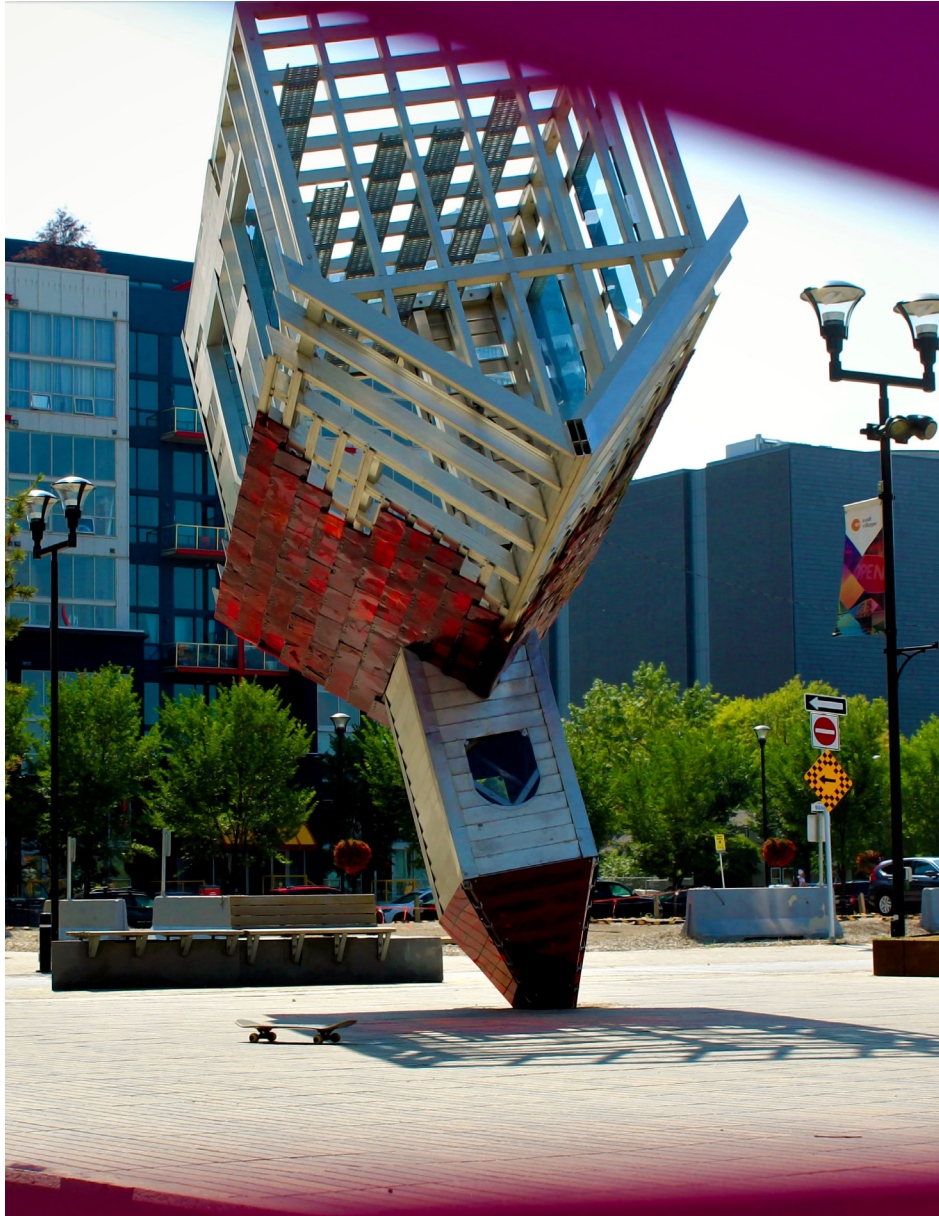


WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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Ordinary Time

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Preparation

*O God, by your power may we, with all the saints,
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.*

—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

Gathering Song

*We sing as a way of engaging our voices, bodies, 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.*

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always!
Thou and Thou only first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Dallan Forgaill (8th century), Irish folk melody

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

Created and Called. We believe that God created humans to be in relationship with Him, and to worship Him as their Creator. But it's more than that. He is also a loving Father who is calling, or inviting His children to come near. God's is both the Creator and the Invitor, and we respond to His grace!

