

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.

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord (Psalm 100:1-2)

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)

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

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: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

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

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Song of Praise

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks,
You paint the evening sky with wonders.
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea,
All nature testifies Your splendor.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord, raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west,
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

You reached into the dust, in love, Your Spirit breathed,
 You formed us in Your very likeness.
 To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds,
 To join the everlasting chorus.

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out,
 All heaven hear the sound of worship.
 Let every nation bring its honors to the King,
 A roar of harmonies eternal.

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa (2021)

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 in heaven,
 we are awed by Your power and wonder
 in creating our world.
 Your hands formed the oceans, the mountains,
 the forests and the galaxies.

We now come to You and ask You to perform
 an even more powerful display of Your creative hand.
 We ask you to re-create us.
 Re-shape us.
 Repair our hearts, our minds and our wills.

You are the Potter, we are the clay.
 Astound us with your creative power.
 Work in our midst...

*** 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.*

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:15-20

Passing of the Peace

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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.

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)

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).*



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)*

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

Genesis 2:4-20 (ESV)

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⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

Sermon

“Purposely Creative”

Erik Rome is Hope Chapel's pastor of community & mission. This sermon is part of a series on the Distinctives of Hope Chapel. For past sermons, please visit our website. For past sermons, please visit our website.

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

Purposely Creative. As image-bearers of the Creator and those anticipating God's future restoration, we seek to **cultivate creativity** within our church for the sake of our city and world. We celebrate the beauty that exists in our culture and endeavor to contribute to it. We believe that creativity takes on a thousand shapes and that we are called, whether in homes, studios, or offices, to **bring goodness** to the world through our work.

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.

Morning Has Broken / Come to the Table

Morning has broken, like the first morning.
 Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
 Praise for the morning, praise for the singing,
 Praise for them springing up from the Word.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
 Born of the one light, Eden saw play.
 Praise with elation, praise every morning,
 God's recreation of the new day.

Come eat this bread now, my broken body.
 My vow remember: I am your Lord.
 Drink of this wine, the cup of salvation,
 For you are mine, and I am your Lord.

All is now ready, like the first table.
 Pray for the Spirit; lift up your hearts.
 Christ has arisen, our Lord and Savior.
 With great thanksgiving, lift up your hearts.

"Morning" lyrics: Eleanor Parjeon (1931)

"Table" lyrics: Paul Junggap Huh (2007)

Tune: 19th century Gaelic traditional melody

Sending Song**God of All Eternity**

You spoke and 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)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

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:	\$27,436	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$104,229	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Feb. 1)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$85,930	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$18,298]	Greensboro, NC 27408

Building Fund: \$196,685 of \$320k goal

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



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

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