

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 10/17/21

**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:** O Eternal and Everlasting Father, God most glorious, God most exalted, whom we have come to know in Jesus of Nazareth, the rock of our salvation, the cornerstone, chosen and precious in your sight. Bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be a spiritual Temple, that found on him we be built together as living stones; that in him we offer to you the spiritual service of praise and thanksgiving, of proclaiming your work, and of sharing your gifts. All glory be to you, O Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. One God forever and ever. Amen

### **Old Testament** *Proverbs 3:1–10 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, <sup>2</sup> for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. <sup>3</sup> Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. <sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. <sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. <sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. <sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

**Adoration:** *Let us now lift up our hearts, with our eyes and hands, to God in heaven. Let us rouse ourselves to take hold of God, to seek his face, and to ascribe to him the glory due his name. Unto you, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. Let us now with confidence enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh. Let us now attend to the Lord with undivided devotion, and let not our hearts be far from him when we draw near to him with our mouths and honor him with our lips. Let us now worship God, who is spirit, in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.*

**Confession:** *O our God, we are ashamed and blush to lift our faces to you, our God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our head, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. To us belongs open shame, because we have sinned against you. Behold we are of small account, what shall we answer*

*you? We lay our hand on our mouth, and put our mouth in the dust, for there may yet be hope, crying with the convicted leper under the law, "Unclean, unclean." You put no trust in your holy ones, and the heavens are not pure in your sight; how much less one who is abominable and corrupt, man who drinks injustice like water! When our eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts, we have reason to cry out, "Woe to us, for we are lost!" Dominion and fear are with you; you make peace in your high heaven: Is there any number to your armies? Upon whom does your light not arise? How then can man be in the right before God? How can he who is born of woman be pure? But you, you are to be feared! Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused? You, our God, are a consuming fire; and who considers the power of your anger? If we claimed to be in the right, our own mouth would condemn us; if we said, "We are blameless," you would prove us perverse; for if you contend with us, we could not answer you once in a thousand times. If we were not aware of anything against ourselves, yet we are not thereby acquitted, for he who judges us is the Lord, who is greater than our hearts and knows everything. But we ourselves know that we have sinned, Father, against heaven and before you, and are no longer worthy to be called your children.*

**Petition:** *And now, O Lord, for what do we wait? Truly our hope is in you. Deliver us from all our transgressions. Do not make us the scorn of the fool. Lord, all our longing is before you, and our sighing is not hidden from you, even the sighs and groanings too deep for words; for, he who searches the heart knows what is the mind of the Spirit. We do not think that we will be heard for our many words, for our Father knows what we need before we ask him; but our Master has told us that whatever we ask of the Father in his name, he will give it to us. And he has said, "Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*

**Thanks:** *We have reason to love you, O LORD, because you have heard the voice of our pleas for mercy, and because you have inclined your ear to us; we will therefore call upon you as long as we live. Out of the depths we have called to you, O LORD, and you have heard our vows and given us the heritage of those who fear your name. Indeed, before we have called, you have answered; and while we have been yet speaking, you have heard, and have said, "Here I am," and have been near to us whenever we call upon you. Lord, you have heard the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart, and incline your ear to hear Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer or removed his steadfast love from us; for we have prayed and gone away, and our faces have been no longer sad*

**Intercession:** *We pray, as we are taught, for all people, believing that this is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth and of Jesus Christ, who gave himself as a ransom for all. O look with compassion upon the world that lies in the power of the evil one, and let the ruler of this world be cast out, who has blinded their minds. O let your way be known on earth, that barbarous nations may be civilized, and those who live without God in the world may be brought to the service of the living God; and thus, let your saving power be known among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; yes, let all the peoples praise you: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. O let your salvation and your righteousness be revealed in the sight of the nations, and let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God. O make the nations your Son's heritage, and the ends of the earth his possession; for you have said, "It is too light a thing for him to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel"; but you will make him as a light for the nations. Let all the kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of the Lord and of his Christ. Revelation.*

**Ministries Hopewell Supports:** Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Clark Emerson – Campus Outreach, 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:** *Hebrews 13:1-6 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in

honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup> Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

**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.

Psalms 119:107; 121:7