

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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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.

O For a Thousand Tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

*Oh that I had a thousand tongues to sing Your praise,
My grateful heart would tell the stories of Your grace,
So with my life and every breath, I will worship You.*

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

*Charles Wesley (1739),
Chorus: Michael Van Patter (2011)*

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 89:1-2, 8

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: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
 with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known
 through all generations.
 I will declare that Your love stands firm forever,
 that You have established Your faithfulness in heaven itself.

**All: Who is like You, Lord God Almighty?
 You, Lord, are mighty, and Your faithfulness surrounds You.**

Song of Praise & Adoration

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!
 Be lifted high, lifted high, Oh King of majesty,
 Be glorified, glorified, throughout eternity!

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.

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.

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."

Our Song in the Night (Psalm 77)

Michael Van Patter (2014)

Words of Forgiveness

Ephesians 1:7-9

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

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.

My Hope Is Built (The Solid Rock)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus Name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In e'vry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall comes with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Edward Mote (1834), William Bradbury (1863)

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).



Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in;
Oh His love for me! Oh His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed;
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me,
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me;
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me.

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am!
You are for me, not against me,
I am who You say I am! I am who You say I am!

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (2017)

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 3:9-31

⁹ What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, ¹⁰ as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ no one understands;
no one seeks for God.

¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good,
not even one.”

¹³ “Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

¹⁴ “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery,

¹⁷ and the way of peace they have not known.”

¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Sermon

Jack Royston is the Director of Admissions and Recruitment at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte. 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.

The Everlasting Love of God

How vast the everlasting love of God,
 How sure and faithful as the morning.
 This love so great for us could never fail
 Nor end, for it had no beginning.

*O, the everlasting love of God,
 It shall ever be my song.
 So immense and free; more than life to me!
 The everlasting love of God.*

How strong the Father’s beating heart for us,
 What mercy runs to meet the sinner.
 As rivers yearn to reach the lowest place,
 His grace shall flow to me for ever.

How great and precious my Redeemer’s blood,
 How pure the passion of the Savior.
 My sins are drowned beneath this mighty flood,
 My soul is swept away with wonder.

How deep the measure of the Spirit’s work,
 Who dwells in us, Who seals the promise
 God’s love through time and all eternity.
 Shall stand and we shall stand upon it;
 What now could separate us from it.

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell and Matt Redman (2020)

Sending Song

Give Reviving

Father, for Thy promised blessing, still we plead before Thy throne.
 For the times of sweet refreshing, which can come from Thee alone.
 Blessed earnest, Thou hast given, but in these we would not rest;
 Blessings still with Thee are hidden, pour them forth and make us blessed!

Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever; answer, Father! Answer prayer!
 Bless, oh bless, each weak endeavor, blood-bought pardon to declare
 Wake Thy slumbering children, wake them, bid them to Thy harvest go
 Blessings, oh our Father, make, round their steps let blessings flow!

Let no people be forgotten, let Thy showers on all descend,
 That in one loud blessed anthem, millions may in triumph blend!
 Give reviving, give refreshing, give the looked-for Jubilee.
 To Thyself may crowds be pressing, bringing glory unto Thee!

Albert Midlane (b. 1825), Chelsey Scott and Aaron Sands (2007)

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:	\$22,149	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$80,335	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Feb. 4)		Hope Chapel
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