



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.

June 21, 2026

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

“This most beautiful system of sun, planets, and comets could only proceed from the council and dominion of an intelligent and powerful being.”

Sir Isaac Newton
General Scholium to the Principia

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:19-20

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I will extol you, my God and King,

PEOPLE: *And bless your name forever and ever.*

LEADER: Every day I will bless you

PEOPLE: *And praise your name forever and ever.*

LEADER: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

ALL: *And his greatness is unsearchable.*

Psalm 145:1-3

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

SONGS

“How Great Thou Art”
“Indescribable”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Bill Nash** Spiritual Formation Consultant
- **Alan Judge** Ruling Elder
- **Jeremy McCoy** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Marcus Pope** Drums
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio/Slides
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible to expose our sin and invite us to repentance.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalms 19:1-6, 14

SONG

“This Is My Father’s World”

We talk honestly with our Father about our weakness, idolatry, and need for Him.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your Word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

God reminds us of his grace and forgiveness as the foundation of our relationship.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD” —and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 32:1,5

SONG

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS VIDEO

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Psalm 14:1-4

"Hasn't Science Disproven God?"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Indescribable"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

As you go, may you lift up your eyes and see God's handiwork in all creation and may your life reflect that beauty and declare the glory of God. May you live such a beautiful life that all who see you, will see your Creator and Redeemer, Jesus.

Based on Psalm 19:1-4 & 1 Peter 2:12



Following the Worship Service

Bill Nash will greet & pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

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

Adults and Youth: Gather in Connecting Spaces (exit sanctuary; turn right)

College: Gather in conference room in the Lodge across the street

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

Sermon Notes

A) Where to Begin (Ps 14:1-4):

Begin with your own heart, confess that you are often a _____, and surrender in a _____ of _____.

Knowledge has Three Aspects (Keller):

1. _____ - *rational/intellectual*

There are good _____ for it

2. _____ - *experiential/intuitive*

It fits with our inward _____.

3. _____ - *social/pragmatic*

We find a trustworthy community that _____ it too.

Unexpected Discoveries: Clues (Meyer):

1. A _____ - *Red Light*

2. A _____ Universe - *Entropy*

3. A _____ - *Code*

B) Where to Stay (Ps 14:5-6):

At the foot of the _____, seeing the beauty and wonder of God's _____.

Grace Group Questions (for fuller discussion guide, visit southwood.org)

1. Start With Yourself - Psalm 14 teaches that our deepest problem is not lack of knowledge but resistance to God's rule. *How does recognizing your own tendency to "play the fool" shape the way you respond to someone who says, "Science has disproven God"?*

2. Follow the Clues - The sermon pointed to three clues: a beginning, a finely tuned universe, and information in DNA. *Which of these clues do you find most compelling, and why?*

3. How Faith Grows - Faith involves Truth (good reasons), Relevance (personal experience), and Community (shared experience). *Which of these has most strengthened your faith, and which needs the most growth?*

Announcements

Joint Adult and Youth Connect Hour

Following the service, adults and youth will gather in the Connecting Spaces with Bill Nash as we continue our discussion on the question addressed in today's sermon. We will start by giving the floor to those with questions, hurts, or differing perspectives to share.

Summer Series Information

Our summer sermon and discussion series, "Thanks for Asking," continues Sundays through July 26, and focuses on some difficult questions many ask about God and faith. Cards sharing the schedule of questions are available in the Narthex and Guest Center to help you invite your friends and neighbors.

Worship Night Summer Songs & Sweets

Join us for Worship Night next Sunday at 6pm. We'll sing songs together in the sanctuary, then move outdoors for ice cream and other sweet treats. All ages welcome – invite friends and neighbors (Nursery is not provided). Visit southwood.org to sign up to bring sweet treats.

PCA General Assembly This Week

The annual meeting of our denomination is this week in Louisville, KY. Pray for the PCA as a whole and for Ruling Elder Skeets Simonis and Pastor Will Spink as they represent us there. All worship services and business sessions can be livestreamed at youtube.com/@pcageneralassembly1973/streams.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, June 21

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
6:30pm – No Sr. High-Life

Monday - Friday, June 22-26

PCA General Assembly - Louisville, KY

Wednesday, June 24

Junior High Return from The Edge

Thursday, June 25

2:00pm – Women's Grace Group
6:30pm – Women's Grace Group

Join us on God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Women's groups, men's groups, and coed groups meet throughout the week. Sign up to get connected at southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

Quarterly Budget Need is based on Southwood's historical giving patterns.

Apr-Jun Budget Goal: \$784,136
Apr-Jun Giving to Date: \$598,623

Last Week's Giving: \$21,997



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We seek the restoration of all creation in Huntsville and beyond. Ask that Holy Spirit would give us eyes to see new ways to love our neighbors during the summer months.

Pray for wisdom and generosity for our city's business leaders as they seek to lead and care well for their employees.

Ask God to bless the churches of Huntsville with unity, joy in Jesus, and a commitment to God's Word.

Specific Needs

Pray that God would bring eternal fruit in the hearts of kids from their experience at VBS this week.

Pray for Chris Schwab as he recovers from complications from an appendectomy a couple weeks ago.

Pray for Caitlyn Spink as she leaves for DC this weekend to begin her internship with One Voice Fellowship.

Pray for jr high students and leaders at the EDGE to deepen relationships with God and one another.

Praise God for Zack Blauwkamp's successful surgery last week and pray for his continued recovery.

Pray for the Harris and Bradshaw families as they have Jim's services this weekend.

Pray for Skeets Simonis and Will Spink as they attend PCA General Assembly.

Mission Partner Focus

Pray for our **Thailand Mission Trip Team** (Katie Cantonwine, Kelli Johnson, Heather Morris, and Clara Morris) as they travel to serve alongside Mission Partner Mint Sukanya, who serves women in Bangkok's red-light district through Gospel-centered relationships.

Pray for safe travels and that God would open their eyes to all He desires them to see and learn. Pray that those they meet would feel the love, encouragement, and prayers of Southwood. Also pray for deepened faith and strengthened relationship with Christ through their service.

Support the team by bringing travel-sized hygiene products for men (deodorant, shaving cream, body wash, shampoo, hand sanitizer) to the missions counter by July 5.

Senior Member

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Expectant Mothers

Claire Cox — July 2026

Rachel Johnson — July 2026

Kathryn Propst — July 2026

Emma Chambers — September 2026

Amber Colvard — September 2026

Alyshia Martin — September 2026

Hannah Platko — September 2026

Amy Dobrowsky — October 2026

Brantley Evans — October 2026

Ashlyn Everett — October 2026

Riley Brechin — December 2026

**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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