

Hopewell Worship Guide for 3/7/21

Call to Worship

To the church of God; to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for a song of praise is fitting.

I Cor 1:2; Psalm 147:1

Invocation: Let us pray: *Father, most kind, most generous, We come to you as your children, because we need you and want to be with you. We come to you as our Lord and God, because we are in awe of you and worship you. We come to you in the name of Jesus, because you have promised to be with us when we gather together in his name. All glory be to you, O Father, and to the Eternal Son, and to the Holy Spirit. One God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Old Testament Exodus 20:1-17

20 And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

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: *Whom have we in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that we desire besides you or in comparison with you. When our flesh and our heart fail, Lord, be the strength of our heart and our portion forever, the chosen portion of our inheritance in the other world and of our cup in this; and then we will say that the lines have fallen for us in pleasant places, and that we have a beautiful inheritance. Your name and remembrance are the desire of our souls; our souls yearn for you in the night, and our spirits within us earnestly seek you. As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants our soul for you, O God; our soul thirsts for God, for the living God, who commands his steadfast love by day, and at night his song is with us; a prayer to the God of our life. O that we may come hungering and thirsting after righteousness, for you fill the hungry with good things, but the rich you send away empty. O that our souls may thirst for you, and our flesh faint for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water; that we may see your power and glory, as we have looked upon you in the sanctuary. Your steadfast love is better than life; our souls will be satisfied with that as with fat and rich food, and then our mouths will praise you with joyful lips*

Confession: *By breaking the law we have dishonored God, and given bitter provocation to the Holy One of Israel. And many a thing that we have done has displeased the Lord. God has been broken over our whoring heart and our eyes that have gone whoring after our idols. We have put him to the test, and to the proof, and grieved him in the wilderness; have rebelled, and grieved his Holy Spirit, and pressed him down with our iniquities, as a cart full of sheaves presses down. We have grieved the Holy Spirit of God, by whom we were sealed for the day of redemption. For our iniquities we were sold; and in sinning against you, we have wronged our own souls. Our sins have made a separation between us and our God, and have kept good from us;) and by them, our minds and consciences have been defiled. Our own evil has chastised us, and our apostasy has reproved us; and we cannot but know and see*

that it is evil and bitter for us to forsake the LORD our God, and that his fear has not been in us. O what fools are they who mock at sin!

Petition: *Do not let our wisdom be that from beneath, which is earthly, unspiritual, demonic; but wisdom from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. O that we may always behave in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God. Lord, uphold us in our integrity, and set us in your presence forever; and may integrity and uprightness preserve us, for we wait for you. May our hearts be blameless in your statutes, that we may not be put to shame; and let our eye be healthy, that our whole body may be full of light.*

Thanks: *We bless you that when our Lord Jesus went away, he sent us another Helper to be with us forever, even the Spirit of truth, who shall glorify the Son, for he will take what is his and declare it to us. That being exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he poured it forth as rivers of living water. Blessed be God for the signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, with which God bore witness to the great salvation. And blessed be God for the promise that as earthly parents, though evil, know how to give good gifts to their children, so our heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him, that promised Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire the possession of it.*

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: *2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)* The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

New Testament Reading: *John 1:1–18 (ESV)* —

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and

without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.' ") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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