

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 4/19/20

**Call to Worship** Revelation 1:4–6 Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood<sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Invocation:** Father, Almighty and Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the person of your Son, our Savior and Lord. In the name of your Son we would worship and serve you this day. Claiming the sacrifice of your Son we would stand before you as redeemed people, justified and sanctified by faith in your Son. Rejoicing in the resurrection of your Son we would enter into a new and holy life, walking in the ways of your Son all our days, and delighting in the Day of his coming. All glory be to you O Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen

**Old Testament Genesis 15:1–6** After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”<sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.”<sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”<sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

*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:** We must profess our entire reliance on the Lord Jesus Christ alone for acceptance with God and come in his name.

*We do not present our plea before you because of our righteousness, Daniel 9:18 for we are before you in our guilt, Ezra 9:15 and cannot stand before you because of it; Psalm 130:3 but we make mention of Christ’s righteousness, even of his only, who is the LORD our righteousness. Jeremiah 23:6 We know that even spiritual sacrifices are acceptable to God only through Christ Jesus, 1 Peter 2:5 nor can we hope to receive anything but what we ask of you in his name; John 16:23 and therefore, bless us in the Beloved, Ephesians 1:6 that other angel who put much incense to the prayers of the saints and offers them up on the golden altar before the throne. Revelation 8:3*

*We come in the name of the great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses, Hebrews 4:14-15 and is therefore able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25 Behold, O God, our shield, and look on the face of your Anointed, Psalm 84:9 in whom you have by a voice from heaven declared yourself to be well pleased; Lord, be well pleased with us in him. Matthew 3:17*

**Confession:** We must humbly profess our sorrow and shame for sin, and humbly engage ourselves in the strength of divine grace, that we will be better and do better for the future.

*Lord, we repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand, Matthew 3:2 to which you have exalted your Son, Christ Jesus, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:31 Our iniquities have gone over our heads; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for us; Psalm 38:4 but weary and heavy laden under this burden, we come to Christ, who has promised that in him we shall find rest for our souls. Matthew 11:28 O knowing the affliction of our own hearts, 1 Kings 8:38 may we look on him whom we have pierced, and may we mourn and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. Zechariah 12:10 That we may grieve after a godly sort, with that grief which produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret; 2 Corinthians 7:10 and that we may remember and be confounded, and never open our mouths again because of our shame, when you have atoned for us for all that we have done. Ezekiel 16:63 And, O that we may bear fruit in keeping with repentance! Matthew 3:8 and may never again turn back to folly; Psalm 85:8 for what have we to do anymore with idols? Hosea 14:8 For sin will have no dominion over us, since we are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14 We have gone astray like lost sheep; seek your servants, for we do not forget your commandments. Psalm 119:176*

**Petition:** We must pray for the good things of life, with a humble submission to the will of God.

*Lord, you have told us that godliness holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come; 1 Timothy 4:8 and that if we seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, other things will be added to us; Matthew 6:33 and therefore, we cast all our anxieties about these things on you, who cares for us; 1 Peter 5:7 for our heavenly Father knows that we need them all. Matthew 6:32*

**We must pray to be preserved from the calamities to which we are exposed.**

*You, Lord, are our refuge and our fortress, Psalm 91:2 and under your wings will we find refuge; your faithfulness is a shield and buckler; let us therefore not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day. Psalm 91:4-5 Having*

*made the Lord our refuge and the Most High our dwelling place, let no evil befall us nor any plague come near our tent. Psalm 91:9-10 Let the LORD be our keeper, even he who keeps Israel and neither slumbers nor sleeps. Let the Lord be our shade on our right hand, that the sun may not strike us by day, nor the moon by night. Let the Lord keep us from all evil; the Lord keep our life; the Lord keep our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 121:4-8 Lord, put a hedge around us and our houses and all that we have on every side; Job 1:10 and take sickness away from us. Exodus 23:25*

**Thanks: We must give thanks for the remission of our sins and the peace of our consciences.**

*We bless you for the redemption we have through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of your grace, which you have lavished upon us. Ephesians 1:7-8 That you have forgiven all our iniquities and healed all our diseases; Psalm 103:3 and in love you have delivered our lives from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all our sins behind your back. Isaiah 38:17*

**Intercession For those who are young and setting out in the world.**

*Lord, give to those who are young to remember their Creator in the days of their youth; Ecclesiastes 12:1 that thereby they may be kept from the vanity which childhood and youth are subject to, and may be restrained from walking in the way of their heart and in the sight of their eyes, by considering that for all these things God will bring them into judgment. Ecclesiastes 11:9 Lord, make young people self-controlled; Titus 2:6 and let the word of God abide in them, that they may be strong and may overcome the evil one. 1 John 2:14 Keep those who are setting out in the world from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire; 2 Peter 1:4 and give to those who have been well-educated, to hold fast the pattern of sound words, 2 Timothy 1:13 and to continue in what they have learned. 2 Timothy 3:14*

**For those who are old and of long standing in profession.**

*There are some who are old disciples of Jesus Christ; Acts 21:16(KJV) Lord, give them still to bear fruit in old age, to declare that the LORD is upright, that he is their Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. Psalm 92:14-15 You have said, "Even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you." You have made them, Lord; we beg you, bear, yes, do carry and save them. Isaiah 46:4 Those whom you have taught from their youth up and to whom you still proclaim your wondrous deeds, now, also, when they are old and gray headed, Psalm 71:17-18 forsake them not; cast them not off in the time of old age; forsake them not when their strength is spent. Psalm 71:9 Let every gray head be a crown of glory to those who have it, being gained in a righteous life,*

*Proverbs 16:31 and give them to know whom they have believed. 2 Timothy 1:12*

**Ministries Hopewell Supports:** 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:** *1 Cor 15:21-22* For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

**New Testament Reading:** *John 20:19-31* <sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Benediction:** The God who sent His Son to save, from guilt and darkness and the grave, be gracious to you and bless you and cause His fact to shine upon you. (Ps 67:1, Give to God our Immortal Praise)