

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

January 21, 2024



**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.*

### Come, Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.

Come ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify.  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him:

I will rise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.

*Joseph Hart (1759), tune is ARISE, anonymous (1835)*

## 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

Psalm 34:1-3

*An Invitation. The Call to Worship is sometimes called the Invitation 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, welcomed in and responding to this incredible grace. Come, let us worship our Savior, Jesus Christ!*

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times;  
 His praise will always be on my lips.  
 I will glory in the LORD;  
 let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

**All: Glorify the LORD with me;  
 let us exalt His name together.**

## Song of Praise & Adoration

### Great Things

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
 So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
 Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin  
 And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

To God be the glory for wisdom and grace,  
 That chose us and made us the heirs of His name.  
 He justified freely His daughters and sons  
 And gave us His Spirit, the seal of His love.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
 Through our Savior Jesus Christ!  
 He has raised us up to a glorious hope,  
 Rejoice, you ransomed ones, great things He has done!*

To God be the glory, He joined us with Christ.  
 We share in His death and we're hid in His life.  
 We stand in His righteousness, never our own  
 And sit with Him now on His heavenly throne.

*Vs 1: Fanny Crosby (1875), Steve Cook, Vikki Cook (2012)*

## 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.*

Holy, wise, and loving Father,  
 we humble ourselves before You now,<sup>1</sup>  
 confessing that we are by nature sinful and unclean.<sup>2</sup>  
 Not only is all creation groaning under the effects of sin,<sup>3</sup>  
 but like ink dropped into clean water,  
 our own hearts and lives are evidence of  
 the total corruption that sin has ushered into the world.<sup>4</sup>  
 We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions.  
 We acknowledge that no one is righteous,<sup>5</sup>  
 that even our best acts are as filthy rags in your sight.<sup>6</sup>  
 and that our only hope in life and death  
 is to belong to God through the work of Jesus.<sup>7</sup>

It is in His strong name that we humbly ask You to  
 have mercy on us and forgive us.<sup>8</sup>  
 Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit<sup>9</sup>  
 so that we may delight in Your will<sup>10</sup>  
 and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name...<sup>11</sup>

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

Scripture References:

<sup>1</sup> James 4:10, <sup>2</sup> Ephesians 2:3, <sup>3</sup> Romans 8:22, <sup>4</sup> Mark 7:20-23, <sup>5</sup> Romans 3:11, Psalm 53:1-3,  
<sup>6</sup> Isaiah 64:6, <sup>7</sup> Romans 14:7-9, <sup>8</sup> Proverbs 18:10, Psalm 86:1, <sup>9</sup> Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:18,  
<sup>10</sup> Psalm 40:8, <sup>11</sup> John 15:8.

## Words of Forgiveness

[Jesus] is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:18-20

## 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."*

## Installation of Elders

Jim Osborne and Scott North

### 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.*

#### Awake My Soul

The image of God invisible, the firstborn of all life.  
Before and within, He holds it all in;  
One name, one faith, one Christ.

*No one is good enough to save himself;  
Awake my soul tonight to boast nothing else!*

I trust no other source or name, nowhere else can I hide  
This grace gives me fear, and this grace draws me near;  
And all that it asks it provides.

No seam in this garment, all my rags to hide,  
No less than your love for Jesus is mine.

When I stand on the edges of Jordan  
With the saints and the angels beside;  
When my body is healed and the glory revealed,  
Still I can boast only Christ!

*Sandra McCracken (2002)*

### 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. (continued on next page...)*

*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).*



### **Christ Our Hope In Life and Death**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

*Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa (2020)*

## 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.

## Scripture Reading

Romans 2:1-11

*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.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore you have no excuse, you foolish person, everyone of you who passes judgment; for in that matter in which you judge someone else, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. <sup>2</sup>And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup>But do you suppose this, you foolish person who passes judgment on those who practice such things, and yet does them as well, that you will escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup>Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and restraint and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? <sup>5</sup>But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, <sup>6</sup> who will repay each person according to his deeds: <sup>7</sup> to those who by perseverance in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, He will give eternal life; <sup>8</sup> but to those who are self-serving and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, He will give wrath and indignation. <sup>9</sup> There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of mankind who does evil, for the Jew first and also for the Greek, <sup>10</sup> but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who does what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>11</sup> For there is no partiality with God.

## Sermon

### “Proper Judgement”

*Jim Osborne is a retired physician and founding member/elder of Hope Chapel. Since 2008, he has been part of the teaching team at Hope.*

*This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of Romans, where we are exploring the doctrine of justification, or how we are made right with God. 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 our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise,  
joining our voices with Your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven,  
who forever sing to the glory of Your Name.**

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Dying, You destroyed our death;  
rising, You restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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: Merciful God, pour out Your Holy Spirit  
on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking  
we may be made one with Christ and one another.

**All: Amen.**



Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

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.**

### **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.

### Our Jesus Is the God of Hope

Our Jesus is the God of hope;  
 He works it by his power;  
 It holds the weak believer up,  
 In the distressing hour.

The darkest cloud hope pierces through,  
 And waits upon the Lord;  
 Expects to prove that all is true  
 Throughout the sacred word.

True hope looks out for blessings great,  
 And, though they're long delayed,  
 Yet hope's determined still to wait,  
 Until they are conveyed.

Hope long will wait, and wait again,  
 And ne'er can give it up,  
 Till the bless'd Lamb, who once was slain,  
 Appears the God of hope.

*W. Hammond (1745), A. M. Toplady (1776)  
 Ryan Bowles, Charlie Swing, Michael Van Patter, Todd Van Patter (2009)*

## 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.

*Hallelujah – all I have is Christ!*  
*Hallelujah – Jesus is my life!*

*Jordan Kauflin (2008)*

## Community Life

### Blessing & Sending

*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.*

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:	\$11,095	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$32,134	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Jan. 14)		Hope Chapel
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