



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // JANUARY 13, 2019

Prayer of Preparation

O God, you pour out the spirit of grace and love.
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,
that with steady minds and burning zeal
we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

CALLED BY GOD

⬆ GATHERING SONG

Our Great God *Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell (2002)*

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown,
Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, His pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Halleluiah! Glory be to our great God!

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field, and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, Who rules them by His Word.

Many times we arrive to worship with distracted hearts and minds. This prayer is provided as a way to help settle, or focus, your soul as worship begins. Remember that even in our intentionality to prepare and engage, it is the Lord who initiates with us to worship Him this morning. So rest in His loving invitation.

*Why do we sing?
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.

An Invitation
The Call to Worship is sometimes called the *Invitation to Worship*. As we shuffle through the doors on Sunday morning, we come to a Gospel-feast, invited by Jesus Christ. But not only does He offer the invitation, He also pays the cost of admission through His life, death and resurrection. And so we are honored guests, welcomed in and responding to this incredible grace.

Come, let us worship our Savior, Jesus Christ!

What's with the arrows?
Throughout the worship guide you will notice arrows pointing up, down, and side-to-side. These are a reminder that our liturgy is a dialogue—it's relational. God speaks, we respond. We extend peace to one another. God provides sustenance to us from his Word and at his Table. This morning, God invites you into this holy "dance".

Ⓣ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 59:16-17

Leader: I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love;
for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

**All: You are my strength, I sing praise to you;
you, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely.**

Ⓣ SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus, Priceless Treasure *Johann Franck (1653), trans by Catherine. Winkworth (1863)
music & add. lyrics by Michael Van Patter (2018)*

Jesus, priceless treasure,
Source of purest pleasure, friend most sure and true:
Long my heart was burning,
Fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for You.
Yours I am, O spotless Lamb,
So will I let nothing hide You, seek no joy beside You!

Let Your arms enfold me:
Take me in and hold me – keep me ever near.
Though the earth be shaking,
Every heart is quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Fire may flash and thunder crash;
But, though sin and death assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

In our times of sadness,
Then the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in;
Though the clouds will gather,
Those who love the Savior can have peace within.
Though we bear much sorrow here,
Still in You lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

Gone, all worldly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.
Gone, all empty glory!
Jesus is my story; O, my soul, rejoice!
Pain or loss or shame or cross
Shall not from my Savior move me, since He chose to love me.



CLEANSSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, we come to you today
confessing our failure to believe the good news of the gospel.
Not only do we fail to believe it is true for ourselves,
we fail to believe it is true for others.

Instead of viewing others through the lens of the gospel,
we continue to treat them on the basis of their performance.
We insist that others maintain a perfect record
toward us before we will accept them.
We are quick to anger, eager to judge and slow to forgive.

Forgive us and cleanse us.
Create in us a community that is built upon your gospel.
May we be a people who treats one another
on the basis of what Christ has done.

*** time for silent confession ***

⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

⤴ PASSING OF THE PEACE

*We 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 com-
munity and individually.*

*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 human-
kind—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 "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."*



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

*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 resour-
ces-time, talents, posses-
sions-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, offer-
ings 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: con-
tributions made through
Venmo are not receipted
for tax purposes)*

CELEBRATING GOD

Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Blessed Assurance *Fanny Crosby, Phoebe Knapp (1873)*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long!*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Before the Throne of God Above *Charitie Lees Bancroft (1863), Vikki Cook (1997)*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God!
With Christ, my Savior and my God!



CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; ²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Sermon- Jim Osborne

Series: Overlooks

Title: Looking Inward: Cultivating Community

⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

Blest Be The Tie That Binds John Fawcett (1782), Matt Grimsley (2011)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
When we assunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way;
While each in expectation lives and waits to see the day.
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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 a powerful and merciful 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".

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.

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This sermon is part of a series leaning into our upcoming transition into a new worship space. We want to "leave" and "arrive" well as we remember and hope for the future.

For past sermons, please visit our website.



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:
Gluten-free bread is available in both serving lines.

⬇️ COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of your Name.

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

**** institution of the elements ****

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another. **All: Amen.**

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever. As our Savior taught us, so we pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



The Christian's Hope Can Never Fail *William Gadsby (1838), Benj Pocta (2004)*

We travel through a barren land, with dangers thick on every hand;
But Jesus guides us through the vale;
O, The Christian's hope can never fail.

Huge sorrows meet us as we go, and devils aim to overthrow;
But vile infernals can't prevail;
O, The Christian's hope shall never fail.

Sometimes we're tempted to despair, but Jesus makes us then His care;
Though numerous foes our souls assail;
O, The Christian's hope can never fail.

We trust upon the sacred word, the oath and promise of the Lord;
And safely through each tempest sail;
O, The Christian's hope can never fail.

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.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful 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.

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.

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.

Guides for prayer:

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SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

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

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!

↻ COMMUNITY LIFE

⬇ BLESSING & SENDING // Romans 15:13

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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