

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

January 12, 2024



**Epiphany Sunday**

## What is liturgy?

Every worship service has a liturgy; it's simply the way and order in which a community worships. "The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. And that's what liturgy is—the action of God's gathered people, but only in response to his prior action of sending Jesus Christ for our salvation.

The liturgy itself is a retelling of the Gospel story. It begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. We remember and confess our sinfulness, and celebrate God's forgiveness and complete acceptance of us. We are fed from the Scriptures and Sacraments and are sent out to love and serve the Lord in the world.

Liturgy reminds us that worship is not only individual, but an action of a community. Proper liturgy deliberately evokes our corporate response, gives voice to our common celebration and lament, and engages us together in dialogue with our Creator and Savior. Mark Earey writes that liturgy "goes beyond the personal encounter with God (without denying it) to the corporate drama of being the people of God."

Liturgy is the church at prayer, serving as a priestly people, interceding on behalf of the whole church and world, and being sent out together on God's mission. In all of this, liturgy draws us into the enacted story of salvation.

*adapted from City Church Philadelphia*

## Reflection

*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, 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.*

### Great Things

Come let us worship our King, come let us bow at His feet;  
He has done great things.  
See what our Savior has done, see how His love overcomes;  
He has done great things, He has done great things.

*Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquer the grave,  
You free every captive and break every chain,  
Oh God, You have done great things!  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive;  
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high.  
Oh God, You have done great things!*

You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore, You have done great things.  
And I know You will do it again for Your promise is "Yes and Amen",  
You will do great things, God, You do great things!

Hallelujah God, above it all, Hallelujah God, unshakable,  
Hallelujah, You have done great things!

Jonas Myrin, Phil Wickham (2018)

## 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

Based on Isaiah 43:19-21

*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 Inviter, and we respond to His grace!*

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things

**All: We rejoice in our God ,  
who made a way through the desert of this world .**

Leader: Let us worship God,  
who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland!

**All: We are the people God has formed through Christ;  
We worship him and we rejoice!**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia!**

## Song of Praise

### Abide

For my waking breath, for my daily bread,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.  
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*You're the way the truth and the life,  
You're the well that never runs dry,  
I'm the branch and You are the vine,  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.  
Be my strength, my song in the night,  
Be my all, my treasure my prize;  
I am Yours, forever Your mine,  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.  
For the victories still in front of me,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.

When I pass through death, as I enter rest,  
 I depend on You, I depend on You.  
 For eternal life, to be raised with Christ,  
 I depend on You, I depend on You.

*Aaron Keyes, Aaron Williams, Dee Wilson (2020)*

## 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.*

O Lord, we want to enter Your presence,  
 worshipping You face to face,  
 awed by Your majesty, greatness, and glory;  
 but encouraged by Your love.

Yet there is a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward You,  
 an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for You.  
 Forgive us, for Jesus' sake.

Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us,  
 in every thought, word, and deed.

Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world,  
 works by love, fastens us to You, and always clings to the cross.

In Jesus' name...

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

## Words of Forgiveness

*We are not alone. The Bible teaches that Jesus understands what it is to be human. Because He was fully man, He is compassionate and merciful toward us in our sin and failures. But not only can He sympathize with us, Jesus (being fully God) also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurrection.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord and Savior 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

*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!*

## Installation of New Elders

Ben Cooper

Carl Schinke

## 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.*

### Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?

Who else could make every king bow down?

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?

What other splendour outshines the sun?

What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only*

*Cry out, sing holy- forever a Holy God!*

*Come and worship the Holy God!*

What other glory consumes like fire?

What other power can raise the dead?

What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?

Who else would offer His only Son?

Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God.

*Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson (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](http://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give), or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).



### Great Are You, Lord

You give life, You are love,  
 You bring light to the darkness.  
 You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken.  
 Great are You, Lord!

*It's Your breath in our lungs,  
 So we pour out our praise, pour out our praise.  
 It's Your breath in our lungs,  
 So we pour out our praise to You only.*

All the earth will shout Your praise,  
 Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
 Great are You, Lord!

*Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2013)*

## Scripture Reading

### John 3:2-17 (ESV)

*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>2</sup>During the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts



concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

## **Sermon**

### **"The Church's Mission: Repentance"**

*Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the book of Luke where we are exploring "The Church's Mission." For past sermons, please visit our website.*

## **Notes:**

## 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 Great Thanksgiving*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: As we come to the table, let us pray together:

**All: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, You have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of Your Name.**

### *Words of Institution*

***Prayer of Approach***

Minister: Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Minister: Lord Jesus, Your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come.

**All: As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving You. I come to this table on the basis of Your merit only and not my own.  
As You have completely and fully offered Yourself for me,  
I now completely and fully offer  
myself to You as a living sacrifice. Amen.**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

**All: Alleluia!**

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Minister: Take these in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, and drink, remembering that Christ's blood has been shed for you!

***Preparation for the Table******The Feast******Prayer after Communion***

Minister: Let us pray.

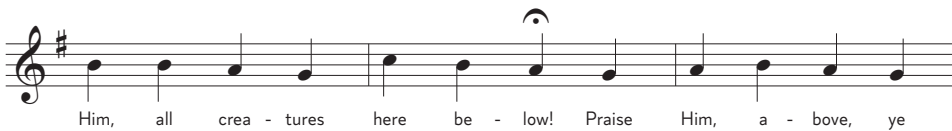
**All: O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world,  
We thank You that in this holy meal,  
You renew Your promises within us,  
empower us by Your Spirit to witness and to serve,  
and send us out as Your disciples. Amen.**

### Doxology

*Thomas Ken (1674), Louis Bourgeois (1551)*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise



Him, all creatures here below! Praise Him, above, ye



heav'n - ly host! Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



A - men.

## 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.

**God of Every Grace**

O let not this world of sorrows steal my only hope away,  
 For the power of Your gospel shines within this jar of clay.  
 In affliction You bring wisdom that my comforts can displace;  
 How my true and greatest treasure is in You, the God of grace.

*Now to the God of every grace,  
 Who counts my tears, who holds my days,  
 I sing through sorrows, sing with faith,  
 O praise the God of every grace!*

Weary with the weight I carry, give me wings of faith to rise,  
 For You know each grief that lingers through the watches of the night.  
 Surely you have borne our sufferings at the cross, took up our pain.  
 And You lead us on to glory as we trust You, God of grace.

There's a dawning hope before us that I know is soon to break  
 As I wait upon your mercy, which will swallow every ache.  
 Cries of joy and songs of victory, when we enter heaven's gates,  
 All your children home together all with You, the God of grace.

*Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Matt Boswell (2023)*

**Sending Song****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)*

## Community Life

### Blessing & Sending

2 Corinthians 13:14

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: Amen.**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$21,076	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$18,328	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Jan. 5)		Hope Chapel
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