

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

June 30, 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, 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.
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

Joseph Hart (1759) and Matthew S. Smith (2000)

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

From Matthew 11 & Psalm 105

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 to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

**All: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.**

Leader: So give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
Make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; Tell of all his wondrous works!

All Creatures

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

All the Redeemed, washed by His blood,
Come and rejoice in his great love. O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin,
Cast all your burdens now on Him.

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King.

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.

King of Glory and Sustainer of the weary,
 we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives,
 and how we have not followed Him when he leads us on this journey.
 We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world.
 We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor,
 the hungry, the oppressed.
 We trust in the promises of this world,
 and not in Your words that can transform our lives.

Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine Your face upon us.

Help us to have the same mind as Christ,
 so we would know Your promises;
 help us to have the same heart as Christ,
 so we might serve Your children;
 help us to have the same Spirit as Christ,
 so we might go wherever You lead us.

*** time for silent confession ***

Words of Forgiveness

Why is it called "Words of Forgiveness?" There's a reason we don't call this element "The Forgiveness of Sins." As Protestants, we truly believe that there is only one mediator between God and humankind—Jesus Christ (1 Tim 2:5). Therefore, no pastor or priest can offer God's pardon...this is the work of Christ alone, given freely by and directly from Him! Therefore, we are assured that as we confess our sins and put our faith in Jesus Christ, He indeed does pardon us. Our pastors and leaders in worship merely offer this good news as it is proclaimed in Scripture (see 1 John 1:9).

"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. "Your sins have been paid for." The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Isaiah 40

Passing of the Peace

Why is the Greeting put after our Words of Forgiveness? The book of 2 Corinthians reminds us that part of God's goal in reconciling Himself to us was that we might likewise be reconciled with one another. But for healing and wholeness to take place in our relationships (which is what the Greeting enacts as we acknowledge one another in the peace of our Lord), we must first know the healing of our relationship with God through Christ. God's pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another without reservation or qualification!

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.

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land - men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands - find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing - shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all".

Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristen Getty (2007) The Goodness of Jesus

The Goodness of Jesus

Come, you weary heart now to Jesus.
Come, you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.
Satisfied, He is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come find what this world cannot offer,
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus,
He is all he said he would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Rich Thompson, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson,
Harrison Druery, Fiona Aghajanian and Michael Farren (2018)*

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).



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 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon

"But the Greatest of These is Love"

Andy Koesters serves as Pastor to Churches and Families with Families Alive (familiesalive.org). He and his family worship at Hope Chapel.

This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of Romans. In this section (chapters 9-11) we are exploring how we integrate the doctrines of justification and sanctification into our lives in the world. 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

(The Apostle's Creed)

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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: Let us pray together:

**All: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers for Reflection

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.

Instrument of Peace

Lord make me
An instrument of peace,
An instrument of peace.

Where is there hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is darkness, let me sow light.
For in the giving we shall receive
And in the dying we're given life.

Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope.
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.
Where is injury your pardon give,
Your consolation to those in pain.

Isaac Wardell, Jessica Fox, Liz Vice, Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach (2020)

Sending Song

Whole Heart

When I am broken, when I'm afraid,
When I don't have it together, when I lose my way,
There is a place where I can go
Where I am safe, where I am home...

*And I can trust You with my whole heart,
Trust You with my whole heart, my whole heart.
Yes I can trust You with my whole heart,
Trust You with my whole heart, with my whole heart.*

You know my story, You've always been
 My true companion, my Faithful friend;
 There's not a moment of my life
 I live without You by my side...

Let every anxious part of me, and every fearful thought in me,
 Be set free, set free in Your peace, Your peace.
 Let every shackle on me break, and every shadow fall away
 I'm set free set free in Your peace, Your peace.

Taylor Leonhardt, Leslie Jordan, Jess Ray (2021)

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: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to Himself,
 the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you to bear fruit,
 the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
 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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| Required to date: | \$401,675 | plate on Sundays or mailed to: |
| (Jan. 1 - June 23) | | Hope Chapel |
| Given to date: | \$405,488 | 908 N. Josephine Boyd St |
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