

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 1/17/21

### Call to Worship Psalm 106:1 Psalm 111:1

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!  
Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Invocation:** Let us pray: Almighty God, Most Gracious Father, whose love is constantly ready to receive us, You are God, God alone, Our God! We come before you in humility, troubled by how often we ignore you, troubled by how we have failed you and those whom we love, those who are our neighbors. Receive us in the name of Jesus your Son, that we may be renewed by your grace, that we be established in faithfulness toward you, that we be restored in the love of family and friends. For to you, O God Almighty, be all glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God, now and forever more. Amen.

### Old Testament 1 Samuel 3:1–10

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. <sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

*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:** *You are worthy, O Lord, to receive blessing and honor and glory and power, for you have created all things, and for your praise and by your will they existed and were created. We worship him who made heaven and*

*earth, the sea and the springs of water; who spoke, and it came to be; who commanded, and it stood firm; who said, "Let there be light," and there was light; "Let there be an expanse," and he made the expanse; and he made it all very good; and they continue this day by his appointment, for all things are his servants. Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun. You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter. You uphold the universe by the word of your power, and in you all things hold together. A sparrow will not fall to the ground apart from you. You made man at first of dust from the ground and breathed into him the breath of life, and so he became a living creature. And you have made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place. You are the Most High, who rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever you will; for it is from the LORD that a man gets justice. Hallelujah, the Lord God Almighty reigns, and works all things according to the counsel of his own will, to the praise of his own glory!*

**Confession:** *We have been very guilty concerning our brother; for we have not pursued what makes for peace or for mutual upbuilding. We have been ready to judge our brother and to despise him, forgetting that we must shortly stand before the judgment seat of God. Contrary to the royal law of love, we have boasted and been arrogant, have been rude and insisted on our own way; we have been irritable, have rejoiced at wrongdoing, and been secretly glad at calamities. We have been conceited, provoking one another, envying one another, when we should have considered how to stir up one another to love and good works. Our hearts have been closed against those who are in need; and we have hidden ourselves from our own flesh. Indeed, perhaps our eye has looked grudgingly on our poor brother, and we have dishonored the poor. And if in anything we have transgressed and wronged our brother, if we have walked with falsehood, and our foot has hastened to deceit, and if any spot has stuck to our hands, Lord, discover it to us, that if we have done iniquity, we may do it no more*

**Petition:** *Lord, work in us that fear of you, which is the beginning of wisdom, which is instruction in wisdom, and which is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death. Unite our hearts to fear your name, that we may keep your commandments, which is the whole duty of man. O put the fear of you in our hearts, that we may not turn from you. Let us be devoted to your fear; and let us continue in the fear of the LORD everyday and all the day. Give us grace, we beg you, to love you, the Lord our God,*

*with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, which is the great and first commandment; to hold fast to you in love; and to delight ourselves always in you; and therein we shall have the desires of our hearts.. O that God's love may be poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. O that Jesus Christ may be very precious to us, as he is to all who believe; that he may be in our account distinguished among ten thousand, and altogether desirable; and that he may be our beloved and our friend: That though we have not seen him, yet we may love him; and though we do not now see him, yet we may believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. Let the love of Christ to us control us to live, not to ourselves, but to him who for our sake died and was raised. And, Lord, grant that we may not love the world or the things in the world, because if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him; that we may set our minds on things above, and not on things that are on earth.*

**Thanks:** *That appearing to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, Christ did through the eternal Spirit offer himself without blemish to God, and by his own blood entered once for all into the holy places, thus securing an eternal redemption. That he has disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in his cross, and has cancelled the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross. That he himself is our peace, who, having broken down the dividing wall of hostility between Jew and Gentile, has made in himself one new man in place of the two, has reconciled both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. That he has loved us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father. O the height and depth and length and breadth of that love of Christ that surpasses knowledge! O that great love with which he loved us! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing; for he was slain, and by his blood has ransomed us for God*

**Intercession:** *Let God himself be a wall of fire all around us and the glory in the midst of us; yes, let his gospel be our glory, and upon all that glory let there be a defense; and create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Peace be within our borders and security within our towers, Set up salvation for us as walls and bulwarks; and, to that end, let the gates be opened, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. Make our overseers peace and our taskmasters righteousness; let violence never be heard in our gates, devastation or destruction in our borders, but let our walls be called Salvation and our gates Praise: Never let our land be termed Forsaken and Desolate, but let the Lord delight in us, and let our land be married to him. Let our peace be like a river and, to that end, our righteousness like the waves of the sea. Let that righteousness abound among us that exalts a nation, and deliver us from sin, which is a reproach to any people. Never make our heavens as bronze and our earth as iron, nor take back your*

*grain in its time and your wine in its season; but give us rain moderately, the early and the latter rains in their seasons, and keep for us the weeks appointed for the harvest, giving us fair weather also in its season. Let our land yield its increase and the trees their fruit, that we may eat our bread to the full and dwell in our land securely. Abundantly bless our provisions and satisfy our poor with bread, that those who garner it may eat it and praise the LORD. Do not blow it away, for then when we look for much, it will come to little; but bless our blessings, that all nations may call us blessed and a land of delight.*

**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:** *Acts 2:38-39* And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

**New Testament Reading:** *1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

<sup>12</sup> "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup> "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup> But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

**Benediction:** May our Lord who has laid up for you a hope in heaven where moth and rust cannot destroy, Keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Col 1:5; Matt 6:19,20; 1 Cor 1:8