

## Hopewell ARP Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, April 8, 2020

- **6:30 p.m. Devotional on Hebrews 4:15–16**

- **6:40 Prayers of Adoration**

- Prayer adoring God—especially expressing the sense we have of our own meanness and unworthiness to draw near to God and speak to him.
- *But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? That God whom heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain, with man, that maggot, and the son of man, that worm?*  
(from 2Chronicles 6:18; Job 25:6)

- **6:52 p.m. Prayers of Confession**

- Prayer confessing sin, complaining of ourselves, and humbly professing our repentance, especially lamenting the corruption of the whole man: lamenting and confessing our omissions of duty, our neglect of it and triflings in it; and that we have done so little since we came into the world of the great work we were sent into the world about, so very little to answer the end of our creation or of our redemption, of our birth and of our baptism; and that we have profited no more by the means of grace.
- *Our childhood and the prime of life were fleeting, and we have finished our years like a sigh.*  
(from Eccl 11:10; Psalm 90:9)

- **7:04 p.m. Prayers of Petition**

- Prayer making petition and supplication for the good things that we stand in need of—especially that we may be at peace with God and His anger may be turned away from us.
- *Having been justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and through Him let us obtain our introduction into that grace in which believers stand, and exult in hope of the glory of God.*  
(from Romans 5:1–2)

- **7:16p.m. Prayers of Thanksgiving**

- Thanksgivings for the mercies we have received from God—especially for the planting of the Christian religion in the world and the setting up of the gospel-church, in spite of all the opposition of the powers of darkness.
- *Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come: And the exalted Redeemer rode forth with His bow and with His crown, conquering and to conquer, and nations were brought forth all at once.*  
(from Revelation 12:10; 6:2; Isaiah 66:8)

- **7:28 p.m. Prayers of Intercession**

- Prayer of supplication to God for others—especially for our own land, for the success of all endeavors for the reformation of behavior, the suppression of vice and profaneness, the support of religion and virtue, and the bringing of them into reputation.
- *Let all unrighteousness shut its mouth; and let the infection of that plague be stayed by executing judgment.*  
(from Psalm 107:42; 106:30)

## **Congregational Prayer Requests (new/updates in bold)**

- Lord's Day worship/study, Daily worship/discipleship/evangelism in homes and community
- Pray with the Reformed sidewalk-counseling group @PP in Nashville for their Wednesday and Friday ministries
- Early Rain Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Christians in Nigeria, and other persecuted churches like them; Pastor Wang Yi in prison.
- R&C H ministering among Muslim refugees in France w/children H&D
- Alan McClelland and his ministry at Ft. Rucker
- Repentance of the Church and the Nations, as well as comfort and strength through the advancement of the gospel against the backdrop of SARS-CoV-2 and its accompanying panic, especially joining the rest of the ARP at 9a.m. central every day
- **Valerie, newly born to Joe & Lauren from Heritage CPC in Centerville, with heart abnormalities**
- Comfort and provision for the LeeAnn Billings family as they grieve, especially for new work, as the university just eliminated her position from the department
- Rebecca Sterling's new shunt and tube to properly drain brain fluid
- Pray for the Jeffers family, whose granddaughter Isabelle (14) and then her mother Norma both attempted suicide; there's a long way to go medically, financially, and especially spiritually for all involved; please keep praying for them and for Sue's ministry to them
- Pray with D&V F for rapid, full recovery
- Pray for Kacey and family, going through difficult trial
- Pray with D&L L for her 85yo mother and her heart issues
- Pray with S&D B for Andrew's medicine to help his body to stop eliminating his protein
- Pray with KC for her acquaintance Linda who doesn't seem to know the Lord, and just lost 21 year old son; and, for sister Diane and her husband Frank, who need a living faith in Christ; and for friend Patty, a believer, that she will continue to do well after treatment for uterine cancer
- Pray with D&M G that her mother would continue healing well and not smoking; for Sean; for Jeremiah and Julianna; **and PRAISE for Jordan and Atlanta's new baby twins, Charlotte and Hew, and PRAISE for Hew's recovery—pray for thriving for all**
- Pray with W&C G for her mother's health and caregivers; and for spiritual (and total) well-being of son Greg
- Pray with J&H H for his father's cancer and recovery from open-heart surgeries; and sweetness in his parents' remaining time together; for his youngest brother; for sister-in-law's recovery from cancer treatment
- Pray for James Heard to make good choices and to walk with and serve the Lord in this next phase of his life.
- Pray with H&K H for their health (especially Karen's back, which keeps getting reinjured, and their schedule which it affects) and for many of their loved ones; needing Christian fellowship: her grandmother and father, widow Hope w/4 children, Brown family of 7 (wayward son Nicholas); needing health: her mom, sister Lisa, Martina, Donna, Joyce; needing spiritual life: Velvet and Reagan (lost their sister/daughter to a brutal murder), neighbors Shawn, Merlin, & children; other widows: Libby, Naomi (w/daughter Stacia), Stephanie

