

Hopewell Worship Guide for 2/28/21

Call to Worship *Psalm 105:5; Isaiah 55:6*

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

Invocation: Let us pray: *Our souls have said to the LORD, "You are our Lord, we have no good apart from you; neither if we are righteous are you the better." You are our King, O God: Other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone we bring to remembrance. We declare today that the LORD is our God, and that we will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice and give ourselves to him, to be his people for a treasured possession, as he has promised, that we may be a holy people to the Lord our God; and might be to him for a name, a praise, and a glory. O Lord, truly we are your servants; we are your servants, born in your house, and you have loosed our bonds: We have been bought with a price, and therefore we are not our own and so we yield ourselves to the Lord, and join ourselves to him in an everlasting covenant that will never be forgotten. We are yours, save us, for we seek your precepts; it is your own, Lord, that we give you, and that which comes from your hand. Amen.*

Old Testament *Genesis 28:10–17*

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep.

¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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: *But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? That God whom heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain, with man, who is a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm? Who are we, O Lord GOD, and what is our father's house that you have brought us thus far to present ourselves before the Lord? That we have through Christ an access in one Spirit to the Father? And yet, as if this had been a small thing in your sight, you have spoken concerning your servants for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him, and thus magnify him? Oh let not the Lord be angry, if we who are but dust and ashes undertake to speak to the Lord of glory. We are not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servants; nor is it right to take the children's bread and throw it to such as we are; yet the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table; and you bestow your riches on all who call on you*

Confession: Thou art good beyond all thought, But I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind; My lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways reluctant to amend. I bring my soul to thee; break it, wound it, bend it, mould it. Unmask to me sin's deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. My faculties have been a weapon of revolt against thee; as a rebel I have misused my strength, and served the foul adversary of thy kingdom. Give me grace to bewail my insensate folly, Grant me to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, that to depart from thee is to lose all good. I have seen the purity and beauty of thy perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls, yet I daily violate and contemn its precepts. Thy loving Spirit strives within me, brings me Scripture warnings, speaks in startling providences, allures by secret whispers, yet I choose devices and desires to my own hurt, impiously resent, grieve, and provoke him to abandon me. All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon. Work in me more profound and abiding repentance; Give me the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident; Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross.

Petition: *And as an evidence that your kingdom comes, and in order to the sanctifying of your name, Father in heaven, let your holy will be done. We know, O LORD, that whatever you please, that you do in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps; your counsel shall stand, and you will accomplish all your purpose: Even so let it be, Holy Father, not our will, but yours, be done. As you have planned, so let it be, and as you have purposed, so let it stand. Do all according to the counsel of your will. Make even those to serve your purposes who have not known you, and who do not so intend, nor do their hearts so think. Father, let your will be done concerning us and ours: Behold, here we are; it is the LORD, let him do to us what seems good to him; let the will of the Lord be done.) O give us to submit to your will in conformity to the example of the Lord Jesus who said, “Not as I will, but as you will”; and to say, “The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. Shall we receive good from the Lord, and shall we not receive evil also?” Father, let the Scriptures be fulfilled; the Scriptures of the prophets, which cannot be broken. Though heaven and earth pass away, let not an iota, not a dot, of your word pass away. Do what is written in the book of truth, and let it appear that forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.*

Thanks: *We thank you that because our Lord Jesus humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross, therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of JESUS every knee should bow and every tongue confess (as we do at this time) that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. That all authority has been given to him both in heaven and on earth; that you have set him over the works of your hands and have put everything in subjection under his feet, and so have crowned him with glory and honor. That he is King of kings and Lord of lords; that the Ancient of days has given him dominion and glory and a kingdom, an everlasting dominion and a kingdom that shall not be destroyed. That the government is upon his shoulders, and that his name is called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace; and of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end. That you have set him as a King upon Zion, your holy hill;) and that he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, will reign until he has put down all opposing rule, principality, and power, until all his enemies are made a footstool for his feet; and then he will deliver the kingdom to God, even the Father, that God may be all in all.*

Intercession: *For effective gospel outreach in the area, for Christians to be faithful to Scripture and fervent in prayer and service.*

Ministries Hopewell Supports: Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, 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 43:25*

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

New Testament Reading: *Romans 5:1–11*

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Benediction: To you whose life is hid in Christ on High, Who ever lives and pleas for you; May He keep you from stumbling, and make you to stand in the presence of His glory, Blameless and with great joy.
Jude 24