

Hopewell Worship Guide for 2/20/22

Call to Worship

1 Cor 1:2; Psalm 147:1

To the church of God; to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for a song of praise is fitting.

Invocation: Let us pray: **Psalm 16 (ESV) A Miktam of David.** ¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. ⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. ⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. ⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

It is to you O God Almighty, that all praise is due - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God, now and forever more. Amen.

Old Testament Proverbs 28:1-10 (ESV)

¹ The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion. ² When a land transgresses, it has many rulers, but with a man of understanding and knowledge, its stability will long continue. ³ A poor man who oppresses the poor is a beating rain that leaves no food. ⁴ Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but those who keep the law strive against them. ⁵ Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it completely. ⁶ Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways. ⁷ The one who keeps the law is a son with understanding, but a companion of gluttons shames his father. ⁸ Whoever multiplies his wealth by interest and profit gathers it for him who is generous to the poor. ⁹ If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination. ¹⁰ Whoever misleads the upright into an evil way will fall into his own pit, but the blameless will have a goodly inheritance.

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: *Whom have we in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that we desire besides you or in comparison with you. When our flesh and our heart fail, Lord, be the strength of our heart and our portion forever, the chosen portion of our inheritance in the other world and of our cup in this; and then we will say that the lines have fallen for us in pleasant places, and that we have a beautiful inheritance. Your name and remembrance are the desire of our souls; our souls yearn for you in the night, and our spirits within us earnestly seek you. As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants our soul for you, O God; our soul thirsts for God, for the living God, who commands his steadfast love by day, and at night his song is with us; a prayer to the God of our life. O that we may come hungering and thirsting after righteousness, for you fill the hungry with good things, but the rich you send away empty. O that our souls may thirst for you, and our flesh faint for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water; that we may see your power and glory, as we have looked upon you in the sanctuary. Your steadfast love is better than life; our souls will be satisfied with that as with fat and rich food, and then our mouths will praise you with joyful lips.*

Confession: *By breaking the law we have dishonored God, and given bitter provocation to the Holy One of Israel. And many a thing that we have done has displeased the Lord. God has been broken over our whoring heart and our eyes that have gone whoring after our idols. We have put him to the test, and to the proof, and grieved him in the wilderness; have rebelled, and grieved his Holy Spirit, and pressed him down with our iniquities, as a cart full of sheaves presses down. We have grieved the Holy Spirit of God, by whom we were sealed for the day of redemption. For our iniquities we were sold; and in sinning against you, we have wronged our own souls. Our sins have made a separation between us and our God, and have kept good from us;) and by them, our minds and consciences have been defiled. Our own evil has chastised us, and our apostasy has reproved us; and we cannot but know and see that it is evil and bitter for us to forsake the LORD our God, and that his fear has not been in us. O what fools are they who mock at sin!*

Petition: *Do not let our wisdom be that from beneath, which is earthly, unspiritual, demonic; but wisdom from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. O that we may always behave in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God. Lord, uphold us in our integrity, and set us in your presence forever; and may integrity and uprightness preserve us, for we wait for you. May our hearts be blameless in your statutes, that we may not be put to shame; and let our eye be healthy, that our whole body may be full of light.*

Thanks: *We bless you that when our Lord Jesus went away, he sent us another Helper to be with us forever, even the Spirit of truth, who shall glorify the Son, for he will take what is his and declare it to us. That being exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he poured it forth as rivers of living water. Blessed be God for the signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, with which God bore witness to the great salvation. And blessed be God for the promise that as earthly parents, though evil, know how to give good gifts to their children, so our heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him, that promised Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire the possession of it.*

Intercession: *For effective gospel outreach in the area, for Christians to be faithful to Scripture and fervent in prayer and service.*

Ministries Hopewell Supports: Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hope House, Clark & Grace Emerson – Campus Outreach, Reformed University Fellowship, Clark & Grace Emerson at Western Michigan University, 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: *2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)* The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

New Testament Reading: Romans 12:14–21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Benediction: May the Lord show kindness to you; May the Lord grant each of you rest; May those who dwell in your house be blessed; May they ever be praising the Lord. Ruth 1:8.9; Psalm 84:4