

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 12/12/21

### Call to Worship Hebrews 10:19–22

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to 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, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

**Invocation:** O LORD, whose law is perfect, whose law is a delight, we praise you today. We are blessed by you, by your guidance, by your truth. May we always listen to your voice and always turn from the voice of the scoffer and sinner. You plant us like trees by the streams of water, you bring forth fruit in its season from your people. You know our way – the way of the righteous. You scatter the wicked like chaff, they cannot stand in your judgment. You are perfect in holiness, perfect in righteousness, perfect in all your ways. To you Father, Son, and Spirit, we bow our hearts in worship, One God, Now and Forever. Amen (Psalm 1)

### Old Testament Zephaniah 3:14–17

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup> The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

**Adoration:** *All things are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account, even the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Your eyes are in every place keeping watch on the evil and the good: They run to and fro throughout the whole earth, that you may give strong support to those whose hearts are blameless toward you. You search the heart and test the mind, that you may give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds. O God, you have searched us and known us! You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from afar. You search out our path and our lying down and are acquainted with all our ways.*

*Even before a word is on our tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is high; we cannot attain it. Darkness is as light with you. Your understanding, O Lord, is infinite, for you determine the number of the stars, and give to all of them their names. You are wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom; wise in heart and mighty in strength. O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; all according to the counsel of your own will. Oh, the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

**Confession:** *We are born of the flesh, and we are flesh. Dust we are: We have borne the image of the man of dust; and in us (that is, in our flesh) dwells nothing good. For we have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out; for we do not do the good we want, but the evil we do not want is what we keep on doing. We have a law in our members waging war against the law of our mind and making us captive to the law of sin that dwells in our members; so that when we want to do right, evil lies close at hand, and clings to us so closely. The whole head is sick, the whole heart is faint; from the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in us, but bruises and sores and raw wounds. There is in us a bent to turn away from the living God: Our hearts are deceitful above all things and desperately sick; who can understand them? They start aside like a treacherous bow*

**Petition:** *O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us; yes, let God, our God, give us his blessing. May the LORD, he who made heaven and earth, bless us from Zion; bless us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. O that you would bless us indeed! Command the blessing upon us, even life forevermore;) for you bless, O LORD, and it shall be blessed. Let us receive blessing from the LORD, even righteousness from the God of our salvation. Have you but one blessing? Indeed, you have many blessings! Bless us, even us also, O our Father; yes, let the blessing of Abraham come to us, which comes to the Gentiles through faith; and the blessing of Jacob, for we will not let you go unless you bless us. If your presence will not go with us, do not bring us up from here; never leave us nor forsake us. O cast us not away from your presence, or ever take your Holy*

*Spirit away from us; but let us always dwell with the upright in your presence.*

**Thanks:** *When we have eaten and are full, we have reason to bless you for the good land that you have given us, a land which the eyes of the LORD our God are always upon, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. You make peace in our borders and fill us with the finest of the wheat: We are delivered from the sound of archers at the watering places; there, therefore, will we repeat the righteous triumphs of the LORD, the righteous triumphs of his villagers in Israel. We thank you that the powers that are set over us are servants of God for our good; that they seek the welfare of our people and speak peace to all our people*

**Intercession:** *O teach transgressors your ways, and let sinners return to you. O give them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, the truth as it is in Jesus, the truth which accords with godliness; that they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil. Let those who are straying like sheep return to Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. Show those fools their folly and misery who have said in their hearts, "There is no God," and who are corrupt and do abominable deeds. Lord, maintain the honor of the Scriptures, the teaching and the testimony, and convince those who speak not according to that word, that it is because they have no dawn. You have exalted above all things your name and your word; magnify the law, magnify the gospel, and make both glorious. Let those who will not be won by the word, be won by the conduct of Christians, which we beg may be such in everything that those who do not believe may be convicted by all and called to account by all, may be brought to worship God and to declare that God is really among them*

**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: Zephaniah 3:14–15 (ESV)**<sup>14</sup>  
Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

**New Testament Reading: Philippians 4:4–7 (ESV)**<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.

**Benediction:**

May the Lord, Who longs to be gracious to you, who waits on high to have compassion on you, Plant you firmly in the faith, established, steadfast and unmovable, Through the hope of the Gospel, proclaimed to all the creation under heaven. Isaiah 30:18; Colossians 1:23