

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

November 5, 2023



Ordinary Time

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, 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.*

Continuously

I will hold your right hand, right beside you, my word is true;
I am continuously, continuously with you.
Though your flesh and heart may fail, I will hold you in veil;
I am continuously, continuously with you.

*Rest in my love as you sleep tonight,
Rest in the song that mercy sings;
Your shield and strength, all through the fight,
I will be your covering.*

I'll be your shelter where e'r you go,
When you wonder I'll bring you home;
I am continuously, continuously with you.

Sandra McCracken (2016)

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: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
 let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!
 Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
 and extol Him with music and song!

**All: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.
 In His hand are the depths of the earth,
 and the mountain peaks belong to Him.
 the sea is His, for he made it, and His hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,
 let us kneel before the Lord our maker;

**All: for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture,
 the flock under His care.**

Psalm 95:1-7

Our Great God

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!
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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.

Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell (2002)

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

Song of Lament

What is lament? The author Dan Allender says lament "is to cry out to God with our doubts, our incriminations of him and others, to bring a complaint against Him" and goes on to say that lament is "the context for surrender... it is inconceivable to surrender to God unless there is a prior, declared war against him... sanctification is a lifetime process of surrendering as more and more intense conflicts with God and others expose and dissolve our urgent preoccupation with the self. Lament is the battle cry against God that paradoxically voices a heart of desire and ironic faith in his goodness."

We Bring You All Our Sorrows

Lord, we bring You all our sorrows, all the words it hurts to say.
In Your hands, our grief is hallowed; take it as our gift, we pray.
Lay our tears upon Your altar like the bread You bless and break;
Work Your mercy in our heartache, come, transfigure all our pain.

Christ, You came to share our burdens, all our human pain, You feel.
Walk beside us on our journey through the wounds that never heal.
Place the yoke upon our shoulders that You bore to Calvary.
Let the weight of grief transform us, bear with us our suffering.

Here on Calv'ry's hill You meet us in the pain You know so well.
Bread of heaven, here You feed us with a gift no tongue can tell.
You said You would never leave us, You who caught us when we fell;
Stay with us, O loving Jesus, while in shadows here we dwell.

Kate Bluett, Paul Zach (2021)

Words of Forgiveness

Romans 8:31-34, 38-39

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ... I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Passing of the Peace

What is 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.

Never See the End

Where can we run, where can we hide,
That You will not find us?
Deepest of depths, highest of heights,
Your love, it chases us.
No matter where we've been, no matter what we've done,
We can't escape Your love.

*We will never see the end,
We will never see the end of Your goodness.*

Though we pass through the fire,
Or we pass through the flood, You will be with us.
Though we walk through the valley,
The darkest of night Your love will be our light.
And when we are in plenty or we are in want,
You will always be enough.

In our darkest hours, on our hardest days,
We do not have to be afraid.
For You will never leave, You will not forsake,
The promises that You have made.

Jess Ray (2019)

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).*



Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side,
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears goodbye!

William Williams (1745), Jeremy Casella (2002)

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 our powerful and merciful God for 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.

The heart of man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps.

Proverbs 16:9

Sermon

“Wisdom in Our Decision Making”

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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 than 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.

Come to the Feast

Go to the highways and hedges, go to the farthest of fields.
Go and compel the sick and the well,
For our Father's house will be filled.

Go to the streets of the city, bring in the crippled and blind,
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste no more time.

*Come to the feast, come to the table,
The great and the least, the rich and the poor!
Come to the feast, come to the table,
Come and hunger no more.*

In the robe of the Lamb you'll be covered,
Dressed in his pure righteousness.
For all of your guilt, His blood it was spilt,
So come by your Father be blessed.

Jeff Lawson (2012)

Sending Song

Christ Be All Around Me

As I rise, strength of God go before, lift me up.
As I wake, eyes of God look upon, be my sight.

As I wait, heart of God satisfy and sustain.
As I hear, voice of God lead me on, be my guide.

*Above and below me, before and behind me,
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.*

As I go, hand of God, my defense, by my side.
And as I rest, breath of God fall upon, bring me peace.

*Above and below me, before and behind me,
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.*

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed
For every moment, every moment.

David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan (2015)

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

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