

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 11/29/20

### Call to Worship Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**Invocation:** Let us pray: Almighty God, O Heavenly Father, whose presence is an eternal peace, whose dwelling is an everlasting glory, Lord who rules over earth and heaven, we bow before you in this place, confessing with our hymns and prayers the name of Christ, whom we acknowledge as Lord indeed. Grant to us your blessing and your presence, your Word and your peace, that our worship be that worship which is in Spirit and truth. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, whom with you O Father, and the Holy Spirit we always worship and adore. One God forever and ever. Amen

### Old Testament Isaiah 63:16-19, 64:1-8

**16** For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. **17** O Lord, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. **18** Your holy people held possession for a little while; our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary. **19** We have become like those over whom you have never ruled, like those who are not called by your name. **1** Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— <sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup> From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup> But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

*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:** *The heavens declare your glory, O God, and the sky above proclaims your handiwork. Your eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived in the things that have been made, so that they are fools without excuse who say, "There is no God." For surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth, and in heaven too. We therefore draw near to you believing that you exist and that you powerfully and bountifully reward those who love you*

**Confession:** *By nature our understandings are darkened, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in us, due to the hardness of our hearts. The things of the Spirit of God are folly to the natural person; neither can we understand them, in and of ourselves, because they are spiritually discerned. We are 'wise' – in doing evil! But how to do good we know not. We have neither knowledge nor understanding, we walk about in darkness. God speaks in one way, and in two, though we do not perceive it; we indeed hear but never understand; and we see men, but they look like trees, walking. .*

**Petition:** *For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon our guilt, for it is great; for evils have encompassed us beyond number; our iniquities have overtaken us, and we cannot see. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver us! O LORD, make haste to help us! O do not remember against us our former iniquities, let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!*

**Thanks:** *It was owing to your good providence that we did not die at birth, and did not come out from the womb and expire; that the knees received us, and the breasts, that we should nurse. Though before birth we were called rebels, yet by your power we have been borne by you from before our birth and carried from the womb; and you keep our souls among the living and have not let our foot slip. All our bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you!" For you keep the bones, and not one of them is broken. We lay down and sleep, for you, LORD, make us to dwell in safety. You have commanded your angels concerning us, to guard us in all our ways; to bear us up in their hands, lest we strike our foot against a stone. And they are all ministering spirits, sent out to serve for the good of those who are to inherit salvation.*

**Intercession:** *Let the branches which are broken off not continue in their unbelief, but be grafted in again into their own olive tree. And though a partial hardening has come upon Israel, yet let the fullness of the Gentiles come in, and let all Israel be saved. Let them be made to look on him whom they have pierced; and, that they turn to the Lord, let the veil which lies over their hearts be removed. Let the churches of Asia, that were golden lampstands, which the Lord Jesus delighted to walk among, be made so again. Restore to them their liberties as at the first, and their privileges as at the beginning; smelt away their dross, and remove all their alloy, and restore their fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! Be the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; and let them have the blessing which came upon the head of Joseph and upon the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers, even to the bounties of the everlasting hills. Create peace to the far, as well as to the near. And let those that draw from the abundance of the seas and the hidden treasures of the sand, call the people to the mountain, that they may offer right sacrifices.*

**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:** *Titus 3:4–5* <sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

**New Testament Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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