



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 12, 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

"Waiting is one of the great arts."

Margery Allingham

"Waiting time is not wasting time. Waiting patiently in expectation is the foundation of the spiritual life."

Henri Nouwen

"We are in hot haste to set the world right and to order all affairs; the Lord hath the leisure of conscious power and unerring wisdom, and it will be well for us to learn to wait."

Charles Spurgeon

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God.

PEOPLE: *It is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.*

LEADER: The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

PEOPLE: *He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.*

LEADER: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power.

PEOPLE: *His understanding is beyond measure.*

LEADER: The Lord lifts up the humble. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

ALL: *Praise the Lord!*

Psalm 147

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Nash Spiritual Formation Consultant
- Jeremy McCoy Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Winston Goodman Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Mae Watkins Slides

Worship Service

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

SONGS

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
“Everlasting God”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and death?

PEOPLE: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can all from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Heidelberg Catechism
Question 1*

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” But you were unwilling, and you said, “No! We will flee upon horses.”

Isaiah 30:15-16

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Isaiah 30:18

SONG

“His Mercy Is More”

Worship Service

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

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

God invites us to taste and see his goodness in the bread and cup that represent the body and blood of Jesus for us

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Lay Me Down"

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Hebrews 9

"You Are Here"

LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all those who trust in Jesus and are baptized members in good standing of any church that preaches the good news of Jesus to partake in the meal with us. Children not yet received as communing members or others not partaking today are encouraged to observe and/or ask an elder to pray with you after the service.

* Gluten-free bread is available in center front and back.

* Grape juice is in clear cups in the outer ring of each tray, while wine is in purple cups in the inner rings.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"His Mercy Is More"

BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-2



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: 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 the Nursery and upstairs

Sermon Notes

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

1. Where are you experiencing waiting right now, and what makes it difficult?
2. What would it look like for you to actively rest in Jesus—not just endure—during this season?
3. How does the promise of Jesus' return reshape the way you face your current waiting?

Announcements

Adult Connect Hour

Following the service, Pastor Bill Nash continues a course on walking with Jesus (Room B). Other Connect Communities continue, including "The Alt. Gospel: Why Good News Needs No Substitute," "The Gospel of Mark," and "The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah."

Men's Dinner and Dialogue

Bring a friend and join us Thursday, April 16, 6-8pm in the Lodge, to enjoy relationships and hear some of our vision for men following Jesus together in community.

Worship Night April 19

Join us for Worship Night and our new album release, Sunday, April 19, at 6pm. All ages are welcome to this casual and joyful time of praise. Nursery (0-3) provided. Invite friends and wear your t-shirts!

2026 High School Graduates

If you have a graduating senior (and haven't already been contacted for info), we'd love to include your son or daughter on our list! Please email kim.delchamps@southwood.org.

Vacation Bible School

Make plans to attend Rainforest Falls VBS! Start with family dinner and worship June 14. The fun continues with VBS June 15-18. Volunteers and kids register at southwood.org/kids.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 14

6:00pm – Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

Thursday, April 16

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups
6:00pm – Men's Dinner & Dialogue

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: \$722,092
Apr-Jun Giving to Date: \$63,417

Last Week's Giving: \$63,417



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.

Ask that we would grow in seeing the image of God in others so that we treat one another and our neighbors with the value God gives each of us.

Pray for relationships marked by love, honesty, and trust between parents and kids at every stage of life.

Ask for boldness and intentionality in workplace and neighborhood relationships - that we might share the hope of Christ with those regularly in our lives.

Specific Needs

Pray for Jonathan Sumner in the death of his father last weekend.

Pray for Kellie Jo Snyder as she continues to recover from knee replacement surgery.

Pray for this weekend's Women's Retreat to be a rich time of spiritual growth from abiding in Christ and connecting with one another.

Pray for Sue Urban as her oxygen levels improve at a rehab center.

Praise God for the marvelous images of his creation from the Artemis II mission supported by many in our community.

Pray for protection of life and advance of the gospel in Iran in these difficult days.

Mission Partner Focus

Hope City Church

Hope City Church is being planted in the inner city of Huntsville to bring gospel hope to a community facing significant challenges. With a vision to reach the unchurched, de-churched, and those exploring faith, Hope City seeks to be a Christ-centered community where people from all backgrounds can belong, grow, and experience transformation. Rooted in discipleship and intentional outreach, they are serving northwest Huntsville with compassion and conviction. Join us in praying for:

Faithfulness and growth in bi-weekly Sunday evening prayer gatherings.

Wisdom and impact as Amos disciples young men (ages 10–21).

Protection and spiritual strength for Amos and his family.

Endurance and unity as the church takes root in the community.

Senior Member

Sandy Newby

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Expectant Mothers

Megan Craig — May 2026

Claire Cox — July 2026

Rachel Johnson — July 2026

Kathryn Propst — July 2026

Emma Chambers — September 2026

Alyshia Martin — September 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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