

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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What is liturgy?

Every worship service has a liturgy; it's simply the way and order in which a community worships. "The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. And that's what liturgy is—the action of God's gathered people, but only in response to his prior action of sending Jesus Christ for our salvation.

The liturgy itself is a retelling of the Gospel story. It begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. We remember and confess our sinfulness, and celebrate God's forgiveness and complete acceptance of us. We are fed from the Scriptures and Sacraments and are sent out to love and serve the Lord in the world.

Liturgy reminds us that worship is not only individual, but an action of a community. Proper liturgy deliberately evokes our corporate response, gives voice to our common celebration and lament, and engages us together in dialogue with our Creator and Savior. Mark Earey writes that liturgy "goes beyond the personal encounter with God (without denying it) to the corporate drama of being the people of God."

Liturgy is the church at prayer, serving as a priestly people, interceding on behalf of the whole church and world, and being sent out together on God's mission. In all of this, liturgy draws us into the enacted story of salvation.

adapted from City Church Philadelphia

Preparation

*To all who are weary and need rest;
 To all who mourn and long for comfort;
 To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
 To all who fail and desire strength;
 To all who sin and need a Savior —
 This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ,
 the ally of his enemies, the defender of the guilty,
 the justifier of the inexcusable, the friend of sinners.
 Welcome!*

Gathering Song

We sing as a way of engaging our voices, 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.

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)

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 68:4-6, 32

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: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
 lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
 his name is the Lord;
 exult before him!

**All: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
 is God in his holy habitation.**

Leader: God settles the solitary in a home;
 he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
 but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

**All: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
 sing praises to the Lord!**

Song of Praise

Glory to God

Glory to God on high,
 Let heav'n and earth reply, "Praise His name!"
 His love and grace adore,
 Who all our sorrows bore, praise His name!

Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!

Jesus, our Lord and God,
 Bore sin's tremendous load, praise His name!
 Tell what His arm has done,
 What spoils from death he won, praise His name!

Let all the hosts above
 Join in one song of love, praise His name!
 To Him ascribed be
 Honor and majesty, praise His name!

James Allen (1831), Bowles, Swing, Van Patter (2009)

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.

Father, it's easy for us to talk about Your kingdom.
But for many of us, Your kingdom seems
distant from the way we live our lives.

We confess our distractedness.
We get so caught up into trying to make our lives work
that often the noise of our lives drowns out everything else.
For many of us, we keep ourselves hyper-busy
to avoid thinking about our pain.
We live in constant state of escape
because, in our hearts, we don't think You
can really enter into our lives.
Forgive us, we pray.

We confess our distance.
We are so afraid of having You enter into our lives
because it would take us out of control.
We don't trust You with our priorities,
our schedules, our money, our relationships,
our children, our bodies, or our reputations.
Forgive us, we pray.

Father, You have said that Your Kingdom makes all things new.
Prove it to us.
Meet us where we are and enter our lives.
We ask this not because we deserve it,
but because Christ has earned it for us on the cross.

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

Words of Forgiveness

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.

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

Ephesians 2:12-14

Passing of the Peace

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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.

Leland and Lorelei Biggs

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)

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.

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us,
 How high the mountain I could not climb.
 In desperation I turned to Heaven
 And spoke Your name into the night.
 Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness
 Tore through the shadows of my soul.
 The work is finished, the end is written;
 Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
 What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
 The God of angels stepped down from glory
 To wear my sin and bear my shame.
 The cross has spoken, I am forgiven;
 The King of kings calls me His own.
 Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,
 Jesus Christ my living hope.

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!
 Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
 You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name,
 Jesus Christ, my living hope!*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
 Your buried body began to breathe.
 Out of the silence, the roaring lion
 Declared the grave has no claim on me.
 Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham (2017)

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

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (ESV) p.902 IN CHURCH BIBLE

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Sermon

"Intentionally Relational"

Harrison Holbrook is serves as pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the Distinctives of Hope Chapel. For past sermons, please visit our website.

We are trusting God to shape us into a people who are...

Intentionally Relational. We believe that the Gospel restores us not to just peace with God, but also peace with one another. Because of the grace we receive in Jesus, we seek to create a culture of curiosity, authenticity, and vulnerability in our community; a safe place to **be known** and **belong**. We are not a church with **community groups**, but a church of community groups. In them, we not only pray and study the Bible together, but also share a meal and care for one another.

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 with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks unto You,
O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.
Therefore, we join our voices with Your people
on earth and all the company of heaven,
who forever sing to the glory of Your name...

**Sung: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!
Hosanna in the highest! hosannah in the highest!
And blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

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: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
that we may be one with all who share this feast.

**All: As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world,
for by Him, with Him, and in Him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is Yours,
Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

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: Let us pray.

**All: Heavenly Father, we thank You for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious
body and blood of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of Your Son,
and heirs of Your eternal Kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work
You have given us to do, to love and serve You
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.

Behold The Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember
 The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
 So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
 As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember.
 His wounds that heal, His death that brings us life,
 cursed of God to make us one.
 So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice,
 As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin shed for you, drink and remember.
 He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
 So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice.
 As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember
 Our call to follow in the steps of Christ, as His body here on earth.
 As we share in His suffering, we will proclaim Christ will come again.
 And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King.

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend (2007)

Sending Song**Give Reviving**

Father, for Thy promised blessing, still we plead before Thy throne.
 For the times of sweet refreshing, which can come from Thee alone.
 Blessed earnest, Thou hast given, but in these we would not rest;
 Blessings still with Thee are hidden, pour them forth and make us blessed!

Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever; answer, Father! Answer prayer!
 Bless, oh bless, each weak endeavor, blood-bought pardon to declare
 Wake Thy slumbering children, wake them, bid them to Thy harvest go
 Blessings, oh our Father, make, round their steps let blessings flow!

Let no people be forgotten, let Thy showers on all descend,
 That in one loud blessed anthem, millions may in triumph blend!
 Give reviving, give refreshing, give the looked-for Jubilee.
 To Thyself may crowds be pressing, bringing glory unto Thee!

Albert Midlane (b. 1825), Chelsey Scott and Aaron Sands (2007)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

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: The Lord bless you and keep you;
 The Lord make his face to shine upon you
 And be gracious to you;
 The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$15,933	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$41,691	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Jan. 1)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$35,596	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$6,095]	Greensboro, NC 27408

Building Fund: \$128,322

Online giving is available on our website: www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give
 We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

We have a goal of paying off our mortgage by March 2026. To make a donation toward this effort, please use this link and specific “building fund.”



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