

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

October 8, 2023



Ordinary Time

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.

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)

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

from Psalm 150

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: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
raise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks,
You paint the evening sky with wonders.
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea,
All nature testifies Your splendor.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord, raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west,
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

You reached into the dust, in love, Your Spirit breathed,
You formed us in Your very likeness.
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds,
To join the everlasting chorus.

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out,
All heaven hear the sound of worship.
Let every nation bring its honors to the King,
A roar of harmonies eternal.

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa (2021)

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.

God of Wisdom and Grace:

We confess to you

Our tendency to say that we know you
but fail to obey your commands.¹

We love the idea of shalom,
but we often fail to put it into practice.

We are often wise in our own sight.²

Forgive our sin and self-righteousness.

Teach us wisdom in the inmost place.

Cleanse us with hyssop, and we will be clean;
wash us, and we will be whiter than snow.³

Renew us by your grace,

that we might be cultivators of shalom in the world.

In the name of our merciful Savior Jesus,

in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom...⁴

*** time for silent confession ***

References: ¹ I John 2:4; ² Romans 12:16; ³ Psalm 51:6-7; ⁴ Colossians 2:3

Words of Forgiveness

I Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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."

Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving

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

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)

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).



Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Augustus Toplady (1776), Thomas Hastings (1830)

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.

A man's spirit will endure sickness,
but a crushed spirit who can bear? (Proverbs 18:14)

The heart knows its own bitterness,
and no stranger shares its joy. (Proverbs 14:10)

Even in laughter the heart may ache,
and the end of joy may be grief. (Proverbs 14:13)

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me? (Psalm 13:1-2)

Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire;
he breaks out against all sound judgment. (Proverbs 18:1)

The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out. (Proverbs 20:5)

Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, and like vinegar on soda. (Proverbs 25:20)

Gracious words are like a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul and health to the body. (Proverbs 16:24)

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down,
but a good word makes him glad. (Proverbs 12:25)

Sermon

“Wisdom for the Wounded”

Jake Henry is a member of Hope Chapel and works as an educator and Chaplain in the Army National Guard. This sermon is part of a series called “Proverbs: Learning Skill in Salom Cultivation”. 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: Is the Father with us?

All: He is.

Minister: Is the Christ among us?

All: He is.

Minister: Is the Spirit here?

All: He is.

Minister: This is our God:

All: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Minister: We are His people:

All: We are redeemed by His grace.

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen
Christ will come again!**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

** institution of elements **

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Let us pray together:

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.**

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.

Wounded Healer

Image of the Invisible,
In our pain, we feel You near;
God of heaven in flesh and bone,
By Your wounds, we shall be healed.

*Wounded healer,
We give our hearts to You.
Wounded healer,
We give our hearts to You.*

Arms stretched out not to part the seas,
But to open up the grave;
Blood poured out not for war, but peace,
And to show us God's own face.

No fire, no fury, just death into life,
Over and over 'til all things are right.
No fire, no fury, just death into life,
Over and over 'til all things are right.

Audrey Assad (2017)

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

Minister: May the living God, who alone can renew,
draw near to you, strengthen you, and give you hope,
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$16,282	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$569,985	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Oct. 1)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$551,398	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$18,586]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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