



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.

September 3, 2023
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“We are never more than poor beggars telling other poor beggars where there is bread.”

Unknown

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures ... and day and night they never cease to say,

PEOPLE: “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

LEADER: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

ALL: “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

Revelation 4:5-11

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

SONGS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
“Revelation Song”

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- Cathy Mayer Announcements
- Jacob Dumbacher Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Michael Babin Acoustic Guitar
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Padyn Pearson Slides
- Steve Long Livestream

Worship Service

We affirm our belief in Jesus' deity, power, and forgiveness.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 1:3

PRAYER OF DEPENDENCE

SONG

"Jesus, I Come"

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus, forgive us for so often remaining in the far country of our sin, distant from you, abiding in our own strength, when you have called us to repent, return home, and find rest in you.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ... The father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

Luke 15:19-24

SONG

"Just As I Am"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"The Wonderful Cross"

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 1:35-51
"Looking to Jesus"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Just As I Am"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6



Following the Worship Service

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

No Connect Hour following the service today. Join us next Sunday!

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

When Jesus called the first disciples, they...

1. Saw Jesus

How do you see Jesus?

2. Found Jesus

Do you find your identity in Jesus?

3. Showed others Jesus

Is Jesus compelling to you?

4. Were given a vision of God's glory

How does God's glory impact your hopefulness in life?

Grace Group Questions

1. How do we distort Jesus into the savior we want to see him as?
2. What are the false saviors we go searching for instead of Jesus?
3. The disciples in this story bring others to Jesus. What do you find compelling about Jesus that you would want to tell others about?
4. Jesus promises a bigger and more hopeful view of God's glory to Nathanael. How does the hope of the future encourage us? How does it guide our conversations with those who don't know Christ?

Announcements

Welcome to Southwood Class

Do you want to learn more about the heart of Southwood? Are you interested in connecting with the mission and people of our church family or pursuing membership? Join us during the Connect Hour (11:00am) starting Sunday, September 10. To sign up, email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

Adult Connect Communities

Next Sunday following the worship service our adult Connect Communities will begin new classes with Todd and Amy Gandy leading on "The Meaning of Marriage" and Mark Baginski and Kevin Ellis teaching a "Practical Guide for Christian Living."

Day of Prayer and Prayer Gathering

Join with us in our monthly Day of Prayer for our relationships with our neighbors Wednesday, September 6. This month we will gather together at 5pm in the Prayer Room.

Worship Night - September 17

Bring a friend and join us for an evening of music and community Sunday, September 17, 6pm. All ages are welcome!

Serving the Next Generation

We have opportunities to serve our kids this fall on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Please contact kim.delchamps@southwood.org if you are interested in getting more details on how you can join the team!

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, September 3

6:00am – Men's Fellowship
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – No Connect Hour (all ages)

Monday, September 4

Office closed

Wednesday, September 6

5:00pm – Day of Prayer/Gathering
6:00pm – LTC: Leadership Essentials
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:00pm – Kids Club
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Thursday, September 7

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

Become part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Sign up at southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$23,342

Year to Date Giving

\$1,319,759



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that God would show each of us in fresh ways our need for Him so that we would long for Him to be the Hero of our stories rather than ourselves.

Pray that our Grace Groups would be communities of prayer both for one another and for our neighbors.

Ask for each of us to be marked by a confident humility that comes from being dependent children of an extravagantly gracious Father.

Specific Needs

Pray for Adam and Lisa Elmore and their family in the death of their eight-month-old niece last weekend.

Pray for Drew and Taylor Bozeman as Taylor received her first chemo treatment this week.

Praise God for the birth of Virginia Anne Spooner to Stuart and Rosie last weekend.

Pray for Bettie Murray as she battles an ongoing UTI.

Pray for families and communities recovering from this week's storms across the Southeastern US.

Pray for our junior and senior high students and leaders as their weekly gatherings begin next week.

Missions Partner Requests

Reformed University Fellowship - RUF
RUF is the college ministry of the PCA, with chapters on 158 campuses nationwide. Through this ministry, students discover the love of Christ, find their significance in God's redemptive story, and engage in the life of His church. You can support RUF by praying for these requests.

Pray for the Campus Ministers as they seek to build healthy student communities that grow into and live out of the transforming grace of God in Christ.

Ask that God would bless and guide the Campus Staff members as they gather and shepherd college students on RUF campus.

Pray that new and returning college students would be open to hearing the Gospel and allowing God to work in the lives.

Senior Member

Sharron Hunter
10 Cedar Holly Lane
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Expectant Mothers

Amber Colvard — September 2023
Jessica Stroud — September 2023
Ashleigh Lewis — October 2023
Ashlyn Everett — November 2023
Libby Potts — December 2023
Beth Patton — February 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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