



To all who are weary and need rest ...
To all who mourn and long for comfort ...
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares ...
To all who struggle and desire strength ...
To all who sin and need a Savior ...
We do, too.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our great Hope and Joy, the reason we gather to celebrate and worship. Southwood opens wide our doors, our hearts, and our lives as our God has done for us.

April 2, 2023
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Connect Hour

Worship Service

We contemplate who God is and who we are as we gather to worship.

MEDITATION

Blessing is the calling down of God's gracious power and love on all people, even on those who wish or do us harm.

The New Bible Commentary

God welcomes us into his presence and reorients our hearts to Him and each other.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

PEOPLE: His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

LEADER: On that day the Lord their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

ALL: How great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!

Zechariah 9:9-17

We express the worth of our God and the emotions of our hearts to Him.

SONG

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

SPECIAL MUSIC LED BY SOUTHWOOD KIDS

"To God Be the Glory"

"Christ Is Risen, He is Risen Indeed"

We consider it a joy to have multiple generations worship together.

A Nursing Mothers' Room is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Ushers can provide you a hearing assistance device if helpful.

Worship Service

We cry out for help to the God who hears and saves.

PRAYER OF PRAISE, LAMENT, AND CONFESSION

God reminds us that He is our true hope.

ASSURANCE OF HOPE

LEADER: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

SONG

"Hosanna"

God places the sign of his covenant promises on the child of parents who place their trust in Him.

BAPTISM

Lucy Elliott Heyward

Daughter of Barnes and Cappy Heyward

SONG

"Doxology"

We celebrate how God's grace flows through us in our relationships and community.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"The Love of God"

Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory.

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible explained and applied to our lives.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

1 Peter 3:8-12
"Living Blessings"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"The Love of God"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



Following the Worship Service

Pastor Will will greet and pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God and each other around his Word.

Adults: Gather in rooms on hallway across from the Nursery

High-Life Connects: Jr./Sr. High classes in the Lodge across the street

Kids Connect: Birth-5th grade classes in Nursery and upstairs

Sermon Notes

Bottom Line: The culture is looking for an alternative to itself, not an echo of itself. A divided world needs a united church. You are the church.

1. The World

2. The Word

3. Why It Matters

4. What Now?

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Associate Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Cathy Mayer** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Jacob Dumbacher** Piano
- **Wesley Chambers** Violin
- **Newt Johnson** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Kim Watkins** Vocals
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Jonathan Ellis** Slides
- **Leslie Ellis** Livestream

Announcements

Easter Week Services

Join us for our special Easter Week worship services:

- Maundy Thursday, 6:00pm
- Good Friday, 6:00pm
- Easter Sunrise, 6:30am (outdoor)
- Easter Service, 9:30am (indoor)

The Easter service will be followed by an Easter Celebration with a kids' egg hunt, family photo booth, and light snacks for everyone.

Day of Prayer/Gathering

This Wednesday we are focusing on prayer for evangelism in our lives and revival in our community. Pray where you are and/or join us in the Prayer Room from 12 noon to 1:00pm to pray together.

Adult Connect Community Classes

Immediately following the service, Adults age 45 and over will meet in Room A to study the book of Jonah, while adults under 45 will meet in Room D to study Ecclesiastes.

Director of Operations Search

Southwood is searching for a man or woman passionate about Jesus and gifted in administration. This person would manage all administrative staff and oversee finances, facilities, HR, etc for our church. If you have recommendations, please send them to wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, April 2

6:00am – Men's Fellowship
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, April 5

12:00pm – Day of Prayer/Gathering
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:00pm – No Kids Club
6:00pm – Southwood Voices Rehearsal
6:30pm – No Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 6

10:00am – Women's Bible Study
6:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7

6:00pm – Good Friday Service

Deacon/Finance Update 2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$16,899

Year to Date Giving

\$465,477



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.

Pray for our Grace Groups to deepen relationships as we share life, pray for one another, and serve God's kingdom together.

Ask Holy Spirit to bring new relationships with our neighbors that would be life-giving friendships and opportunities to share our eternal hope.

Pray for our young people to model for their friends and classmates love for neighbor in a self-obsessed world.

Specific Needs

Pray for Andy and Lisa Aldridge in the death of Andy's mother on Sunday.

Pray for our sister church, Covenant PCA in Nashville, as they grieve the tragic and traumatic events at their school on Monday.

Pray for Huntsville, our police officers, and all the families impacted by Tuesday's shooting.

Pray for our children as many of them help lead us in worship this Palm Sunday and as their hearts process the good news of the resurrection of King Jesus.

Pray for Karen Andress as she recovers from a broken shoulder suffered earlier this week.

Missions Partner Requests

Macklann and Rose Basse - Togo

The Basses are community leaders in Lome, Togo. Along with planting a church, Macklann founded and directs a missionary training organization, and Rose is the principal of a Christian elementary school. You can support them and their ministry by praying for these requests.

Pray that God would protect and guide their daughter Benitaah, who recently moved to the United States.

Pray for Macklann's assistant Bleck Sodji and his family as Bleck is away from home receiving further theological training.

Ask that God would provide the funds needed to dig a well and install a pump to support their farming ministry.

Senior Member

Bettie Murray

2414 Penn St.

Huntsville, AL 35801

Expectant Mothers

Kathryn Jones — April 2023

Maddie Searcy — April 2023

Brett Stanfield — May 2023

Sarah Putman — May 2023

Megan Craig — June 2023

Alaine Moss — July 2023

Stephanie Tomes — July 2023

Amanda Tatum — July 2023

**Email prayer@southwood.org
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

Southwood's Mission

Southwood exists to experience and express grace in relationships that impact eternity.

Southwood's Core Commitments

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

We are driven by relationships.

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out.

We seek the restoration of all creation in Huntsville and beyond.

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