm 16 and ultimately writing this song, I sat with that tension of joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, dancing and mourning. No matter how distraught David is or was or has been he always came to the conclusion that God would not abandon him, even with all his sin and scars.*

*While going through this process, I was reminded of a verse that has always resonated with me. In Mark 9:24, a desperate father pleads with Jesus to save his son. In doing so, he cries "I believe; help my unbelief!". This honest statement shows how faith and doubt can coexist. So many days I believe but my faith feels weak. I have a desire to trust but my human failures creep in. May this song share in that profound tension of abandonment and refuge that David experienced.*

## 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

Psalm 34:1-3, 8

*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 bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**All: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!**

## Songs of Praise

### 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)*

### Sing

Did you draw a breath as the dawn awoke,  
 And does your heart still beat?  
 Is the mighty Word of the living God  
 Upholding you? Then sing, O sing!

Has the Father's love filled your longing heart  
 With grace for every need?  
 Come and lay your burdens at Jesus' feet  
 And find new strength to sing, O sing!

*Morning and evening! Everything breathing must sing, O sing!  
 All of creation rise up and praise the King of kings and sing!*

Has the Son of God died to take away  
 Your sin and set you free?  
 Has the Conqueror trampled over death?  
 Is Christ enthroned? Then sing, O sing!

On the final day when the Lord on High  
Returns in majesty,  
We will bow in wonder before the Lamb  
And evermore the saints will sing...

*Nathan Stiff and David Zimmer (2024)*

## Confession of Sin

*Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.*

Father in heaven,  
You have brought your kingdom into the world through Jesus.  
Your kingdom has begun to spread its healing reign  
into our lives and into our world.  
We have begun to taste of Your goodness.

Yet there is much that remains broken  
in our lives and in our world.  
You have told us to live in the hope  
of Your kingdom continuing its spread.  
Yet we have often lost hope.  
We have given up the fight in many ways.  
We have often settled for the mediocre kingdoms of this world:  
power, image, fame, money, pleasure.

Forgive us and renew us.  
Teach us to wait in hope.  
Teach us to live in hope.  
Teach us to work in hope.  
Bring Your kingdom. We need it. Our world needs it.  
In Christ's 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).*

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:5-7

## 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](http://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.

### 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.*

### Psalm 16 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## Sermon

### How to Worship God: Singing God's Goodness

*Erik Rome is Hope Chapel's pastor of community & mission. 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:

**Psalm 16**

Preserve and keep me, Lord,  
For You are my strength and shield.  
Nothing good comes apart from You;  
My joy, my heart's delight.

You are my portion and cup;  
In You, I have enough.  
The lines have fallen for me,  
Beauty is all I see.

Roll on, sorrows, roll.  
Roll on, sorrows, roll.  
You won't abandon my soul,  
Roll on, sorrows, roll.

Even when the valley's dark,  
Your grace, my guiding light.  
You are always ahead of me,  
Laying the path of security.

O God, You are my God.  
O Lord, You are my Lord.  
You are my inheritance,  
You are my safe way home.

*Joshua Spencer (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.

### King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,  
The fountain I drink from, oh He is my song.  
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,  
The ransom for my life, oh He is my song.

*You are good, good, oh...*

*You are good, good, oh...*

*You are good, good, oh...*

*You are good, good, oh.*

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,  
The anchor in the waves, oh He is my song.  
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,  
The echo of my days, oh He is my song.

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

*Sarah McMillan, John Mark McMillian (2015)*

## **Sending Song**

### **All Must Be Well**

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.  
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.  
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.  
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

*Mary Bowly Peters (1847), Matthew Smith (2007)*

## 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

Given Last Week:	\$13,102	Gifts can be placed in the offering
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(Jan. 1 - Aug. 31)		Hope Chapel
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