

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

February 12, 2023



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.

Immortal Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

*You are holy, You are mighty, You are evermore the same,
You are faithful, never-failing, all the glory to Your name!*

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith, Welsh melody (1867), ch. M. Van Patter

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

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.**

from Psalm 100

Song of Praise

All Glory

We enter Your gates with thanksgiving
And with thanksgiving, we enter Your gates.
We pour out Your praise in Your presence
And in Your presence, we pour out Your praise.
And the song we sing, we sing forevermore...

*All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, the Spirit of our God!
As it was in the beginning and will be in the end;
All glory to Your everlasting name!*

This is the sound of the forgiven
A song of freedom, O Jesus, on and on Your name resounds.
We lift up a shout for You are risen,
And now we are risen, come on and pour His praises out...

And the song we sing, we sing forevermore!
And the song we sing, we sing for You alone!
Come on and pour His praises out,
Come on and sing His praises now!

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (2017)

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.

Gracious God:

We affirm that you alone are Good.

But we have sought our good in other things.

We have pursued joy in the creation

Rather than in the Creator.

We have not loved what is truly Good.

Forgive our sin, O God.

Forgive us for refusing to believe

That You are Good, and that You do good.

Have mercy upon us,

According to Your goodness,

According to Your unfailing love.

*** 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 also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurrection.

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.

1 John 4:9-11

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.”

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.

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh precious is the flow that makes me white as snow,
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see— nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing, this my plea— nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace— nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness— nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Robert Lowry (1876)

Giving of Tithes & Offering

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).



Known and Loved

God, You were there from my beginning,
For I was crafted by Your hands;
You see my hopes and hesitations,
My days are written in Your plan.

If You have seen my weakest moments
And still You love me even then,
I need no greater confirmation
That God, Your goodness has no end.

*I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness,
No need for hiding, here in His light.
This truth I treasure, my peace forever,
Is being known and loved by Him.*

I trust with Jesus, it is finished
For He has paid my every debt;
No need to pull it all together,
For what is broken He will mend.

Though I can't see the path before me,
I know the One who knows the way.
And as I walk, His hand will guide me
Until I see Him face to face.

Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell, Fiona Aghajanian (2022)

Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1-7

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.

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Sermon

“The Early Church’s Priorities in Their Witness”

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel’s associate pastor of assimilation & discipleship. For past sermons, please visit our website.

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

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.

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

Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the

burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way,

and though tempted, was sinless to the end.

Baptized as Your own, he went willingly to his death

and by Your power was raised to new life.

**All: In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.**

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.**

**** institution of elements ****

Minister: God 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 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.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus;
 Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
 Rolling as a mighty ocean
 In its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me
 Is the current of His Love;
 Leading onward, leading homeward
 To Thy glorious rest above.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me
 And it lifts me up to glory
 For it lifts me up to Thee.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
 Spread His praise from shore to shore!
 How He loveth, ever loveth,
 Changeth never, nevermore.

S. Trever Francis (1834-1925), Bunessan (1888)

Sending Song

All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
 The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
 I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
 And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
 You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
 And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place;
 You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah – all I have is Christ!

Hallelujah – Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
 The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
 O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
 And let my song forever be my only boast is You.

Jordan Kauflin (2008)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

Minister: Now may the God of peace,
 who through the blood of the eternal covenant
 brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
 that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with
 everything good for doing his will, and may he work
 in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ,
 to whom be glory for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$13,121	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$73,075	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Feb. 5)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$57,439	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$15,635]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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