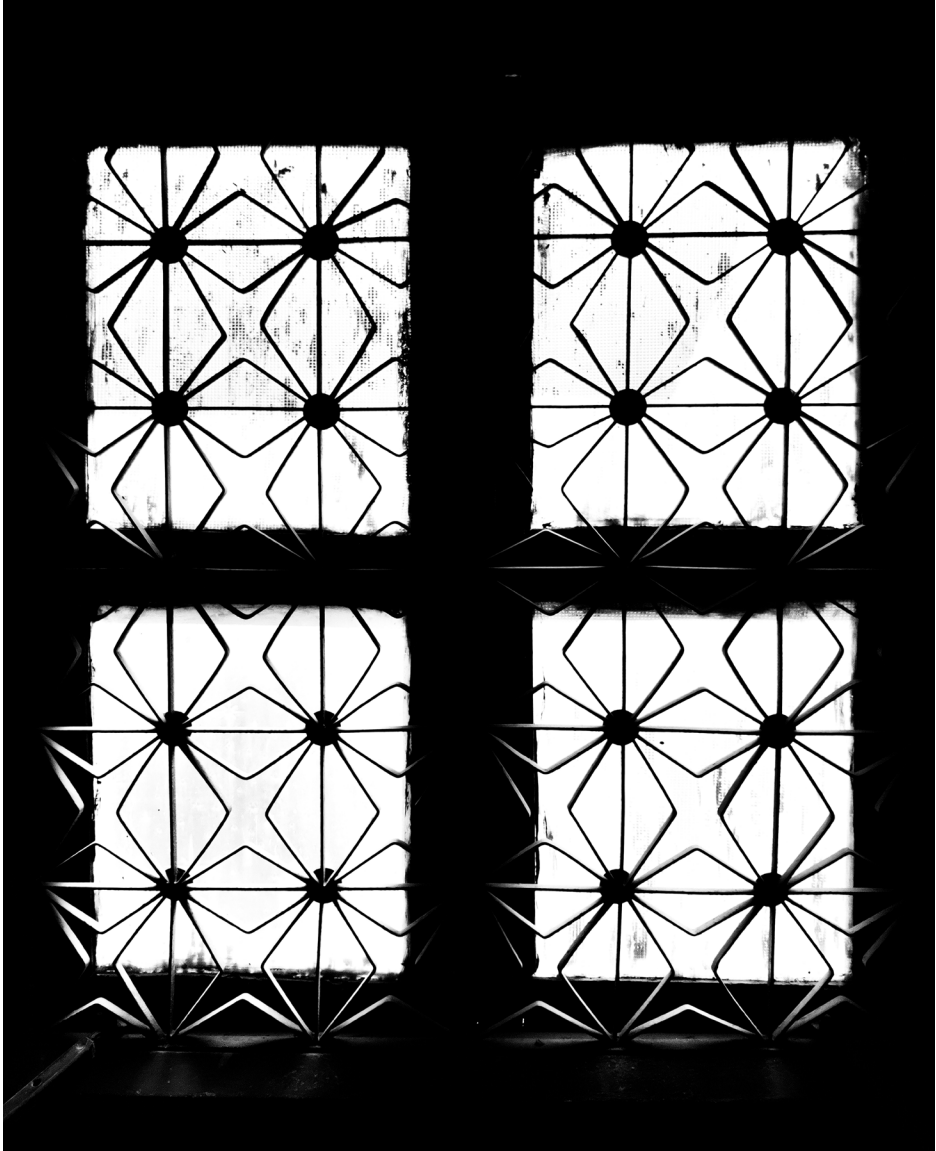


WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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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.*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

*Praise the Lord!, praise the Lord, oh my soul,
Praise the Lord!, praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the Lord!*

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Joachim Neander (1680), Lobe den Herren (1665)

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

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: 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

We Sing Holy

God of ages, faithful to a thousand generations,
A thousand more will echo out Your praises, Your praises.

We bow in reverence and fall before the matchless son of heaven,
And join the angel's song within Your presence, in your presence we sing...

*Holy! You're holy! You stand alone and there is none who's
Worthy, so worthy to receive all honor and all
Glory, all glory! Forever seated high upon Your throne,
It belongs to You alone, so we sing holy! We sing holy!*

Behold the glory, we wonder in Your radiance and beauty,
Breathing in the air of grace and mercy, Your grace and mercy, we sing...

Be Lifted high, lifted high, Oh King of majesty,
Be glorified, glorified, throughout eternity!
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Chris Clayton Jonathan Turner (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.

Almighty and merciful Father,
we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.
We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of Your son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us.
Renew us and lead us by Your Holy Spirit
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name...

*** time for silent confession ***

Lord, From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord, from sorrows deep I call, when my hope is shaken;
Torn and ruined from the fall, hear my desperation.
For so long I've pled and prayed, God, come to my rescue;
Even so the thorn remains, still my heart will praise You.

Storms within my troubled soul, questions without answers.
On my faith these billows roll; God, be now my shelter.
Why are you cast down, my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.

*Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him!
Sing, oh, sing through the raging storm,
You're still my God, my salvation!*

Should my life be torn from me, every worldly pleasure;
When all I possess is grief, God, be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night, be my hope and refuge.
'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord, my heart will praise You.

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa (2018)

Words of Forgiveness

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

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.

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum;
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn';
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell (2016)

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).



Known and Loved

God, You were there from my beginning,
 For I was crafted by Your hands;
 You see my hopes and hesitations,
 My days are written in Your plan.

If You have seen my weakest moments
 And still You love me even then,
 I need no greater confirmation
 That God, Your goodness has no end.

*I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness,
 No need for hiding, here in His light.
 This truth I treasure, my peace forever,
 Is being known and loved by Him.*

I trust with Jesus, it is finished
 For He has paid my every debt;
 No need to pull it all together,
 For what is broken He will mend.

Though I can't see the path before me,
 I know the One who knows the way.
 And as I walk, His hand will guide me
 Until I see Him face to face.

Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell, Fiona Aghajanian (2022)

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 1:1-17

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.

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Sermon

“You’ve Got Mail”

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.

Grace and Peace

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?
 For lawbreakers and thieves, for the worthless, the least.
 You have said that our judgment is death,
 For all eternity, without hope, without rest.
*Oh, what an amazing mystery, what an amazing mystery,
 That Your grace has come to me!*

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?
 The matchless King of all, paid the blood price for me.
 Slaughtered Lamb, what atonement You bring!
 The vilest sinner’s heart can be cleansed, can be free.

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?
 Let songs of gratefulness ever rise, never cease.
 Loved by God and called as a saint,
 My heart is satisfied in the riches of Christ.

Joel Sczebel (2013)

Sending Song

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love! What depths of peace!
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 ‘Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
 For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again.
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost it's grip on me,
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
 'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend (2001)

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.

Year-End Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$46,093	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$759,980	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$809,781	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	\$49,801	Greensboro, NC 27408

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 We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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