

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

November 23, 2025



Ordinary Time

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

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.*

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify.
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo The Incarnate God ascended, pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

Joseph Hart (1759), Matthew Smith (2000)

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 63:1-5

*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: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;

I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

**All: I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.**

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

**All: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

Song of Praise

You Are With Me

My heart is heavy and tired in this valley.
Mountains grow higher and higher, but I can't find You.
I'll keep lifting my eyes, I know You're with me.

I hear Your voice when You cry, "Comfort! Comfort!"
Sorrow may last for a night, but in the morning
Your joy breaks in with the night, I know You're with me.

*I know You're with me and You are for me,
You've been behind me, You go before.
You walk beside me, through darkest valleys.
I know You are with me.*

You led me here where it's dry, out in the desert.
You bring these bones back to life, You put together.
You sing a song of delight, I know You're with me.

You will be praised. I will, oh I will wait.

Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken (2020)

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.

Almighty God, to know You
is the fulfillment of our deepest longings
and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires.
Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere.

We have put the seeking of idols,
which are bound to leave us feeling empty,
above seeking You.
We have failed to love You
with our whole heart, soul, and mind.
We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us for our sins for the sake of Your Son,
 our Savior Jesus Christ.
 And grant that from now on,
 we might serve You in the newness of life.

*** time for silent confession of sin ***

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).*

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
 he has cleared away your enemies.
 The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
 you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

"Fear not, O Zion;
 let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst,
 a mighty one who will save;
 he will rejoice over you with gladness;
 he will quiet you by his love;
 he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:15-17

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!*

Baptism

Remember your own baptism. As we participate in today's baptism with our vows and affirmation, allow it to be a time of recommitment to the Lord.

If you were baptized as an infant, think about how your baptism was a picture of your utter helplessness before God—how He found you, loved you, and clothed you with righteousness, even before you were able to choose and respond to Him.

If you were baptized as an older child or adult, think about how your baptism was a conscious public profession before people that you would follow Christ. Allow God's covenant to be renewed in your life today.

Lydia Keizer

daughter of Sarah and Joel

Barocha

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace, and give you peace,
And give you peace forever.

The Lord be gracious to You.
The Lord turn His face towards you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
And give you peace forever.

Michael Card (1998)

Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving

Responding to grace: After being reminded of God's lavish grace and love toward us, we respond by celebrating with singing.

Abide

For my waking breath, for my daily bread,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*You're the way the truth and the life,
You're the well that never runs dry,
I'm the branch and You are the vine,
Draw me close and teach me to abide.
Be my strength, my song in the night,
Be my all, my treasure my prize;
I am Yours, forever Your mine,
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the victories still in front of me,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

When I pass through death, as I enter rest,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For eternal life, to be raised with Christ,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

Aaron Keyes, Aaron Williams, Dee Wilson (2020)

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).



Christ Be All Around Me

As I rise, strength of God go before, lift me up.

As I wake, eyes of God look upon, be my sight.

As I wait, heart of God satisfy and sustain.

As I hear, voice of God lead me on, be my guide.

*Above and below me, before and behind me,
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.*

As I go, hand of God, my defense, by my side.

And as I rest, breath of God fall upon, bring me peace.

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed

For every moment, every moment.

David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan (2015)

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.

Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)

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¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (ESV)

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¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

Sermon

The Mission for Every Believer

Andy Koesters serves as Pastor to Churches and Families with Families Alive (familiesalive.org). He and his family worship at Hope Chapel. 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: 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.

Come to the Table

Come to the table, all you who are weak,
Jesus is calling, He's prepared you a seat;
Come hungry and thirsty, oh come and be filled
Of the body that's broken and the blood that was spilled.

So come to the feast, take your place at the table,
It's not by your works but his unmerited favor.
So come to the feast and hunger no more,
The Lord is near, Your place is secure.

Come to the table, all you gone astray,
 Seeking refuge in pleasure and life far away;
 But there's no place that's too far, His hand cannot reach,
 His mercy extends beyond your misdeeds.

So come to the feast, take your place at the table,
 It's not by your works but his unmerited favor.
 So come to the feast, oh sinner come home,
 The Prodigal Father seeks out his own.

So come to the feast, take your place at the table,
 It's not by your works but his unmerited favor.
 So come to the feast, your debt has been paid,
 Lay down your doings, rest in His grace.

The journey will end and we'll take a seat
 Joined at His table, forever at His feast.

David Lin (2022)

Sending Song

Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.
 May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
 We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.
 The cross has saved us so we pray Your kingdom come...

*Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done,
 So that everyone might know Your name.
 Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
 Till Your sovereign work on earth is done; let Your kingdom come!*

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.
 Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
 Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.
 By grace we'll preach Your gospel till our dying breath.

Bob Kauflin (2006)

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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