

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

May 24, 2026



Pentecost Sunday

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Ten days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after his resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was an established Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations back to Jerusalem (Lev. 23:15-21; Deut. 16:16).

Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling his promise to send “another counselor” (John 14:16); celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission; and grows in awareness of the immensity of its calling to reach the world with the gospel.

from The Worship Sourcebook

Preparation

*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

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.

Breath On Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with Thy life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is ever pure,
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so that I shall never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1878), Michael Van Patter (2011)

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

Merciful and Mighty. The classic hymn, "Holy, holy holy," uses the phrase "merciful and mighty" to describe God. Theologians use the contrasting terms "transcendence" (superior, outside of human's grasp) and "immanence" (being perceivable, knowable) to name this paradox. What we receive in the Call to Worship is both a warm and weighty invitation to engage our hearts, minds, and bodies in worship of the Living God who created all things and holds all things together (Col. 1:17).

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;
we dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was and is and is to come!

—from on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

Song of Praise

Psalm 136

Give thanks for He is good,
Give thanks to the Lord of lords;
To him who brought us freedom
And has struck down our enemies.

*Oh His love endures forever,
Oh His love endures forever.
To Him who does great wonders,
Oh His love endures forever!*

To Him, who made the skies,
To Him, who spread the mud.
Oh to Him who lit up the night
And made the sun to rule over the day...

Oh Og, he blew him down,
 Sihon, he blew him down.
 He divided the Red Sea asunder
 With His mighty, mighty arm!

He saw us when we were low,
 He freed us from all our foes.
 He gives food to every creature
 And his love endures forever.

Griffin Kale (2025)

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 need to be forgiven.
 We have tried to heal ourselves.

Instead of trusting in Your love for us,
 we have tried to work off our guilt.
 We have tried so hard to pile up
 good deeds that outweigh our sins.
 When this doesn't work,
 we quickly turn to denial and distraction.

Instead of trusting in the Holy Spirit's power,
 we have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower.
 This has left some of us arrogant.
 This has left most of us anxious and depressed.

Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves.
 Forgive us for neglecting Your grace.
 Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake.

*** time for silent confession ***

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.*

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

***The “passing of the peace”:** As recipients of God’s grace, we gladly receive peace from Him. In response to His grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, “May the peace of Christ be with you” and receive back the greeting “And also with you.”*

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.

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son of Robin and Grant

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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)

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.

Faithful One

Faithful One, we lift our praise
 toward Your light we turn our gaze.
 The weight of sin is bearing down,
 we need Your grace to save us now.

*Faithful One, Faithful One,
 You never fail, You never fail, You never fail to raise the sun,
 Faithful One, Faithful One,
 You never fail, You never fail, not my will, but Yours be done.*

God of Grace I long to live
 by the peace You freely give.
 When lesser things seduce my eyes,
 Lord, break my heart and make me wise.

Ancient love has brought to bear
 kinship with the royal heir.
 You broke the bread, You poured the wine,
 now I am Yours and You are mine.

Randall Goodgame (2014)

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).



We Are Not Overcome

Flesh will fail and bones will break;
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.
Night will fall, the light will fade;
The Lord will give and take away:

*Because of His great love,
we are not overcome!*

Put no trust in the earth,
In the sod you stand upon.
Flowers fade into dust;
The Lord will make a place for us.

Have no fear for your life,
Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!
Bear the yoke of love and death;
The Lord will give all life and breath.

Isaac Wardell & Robert Heiskell (2011)

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.

Philippians 2:19-30 (ESV)

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¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹ So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Sermon

“Fruit In Normal People”

Harrison Holbrook is serves as pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of Philippians. 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

Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
 Minister: Lift up your hearts!
All: We lift them up to the Lord!
 Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere
 to give thanks to You, O Lord. Therefore with angels and
 archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify
 Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and 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: Sanctify this bread and wine,
and use these elements to communicate to us
the mercy of your Son,
that we might be enabled to submit our lives to you.

**All: Grant that this sacrament would empower us
to die to ourselves, and live for your glory,
now and forever, amen.**

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

Minister: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Preparation for the Table

The Feast

Well Within Your Grace

When sorrows stay by our side,
When heartbreak is on our mind,
When praises seem out of touch,
When we're sure we've had enough;
You have never given up on us.

*Jesus you're beside us, come feast or famine—
Whatever happens, You're good just the same.
We set our affection on things of heaven;
Our darkest hour is well within Your grace.*

We've seen You time after time,
Now trauma has closed our eyes.
Awaken our hearts to hope
When there's nowhere left to go;
You will always be our rock, our home.

Lord be our mediation,
 Our thought by thought salvation.
 'Til You come again, 'til You come again.
 You promised not to leave us,
 Sometimes we leave You, Jesus;
 Lord we want to stay, Lord we want to stay.

Brian Morykon (2025)

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Brothers and sisters,
 since the Lord has fed us at his Table,
 let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!
 Bless the Lord, O my soul;
All: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
 Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
All: and forget not all God's benefits,
 Minister: who forgives all your iniquity,
All: who heals all your diseases.
 Minister: Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,
 and will also give us all things with him.
All: Therefore we praise you, God,
with our hearts and our voices, now and forevermore. 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.

Sending Song**Your Labor Is Not in Vain**

Your labor is not in vain,
Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained;
Your planting and reaping are never the same,
But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown,
Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
But your labor is not unknown.

*For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name,
Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
For all that is old will at last be made new:
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

The houses you labored to build
 Will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
 The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
 And all that is broken be healed.

Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell (2017)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

2 Corinthians 13:14

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: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$25,483	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$416,918	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - May 17)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$397,778	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$19,139]	Greensboro, NC 27408

Building Fund: \$348,667 of \$320k goal

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



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