

Hopewell Worship Guide for 11/1/20

Call to Worship: *Psalm 145:18; Is 12:4* The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Therefore let us give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

Invocation: Let us pray: Almighty God, O Heavenly Father, whose presence is an eternal peace, whose dwelling is an everlasting glory, Lord who rules over earth and heaven, we bow before you in this place, confessing with our hymns and prayers the name of Christ, whom we acknowledge as Lord indeed. Grant to us your blessing and your presence, your Word and your peace, that our worship be that worship which is in Spirit and truth. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, whom with you O Father, and the Holy Spirit we always worship and adore. One God forever and ever. Amen

Old Testament Daniel 6:10–23

10 When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. **11** Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. **12** Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” **13** Then they answered and said before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. **15** Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

16 Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” **17** And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. **18** Then the king went to his palace and

spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

19 Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. **20** As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” **21** Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! **22** My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” **23** Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

These prayer components are pulled from Matthew Henry’s Method of Prayer, a method of prayer that helps us pray the Bible. <http://www.matthewhenry.org>

Adoration: *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! O you whose name is the LORD, who alone are the Most High over all the earth. O God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you; our God, and we will praise you; our fathers’ God, and we will exalt you. O you who are the true God, the living God, the one only living and true God, and the everlasting King! The LORD our God, the LORD is one.*

Confession: *If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared; with you there is steadfast love; yes, with our God there is plentiful redemption, and he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Your sacrifices, O God, are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise; indeed, though you are the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; though heaven is your throne and the earth your footstool, yet this is the one to whom you will look: he who is poor and humble, broken and contrite in spirit, and trembles at your word; to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. You have graciously assured us that those who conceal their transgressions will not prosper, yet those who confess and forsake them will obtain mercy. And when a poor penitent said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” you forgave the iniquity of his sin; therefore, let everyone who is godly, in like manner, offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found. We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but you have said that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*

Petition: *Lord, we come to you, as the poor tax collector that stood far off and would not even lift up his eyes to*

heaven, but beat his breast; and we pray his prayer, "God, be merciful to us sinners." The God of infinite mercy be merciful to us! O wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin; for we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. O purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow; hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Be merciful toward our iniquities, and remember our sins no more. O forgive us that great debt. Let us be justified by your grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Jesus, from everything from which we could not be justified by the law of Moses. O let not our iniquity be our ruin; but let the Lord take away our sin, that we may not die, not die eternally; that we may not be hurt by the second death. Blot out our transgressions like a cloud and our sins like mist; for we return to you, because you have redeemed us. Enter not into judgment with your servants, O Lord, for no one living is righteous before you. Though our sins have been like scarlet, let them be as white as snow; and though they have been red like crimson, let them be like wool; that being willing and obedient, we may eat the good of the land..

Thanks: *We give thanks to the God of gods, to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever. Your goodness is your glory, and it is for that which all your works give thanks to you and all your saints bless you. You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and have told us that you do not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; but, though you cause grief, you will have compassion according to the abundance of your steadfast love. You take pleasure in those who fear you, in those who hope in your steadfast love. You have stretched out the heavens like a tent, and in them you have set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. And you make your sun rise on the evil and on the good, and send rain on the just and on the unjust. When we look at the heavens, the work of your fingers, the sun, the moon, and the stars which you have set in place, Lord, what is man that you care for him? For truly the light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun: All glory be to the Father of light, who commands the morning and causes the dawn to know its place.*

Intercession: *Lost, sick, hurting*

Ministries Hopewell Supports: Word of Grace Church, Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Kevin & Jan Rutledge - Germany, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hope House, Reformed University Fellowship, Palmetto Women's Center,

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth

as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Assurance of Pardon: *Isaiah 55:6-7* "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

New Testament Reading: Galatians 5:1-6

5 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Benediction: From the God Most High, Whose ways are mercy and truth, Who leads you to his heavenly throne. May He preserve your life according to His promise; Keep you from all harm, and watch over your life. Psalm 119:107; 121:7