



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.

November 26, 2023
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM No Connect Hour

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

Thus Sabbath is about more than the external rest of the body; it is about the inner rest of the soul. We need rest from the anxiety and strain of our overwork, which is really an attempt to justify ourselves—to gain the money or the status or the reputation we think we have to have. Avoiding overwork requires deep rest in Christ’s finished work for your salvation (Hebrews 4:1–10). Only then will you be able to “walk away” regularly from your vocational work and rest.

Tim Keller

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God! It is he who made us, and we are his.

PEOPLE: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; praise his name!

ALL: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness continues to all generations.

Psalms 100

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

SONGS

“House of the Lord”
“Rejoice”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Jeremy McCoy** Announcements
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Leslie Ellis** Livestream
- **Wesley Chambers** Slides

Worship Service

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Our great Savior and King, too often we have been like Martha - busily distracted from you, even with many other good things. We have neglected to sit like Mary at your feet, listen to your words, and treasure your heart. Calm us, forgive us, renew us, Lord Jesus, by the power of your Spirit.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:18-20

SONG

"The Church's One Foundation"

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

BAPTISM

James Lancaster Stanfield, Jr.
Son of James and Brett Stanfield

SONG

"Jesus Loves Me"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

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

Worship Service

God speaks
to us from his
Word explained
and applied.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Matthew 11:25-30
"Finding Our True Rest"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

God sends us on
his mission with
his blessing.

BENEDICTION

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our
Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and
good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and
establish them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



Following the Worship Service

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

No Connect Hour today. Join us next Sunday, December 3.

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

Introduction (vs. 25-27)

1. An invitation (vs. 28)

2. The burdened (vs. 28-30)

3. The yoke (vs. 29-30)

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

1. What are the things that you find restful or relaxing? In what ways do they solve the problems, sins, and struggles you face in your life?

2. Sometimes we seem to move Jesus to a place where he could never understand our burdens, but how could Hebrews 4 (particularly 4:14-16) help us to find our rest in Jesus according to Matthew 11:28-30?

3. How does the fact that Jesus offers you an invitation help you fight against bootstrap theology? What is the yoke he offers to us? How does that yoke of the gospel help fight our inclination to work off the debt, guilt and stain of sin?

Announcements

Connect Hour

No Connect Hour today.

Adult Connect Communities

For the next two Sundays, December 3 and 10, Southwood elders will be sharing their own Stories of Grace in the adult Connect Community classes. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about your church leadership and hear how God is working in their lives. On December 17, all adults will gather in the Connecting Spaces for a casual Christmas celebration. Plan to bring a favorite Christmas treat to share.

Hark the Herald Southwood Sings!

Join us Sunday night, December 10, for this musical Christmas celebration for the whole church family. Help by sharing your favorite family Christmas pictures for a video for that night. Drop off pictures at the church office between 9am-5pm, Monday-Thursday, or email digital pictures to worship@southwood.org.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

On Christmas Eve, our regular worship service with Children's Moment begins at 9:30am. That evening, our traditional candlelight service with the Lord's Supper is at 6:00pm. Nursery is provided at both services.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, November 26

6:00am – Men's Fellowship
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – No Connect Hour
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, November 29

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:00pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm – Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Thursday, November 30

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

Join us in pursuing God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Sign up anytime at southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152



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Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at southwood.org.

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

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

Pray that the Lord would give us a spirit of contentment and thanks, especially in the “ordinary” things.

Pray for those for whom the holidays bring up hurt, loss, and despair, that God would hold them close and comfort them with his Spirit of power.

Pray for God’s blessing upon missionaries all over the world as they serve God this holiday. May they know God’s nearness, care, and peace this holiday season.

Specific Needs

Pray for our congregation and community as Thanksgiving and this holiday season presents unique emotional and physical stressors this year beyond the griefs and tensions many already experience.

Pray for safe travel, thankful hearts, and gospel opportunities as many spend time with family and loved ones this week.

Pray for the parents and kids in our city who will benefit from Santa’s Secret Shop and deepen their family relationships this holiday season.

Pray for peace and mercy in the ongoing wars in Israel, Ukraine, and other countries around the world.

Missions Partner Requests

All Saints Presbyterian Church

Matt Patrick, Pastor

All Saints is a church plant located in West Huntsville. One of their key values is hospitality, believing Christians are called to welcome others as God welcomes us through Christ. You can support the work of God at All Saints by praying for these requests.

Ask God to provide Matt with continued encouragement and energy to carry out and embody the values of All Saints.

Ask that God would provide paid childcare workers for Sunday morning worship for our children’s ministry (aka “Small Saints”).

Pray that we would have a rich season of Advent together as a congregation.

Senior Member

Bettie Murray

2414 Penn St. SW
Huntsville, AL 35801

Expectant Mothers

Libby Potts — December 2023

Beth Patton — February 2024

Lauren Taylor — May 2024

**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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