

Hopewell Worship Guide for 2/27/22

Call to Worship

Psalm 124:6-8

“Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped! Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

Invocation: Let us pray: **Psalm 17 (ESV) A Prayer of David.**

¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit! ² From your presence let my vindication come! Let your eyes behold the right! ³ You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night, you have tested me, and you will find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress. ⁴ With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. ⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. ⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. ⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, ⁹ from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me. ¹⁰ They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly. ¹¹ They have now surrounded our steps; they set their eyes to cast us to the ground. ¹² He is like a lion eager to tear, as a young lion lurking in ambush. ¹³ Arise, O Lord! Confront him, subdue him! Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, ¹⁴ from men by your hand, O Lord, from men of the world whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants. ¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

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 Exodus 34:29–35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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: Psalm 145:1–3 *1 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. 2 Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.*

Psalm 145:8–12 (ESV) — *8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. 10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! 11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, 12 to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

Confession: *You have reared and brought us up as children, but we have rebelled against you. We have ill repaid you, O LORD, as foolish and senseless people: You are our Father who created us, who made us and established us, yet our mark has not been the mark of your children. We have not made return according to the benefit done to us. We have been often reprov'd, and yet have stiffen'd our neck, and have gone on backsliding in the way of our own heart. You have sent to us, saying, "Oh, do not do this abomination that I hate!" But we have not listened or inclined our ear. The word of God has been to us precept upon precept and line upon line; and though we have looked intently at our natural faces in a mirror, yet we have gone away and at once forgotten what we were like.*

Petition: *Lord, enable us in a day of prosperity to be joyful, and in a day of adversity to consider, because God has made the one as well as the other; to add to our knowledge self-control, and to self-control steadfastness. Give us grace to remain with you in whatever condition we have been called,) and in all our ways to acknowledge you; and be pleased to establish our steps. Let those who have been called, being slaves, be freedmen of the Lord; and those who have been called, being free, be slaves of Christ. Let all in every relation dwell in unity, that it may be like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. O that we may dwell together as joint heirs of the grace of life, that our prayers may not be hindered. Give us grace to honor everyone, to love the brotherhood, to fear God, and to be subject to the governing authorities, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 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.*

Thanks: *We bless you that though the enemies of Israel have afflicted them from their youth up, have greatly afflicted them, yet they have not prevailed against them; though the plowers have plowed on their back, yet the LORD is righteous, he has cut the cords of the wicked That Jesus Christ has built his church upon a rock, which the gates of hell cannot prevail against; but his offspring will be established forever and his throne as the days of the heavens.*

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: *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: *2 Corinthians 4:1–6 (ESV)*¹

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Benediction: *Psalm 29:11 (ESV)*

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!