



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.

December 15, 2024
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

“Christmas and the incarnation mean that God went to infinite lengths to make himself one whom we can know personally.”

Tim Keller, *Hidden Christmas*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

ALL: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:10-14

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

SONGS

“Angels We Have Heard On High”
“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- The Jackson Family Advent Reading
- Kelli Johnson Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Kristin Symon Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Padya Pearson Slides

Worship Service

God reminds us
from his Word
of his promises
to his waiting
people
centuries ago.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE READING

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord. ... The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ... They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1-10

SONG

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

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

BAPTISM

Victoria Susan Compton

Daughter of Pete and Sarah-Nell Compton

SONG

“Away in a Manger”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Luke 2:13-14

“Someone to Sing About”

K-1st grade may join Kids Worship after Children’s Moment.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

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 6:24-26



Following the Worship Service

Pastor Will 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

Introduction: Christmas Carols

Bottom Line: Singing marks the first Christmas and highlights God in his ...

1. _____

2. _____

Application: Come and _____ – Stay and _____ – Go and _____

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

1. What is your favorite Christmas carol, and what does it highlight about the glory and/or grace of God?
2. How would you explain the connection between God's glory and grace, especially in terms of Christmas?
3. What is one specific way you hope to follow the lead of the shepherds in wonder, worship, or witness at the Christ of Christmas?

Announcements

Christmas Adult Connect Hour Today

All adults gather in Room D following the worship service for an Advent-themed study led by David Clark.

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Join us at 6pm for our traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Lord's Supper. This is a special time of celebration for the whole family. Nursery provided. To volunteer in the nursery, please email kim.delchamps@southwood.org.

2025 Bible Reading Plan

Beginning January 1, we will embark on another journey through God's Word together. We'll use "The One-Year Chronological Bible 365-Day Reading Plan" in an effort to grow our understanding of the historical context and order in which biblical events unfolded. Learn more at southwood.org/about-us.

Express Grace Conference

Save the date for our annual Express Grace Conference, January 25-26, where we talk about our "Motives for Mission" and focus on serving alongside our local community development partners.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, December 15

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

6:00pm – Journey Kids' Christmas

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

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

Oct-Dec Budget Need: \$1,117,132

Quarterly Giving To Date: \$512,973

Last Week's Giving: \$81,316

Year-End Giving Info

Year-end gifts postmarked or received by Dec. 31 will be accounted toward 2024. There is a fixed and secure drop box outside the office entrance for tithe and donation drop-off purposes when the office is closed. Questions? Email melissa.patterson@southwood.org.



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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

We seek the restoration of all creation in Huntsville and beyond.

Ask that God's promises of coming renewal and restoration during the Advent season would give us hope for the future and strength to live for his kingdom today.

Pray for those in our congregation and community struggling with dissatisfaction at work, job transition, and job loss.

Ask for God's fresh blessing on the city of Huntsville, our leaders and our neighbors, spiritually, economically, and relationally.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the wedding of Southwood member Sam Snyder and Farrah Cole this weekend and pray for their new life together.

Praise God for the wedding of Southwood member Mary Pate Hardy and Daniel Morgan this weekend and pray for their new life together.

Praise God for a new foster child joining David and Lyndsay Abel and their family and pray for all of them as they get to know one another.

Pray for deepening relationships among our children's ministry groups and a growing grasp of the Savior born at Christmas as our kids celebrate this season together.

Missions Partner Requests

Alex & Suzanne Sarran in Lyon, France
The Sarrans have been involved in full-time ministry since 2001, the year they were married. Alex pastors The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lyon, France, where Suzanne helps lead the women's ministry and choir. The church is an important source of Gospel teaching in a spiritually dark city. You can support the Sarrans by praying for these requests.

Pray for the Sarrans as they grieve the sudden loss of a dear friend and fellow missionary in France.

Ask God to send a sense of peace and hope to the church in Lyon as they celebrate the advent season.

Pray that the Christmas outreach last weekend would bear fruit, and that new people would visit the church and hear the gospel.

Senior Member

Clayton and Nanette Morgan
443 Jasmine Dr.
Madison, AL 35757

Expectant Mothers

Sarah Riley — Feb 2025
Lydia Moore — Feb 2025
Amy Dobrowansky — May 2025
Caroline Jewell — June 2025

**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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