

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 10/25/20

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 64:10 (ESV)* Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him! Let all the upright in heart exult!

**Invocation:** Let us pray: 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** 23 *A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*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:** *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:** 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:** *Romans 5:1* Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**New Testament Reading:** *Philippians 4:4–13*

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**Benediction:** Now may the God who works wonders, Who has made His strength known among His people, and by His power redeemed them, May He be your joy and delight in you always. Psalm 77, 14, 15, Luke 1:14