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**All: The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

Leader: He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**All: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music**

Psalm 98:1-4

I Will Sing

With my mouth, I will tell of Your faithfulness,
I'll declare, Lord, Your covenant with my life.

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,
I will sing of the Lord's great love.
I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,
I will sing, oh I will sing.*

Lord You are the glory of all our strength,
Your presence along the way for all our days.

Oh Lord, God Almighty, who is like You?
Oh Lord, God Almighty, none beside You.
Oh Lord, God Almighty, all the earth and sky belong to You.

Leslie Jordan and Sandra McCracken (2019)

Confession of Sin

from Matthew 4 & 5

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.

Leader: Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues
and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom
and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

**All: We, too, have heard this good news of the kingdom:
Blessed are the poor in spirit and those who mourn.
Blessed are the meek and the hungry and the merciful.
Blessed are the pure in heart and the peacemakers.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for Jesus' sake.**

Leader: Jesus, you have called us to rejoice
and be glad in the midst of these things;
to see the eternal significance and reward in temporary sufferings.

**All: Forgive us for taking up the world's version of "good news";
for embracing competence, denial, power, security,
revenge, idolatry, tribalism, and comfort.**

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are the source
of the life and wholeness for which we long.
Mold us into a people who rejoice
in the backward goodness of your kingdom.

**All: Come near to us in your tender strength
and revive us, for our good and your glory.**

*** time for silent confession ***

Words of Forgiveness

1 John 3:1 & Psalm 34

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
The LORD redeems his servants;
no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

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."

Glory to God

Glory to God on high,
Let heav'n and earth reply, "Praise His name!"
His love and grace adore,
Who all our sorrows bore, praise His name!

Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!
Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!

Jesus, our Lord and God,
Bore sin's tremendous load, praise His name!
Tell what His arm has done,
What spoils from death he won, praise His name!

Let all the hosts above
Join in one song of love, praise His name!
To Him ascribed be
Honor and majesty, praise His name!

*James Allen (1831), Ryan Bowles, Charlie Swing,
Todd Van Patter, Michael Van Patter (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).*



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.

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Are you weary, heavy laden?
 Come and lay your burdens down;
 Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you, rest in Him.
 He is gentle, He is lowly,
 He delights to bring us peace;
 Tender shepherd, mighty Savior, rest in Him.

*How sure, His compassion for us,
 Oh, how deep is His love!
 So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless? Are you guilty?
 Caught in shame for all your sin?
 He pursues you, to forgive you, rest in Him.
 He has paid for every failure,
 Mercy flows in endless streams;
 Come and follow, freedom calls you, rest in Him!

Are you waiting in your sorrows
 For this broken world to heal?
 He is coming, soon returning, rest in Him.
 We will see Him, we will know him,
 O what heights of grace revealed!
 From his kindness, every promise then fulfilled.
 O trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end.

Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker (2021)

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 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".

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.

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Sermon

"Blessed Are The Pure In Heart"

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This sermon is part of a series called "Beatitudes: Recognizing Shalom in the Upside Down", where we are studying Matthew chapter 5. 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

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, O Lord,
Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God.

**All: We give thanks to you with those who have gone
before us, and with brothers and sisters around the world,
and along with the angels and all the company of heaven,
who forever sing to the glory of your name.**

Leader: Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

*** institution of the elements ***

Leader: 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.**

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.

The Blessings of the Lord

I have been forgiven, I can now forgive.
The life that I once lived in, it no longer lives.
A new life has been given, old things passed away;
Yes I have been forgiven, oh the hand of grace.

*The blessings of the Lord makes a poor man rich,
The blessings of the Lord he adds no sorrows to it;
The blessings of the Lord, the blessings of the Lord.*

All the years I've wasted, the love that I've refused,
The bitterness I've tasted, but you make all things new.
Only he could change me, a heart that's been redeemed;
For only he could save me, he sets the captive free.

Love covers all defenses, yes it does,
Love covers all defenses, oh it did,
Love covers all defenses.

Kate York, Josh Moore (2012)

Sending Song

We Will Feast

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things", we will sing together.
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.
 For the promised morning, oh how long?
 Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the Faithful one.
 And from the garden to the grave
 Bind us together, bring shalom.

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore (2015)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

Minister: May the peace of God,
 which transcends all understanding,
 guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$39,441	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$482,295	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Aug 20)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$474,569	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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