- (w/many children, were missionaries); friend Andrea's New Age friends; Charles & Robert to be able to forgive; friends w/family problems: Dave, Lee, Melodie, Cole; spiritual growth and wife for friend Scott; their family's evangelism, recently firefighter Dalton; Riggs to grow mighty in the Lord
- Pray with R&M J for Meredith, young daughter of M's college friend Ashely (and husband Brad), who's taking medicine to shrink her brain tumor
  - Pray with O&A L for her unbelieving mother w/heart condition, and brother w/lung cancer.
  - Pray with CM for his sister Ginger, diagnosed with an aggressive and advanced leukemia, and for Sheriff's Reserve James Wilson, and his wife Andra's cancer
  - Pray with C&T P for wisdom for him about what to do with two good career choices, and for the conversion of her brother Todd; and for her dad and his wife Jolene, who recently had a brain bleed and was in critical care at KU Med in KC.
  - Pray with D&K R for their family's growth in godliness, especially dying to self, godly speech, and Lord's Day keeping; for Micah, Rachel, and baby girl due in July; and pray for Hannah's and Noah Martyn's thriving and fast recovery; and for local pastor/constable Darryl Thrasher, who has an aggressive, malignant brain tumor
  - Pray with GR for friend Abby to come to faith in Christ
  - Pray with JeR for believing friend Jeanette Cary's CHF, Fibromyalgia, & slow-healing wound
  - Pray with J&S R for her nephew, who needs life in Christ; and for her and her family in the loss of her father, especially spiritual impact on her sisters and nephews; and for her sister Rebecca's pregnancy; **and for the whole family, and especially his mother, as they grieve the passing away of his father**
  - PRAISE with S&V Y for the full recovery of 12yo Peyton, a relative of theirs from an unbelieving family, who had leukemia
  - Please pray with Madison-Monrovia ARP in Madison, AL, throughout the month of April
  - Please pray for the TN-AL Presbytery to be enabled to plant a faithful church with the resources available and earmarked for that purpose
  - Please pray for all ARP presbyteries, churches, and agencies
  - Please pray for our nation, state, community and all the officials thereof

#### ● 7:50 p.m. Concluding Prayer

- Concluding prayer in a manner that seeks to have the spirit of prayer continue, even though we must leave off our time of prayer— especially commending ourselves to the conduct, protection, and government of the divine grace, in the further services that lie before us and in the whole course of our life.
- *And now, may the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us, that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances. And let our hearts be wholly devoted to the LORD our God all our days, and continue so till the end; that then we may enter into rest and may rise again for our allotted portion, and let it be a blessed portion at the end of the days.*

(from 1Kings 8:57–61; Daniel 12:13)

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a  
 Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
 count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayer selections rotate serially within each category, guided by Matthew Henry's excellent little volume, *A Method for Prayer* (taking Scripture itself, and its direction and emphases, as the pattern and basis for our prayers)

ARP Confession 21.3—Prayer, with thanksgiving, being one special part of religious worship, is by God required of all men: and, that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of his Spirit, according to his will, with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love, and perseverance; and, if vocal, in a known tongue.