



# Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // NOVEMBER 17, 2019

## CALLED BY GOD

### ⤴ GATHERING SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy *Reginald Heber (1826), John Dykes (1861)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### ⤵ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 96:3-4

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations,  
His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**All: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
He is to be feared above all gods.**

#### *Why do we sing?*

*We sing as a way of  
engaging our voices,  
imaginings, 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 In-  
vitation 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, wel-  
comed 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".*

### **Greater Than We Can Imagine** *George Romanacce, Eric Grover (2009)*

Every day we'll bless You and praise Your name  
And on Your glorious splendor we will dwell.  
On Your wondrous works, Lord, we'll meditate  
And of Your awesome power we will tell.  
We'll speak of Your salvation and Your abundant goodness...

*Because You are greater than we can imagine!  
You are too beautiful for us to fathom!  
Oh, You are great, and greatly to be praised!*

Every generation shall sing Your worth  
And magnify Your mercy and Your grace.  
We'll sing about the Savior who came to earth  
To bear the sins of those He came to save.  
You fill our hearts with wonder, we'll worship You forever...

### ⤴ **SONG OF PRAISE**

#### **Oh! Great Is Our God!** *Brian Eichelberger (2009)*

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.



# CLEANSSED BY GOD

## Ⓢ CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious and merciful God:  
We confess to you that time after time,  
We have entered your presence with countless prayers,  
But with hearts that have been closed to your grace.

We have lifted our hands to you in praise,  
But our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.  
We have rehearsed your commandments,  
But have refused to serve our neighbor.

We humbly ask that you forgive our lack of faith  
And pardon our acts of injustice.  
Grant us the healing that comes from your presence  
And from the strength of your all-powerful Word,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*\*\* time for silent confession \*\**

## Ⓣ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // 1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## Ⓢ 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*

# CELEBRATING GOD

## ⤴ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

**Heal Us, Emmanuel** *William Cowper (1779), Kevin Twitt, Lucas Morton (2010)*

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are! We long to feel Thy touch.  
Deep wounded souls, to Thee we fly, O Savior, hear our cry.*

Our faith is feeble, we confess- we faintly trust Thy word;  
But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief;  
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried; "O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched You in the press and healing virtue stole,  
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace; Thy faith has made thee whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch You if we may;  
O send us not despairing home; send none unhealed away.

## ⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

**Great Are You Lord** *Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2013)*

You give life, You are love,  
You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken.  
Great are You, Lord!

*It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.*

All the earth will shout Your praise,  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, great are You, Lord!

**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-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](http://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give), or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).*



# CHANGED BY GOD

## ⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

## ⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Luke 18:1-8

<sup>1</sup>And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**Sermon-** Todd Jones  
Series: Truths Thrown Alongside  
Title: The Persistent Widow

*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.*

*Todd is Hope Chapel's founding/lead pastor.*

*This sermon is part of a series exploring several of Jesus' parables.*

*For past sermons, please visit our website.*

## ⤵ COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: As we come to the table, let us pray together:

**All: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope.  
May this meal be to us a comfort in  
affliction, and a pledge of our  
inheritance in that kingdom  
where there is no death, sorrow,  
or tears, but the fullness of joy with all your saints;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**



### **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.*

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.**

### **\*\* Institution of the elements \*\***

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

Minister: 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.**

## **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.

### O Come to the Alter *Brown, Brock, Furtick, Joye (2015)*

Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.  
Have you come to the end of yourself?  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar,  
The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes,  
Come today, there's no reason to wait; Jesus is calling.  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy,  
From the ashes, a new life is born; Jesus is calling.

Oh what a Savior - isn't He wonderful?  
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen!  
Bow down before Him for He is Lord of all;  
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen!



# SENT BY GOD

## ⤴ SENDING SONG

**None But Thee** *John Fellows (d. 1783), Eric Marshall (2011)*

Jesus, mighty King of Heaven, Thou, O Lord, our guide shall be.  
Thy commission we rely on, we will follow none but Thee.

As an emblem of Thy passion and Thy victory o'er the grave,  
We who know Thy great salvation are baptized now beneath the wave.

*Fall on us, O Holy Lord,  
Our hearts, Oh King, are only Yours!  
By your grace we live, and we will follow none but Thee,  
Will follow none but Thee!*

Fearless of the worlds despising, we the ancient path pursue.  
Buried with our Lord and rising to a life divinely new.

Sin shall never be our master, captives of Thy blessed grace.  
Offering our lives hereafter, we resolve to seek Thy face.

## ↻ COMMUNITY LIFE

### ⤴ BLESSING & SENDING // Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The Lord bless you, and keep you;  
the Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$8,157
Required to Date	\$382,905
(Jan. 1 - Nov. 10)	
Given to Date	\$411,351
Over/[Under]	\$28,446

### ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Goal:	\$900,000
Pledged:	\$461,611
Needed:	\$438,389
Given to date:	\$131,745

Gifts can be placed in the offering  
plate on Sundays or mailed to:  
Hope Chapel  
908 N. Josephine Boyd St  
Greensboro, NC 27408

Online giving is available on our website: [www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give](http://www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give)

We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

#### **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.*