

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

January 28, 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.*

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

Psalm 100

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 is both the Creator and the Invitor, and we respond to His grace!

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

All: Know that the Lord, He is God!

It is He who made us, and we are His;

we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving,

and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and His faithfulness to all generations.

Song of Praise & Adoration

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.

Holy, wise, and loving Father,
 we humble ourselves before You now,¹
 confessing that we are by nature sinful and unclean.²
 Not only is all creation groaning under the effects of sin,³
 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.⁴
 We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions.
 We acknowledge that no one is righteous,⁵
 that even our best acts are as filthy rags in your sight.⁶
 and that our only hope in life and death
 is to belong to God through the work of Jesus.⁷

It is in His strong name that we humbly ask You to
 have mercy on us and forgive us.⁸
 Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit⁹
 so that we may delight in Your will¹⁰
 and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name...¹¹

*** time for silent confession ***

Scripture References:

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

Words of Forgiveness

Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

Galatians 6:14-15

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.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, Merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend.
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost their way,
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the One that we praise! You are the One we adore!
You give the healing and grace our hearts hunger for,
Oh, Our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own.
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your Throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your Throne.

Dawn Rodgers, Eric Wyse (1989)

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).*



We Are Not Overcome

Flesh will fail and bones will break;
 Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.
 Night will fall, the light will fade;
 The Lord will give and take away:

Because of His great love, we are not overcome!

Put no trust in the earth,
 In the sod you stand upon.
 Flowers fade into dust;
 The Lord will make a place for us.

Have no fear for your life,
 Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!
 Bear the yoke of love and death;
 The Lord will give all life and breath.

Isaac Wardell & Robert Heiskell (2011)

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

Romans 2:12-29

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.

¹² For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³ For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. ¹⁴ For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not

have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them ¹⁶ on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

¹⁷ But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God ¹⁸ and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; ¹⁹ and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— ²¹ you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? ²² You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. ²⁴ For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

²⁵ For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. ²⁶ So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded] as circumcision? ²⁷ Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. ²⁸ For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. ²⁹ But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Sermon

“Proper Judgement”

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. 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.

Come

Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 If you're weary, heavy laden, come to Me.
 If you're burdened by a load of sin, come to Me.

I will come into Your presence, come to You.
 I will come into Your presence, come to You.
 I am weary, heavy laden, so I'm coming to You;
 I am burdened by a load of sin so I'm running to You.

Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 I will give peace, I will give rest, come to me;
 I will forgive all of your sin, come to me.

Yes, I'll come – You are my light and salvation.
 Yes I'll come – You are my hope and redemption.
 Merciful Father, beautiful Savior I'm coming to You!
 Life-giving Spirit, glorious Lord, I'm coming to You!

Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 I will come into Your presence, come to You.
 I will come into Your presence, come to You.

Angie Schinke (2016)

Sending Song

How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Now unto the king who reigns over all,
 And never changes or turns.
 Unfailing justice, unfading grace,
 Whose promises remain. Yes, Your promises remain.

*The heavens ring, the saints all sing, "Great is Your faithfulness!"
 From age to age we will proclaim, "Great is Your faithfulness,
 How great is Your faithfulness!"*

Everything changes, but You stay the same;
 Your word and kingdom endure.
 We lean on the promise of all that You are,
 And trust forevermore, we will trust forevermore.

From generation to generation, You never fail us, oh God!
 Yesterday and today and tomorrow, until the day You return.

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (2011)

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:	\$13,986	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$48,201	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Jan. 21)		Hope Chapel
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 We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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