



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 5, 2023
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service
11:00AM Connect Hour

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“Don’t you think we ought to ask what Jesus’ view of the Scripture is? Isn’t his view the only view that counts? Just because I studied religion in graduate school, should I be the one who counts? Does it matter what the newspaper columnists think? Does it matter what the experts think? Let’s see what Jesus thinks!”

Tim Keller

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

ALL: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Psalms 117

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

PRAYER

SONGS

“How Great”
“God So Loved”

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Skeets Simonis** Ruling Elder
- **Kelli Johnson** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Wesley Chambers** Violin
- **Michael Babin** Acoustic Guitar
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Leslie Ellis** Livestream
- **Padyn Pearson** Slides

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe about God.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

You hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:23-26

SONG

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

SONG

"Come, Ye Sinners"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Here I Am To Worship"

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

John 5:30-47
"Bearing Witness"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Here I Am To Worship"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24



Following the Worship Service

Pastor Derrick 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

1. WITNESS #1: JOHN THE BAPTIST (JOHN IS A LAMP)
2. WITNESS #2: JESUS' WORKS AND GOD THE FATHER (JESUS IS THE LIGHT)
3. WITNESS #3: SCRIPTURE (JESUS IS GOD)
4. WITNESS #4: MOSES (MOSES IS A MESSENGER)

Why it matters: WORSHIP WITHOUT WITNESS IS NOT WORSHIP

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

1. What witnesses does Jesus offer as evidence that he is who he claims to be?
2. What are ways that you can “search the Scriptures for eternal life” yet not come to Jesus for life? What is the pathway back to finding true life in Jesus? How can your Grace Group be a part of spurring you on to find your life in Jesus?
3. Where do you have opportunities to bear witness about Jesus in your relationships outside of church with followers and non-followers of Christ? How can your Grace Group be a part of spurring you on to bear witness of God’s work in your life in other relationships? What do you think is the best first step to take towards bearing witness about Jesus in your relationships outside of church?

Announcements

Adult Connect Communities

TODAY following the worship service in our Connect Communities, Todd and Amy Gandy will teach on “The Meaning of Marriage” with adults under 45. Mark Baginski and Kevin Ellis will discuss Christian living in every season with *The Fight* by Dr. John White as a guide (ages 45+).

Thanksgiving Testimony Service with Feast and Fellowship

Join us in the sanctuary at 9:30am on Sunday, Nov 19, as we encourage one another with testimonies of thanksgiving and praise followed by food and fellowship. Bring a story of grace and a side or dessert to share!

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday!

Everyone is invited to be part of the adult choir for our annual Christmas event, “Hark the Herald Southwood Sings.” Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6pm; Event held December 10. Questions? Email dennis.baptiste@southwood.org.

Leadership Training Class - Module 3

All are invited to join us as we continue Leadership Training on “Shepherding” on Wednesdays from 6-8pm. This three-week module is a great way for anyone to learn more about caring for other people and is required for those interested in serving as officers, session advisors, or Grace Group leaders.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, November 5

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

Tuesday, November 7

9:00am – Presbytery (Decatur)

Wednesday, November 8

6:00pm – Leadership Class: Shepherding
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:00pm – Children’s Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study

Thursday, November 9

10:00am – Women’s Bible Study

Join a Grace Group! Sign up anytime at southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week’s Giving

\$30,178

Year to Date Giving

\$1,668,811



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out. Pray that we would increasingly love those who feel unloveable, even when it costs us.

Ask that Holy Spirit would stir our hearts to share the hope of Jesus with those we live around every day who don't know Him.

Pray for those in our city who suffer particularly during cold temperatures and winter weather.

Specific Needs

Pray for Lana Austin, who has been hospitalized this week while battling multiple serious health issues.

Pray for Landa Pennington as she is facing some heart complications while recovering from back surgery last week.

Praise God for the birth of Margaret Ann Everett to Bob and Ashlyn on Wednesday.

Pray for Pastor Will as he travels to India to learn from and minister with our partners at RIMI. This coming week he is teaching seminary classes and a youth conference.

Pray for relational fruit in the lives of our women from Saturday's lunch gathering and Gracie Clark's story of God's grace in her life.

Missions Partner Requests

Parakaleo - Denine Blevins

Parakaleo exists to see women and men follow Jesus to grow churches that bear lasting fruit. Our role in this big vision is to build gospel-based resilience and help women feel less alone in church planting. We serve planters' wives, female staff members, and other women playing supportive yet vital roles in church planting.

Praise God with us for a new season of ministry, with new curriculum launching in 2024 and a new website: www.parakaleo.us

Please pray for our new staff members: Program Coordinator Sarah (smooth onboarding); Operations Manager Angie as she balances work and family responsibilities; Denine's transition from full to part-time Executive Director as we move back to New York; Program Director Smita as she takes on some of Denine's roles.

Senior Member

Marie Hill

1314 Clinton Ave.
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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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