



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 28, 2025
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

“The gospel says you are simultaneously more sinful and flawed than you ever dared believe, yet more loved and accepted than you ever dared hope.”

Tim Keller

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

PEOPLE: *Your righteousness is like the highest mountains your justice like the great deep.*

LEADER: You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

PEOPLE: *How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!*

Psalm 36:5-7

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

SONGS

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
“God So Loved”

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Wayne Bucknor** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Wesley Chambers** Violin
- **Mark Chambers** Acoustic Guitar
- **Newt Johnson** Bass Guitar
- **Marcus Pope** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream

Worship Service

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8-12

SONG

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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

BAPTISM

Annie Caroline Hatfield

Daughter of Hayden and Lily Hatfield

SONG

"Doxology"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free"

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

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Mark 12:28-34

“Understanding God’s Love”

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

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

“The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free”

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

II Corinthians 13:14



Following the Worship Service

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

No Connect Hour today or next Sunday. Connect Hour resumes January 11 with our Annual Congregational Meeting for Adults and Youth in the Sanctuary and Kids Connect (birth-5th grade) classes in the Nursery and upstairs.

Announcements

Connect Hour Schedule

No Connect Hour today or next Sunday. On Sunday, January 11, Adults and Youth gather in the Sanctuary for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

2026 Bible Reading Plan

Beginning January 1, we will embark on another journey through God's Word together. We'll use "The Two-Year Bible Reading Plan" as we seek to slow down and engage prayerfully as we read God's Word. Learn more at southwood.org or scan this QR Code:



2026 Prayer Resource

As an aide to us in slowing down to talk with God as we read his Word, Southwood leaders have written daily prayers inspired by Scripture readings for that day. The booklet for January is available in the Narthex or Guest Center as well as on our website on the reading plan PDF. Please pick one up and enjoy time with our Father in 2026!

Women's Grace Groups

Many of our groups resume meeting Wed, Jan 7 (6:30pm) & Thurs, Jan 8 (10am with childcare), studying the Old Testament. New women welcome! Sign up at southwood.org/grace-groups.

Welcome to Southwood Class

Save the date for our next welcome class, starting Sunday, Jan 18, 11am.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, December 28

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

Thursday, January 1

Office Closed
Two-Year Bible Reading Plan Begins

Deacon/Finance Update

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

Oct-Dec Budget Goal: \$1,182,675
Oct-Dec Giving thru Dec 14: \$508,135

Year-End Giving Info

Year-end gifts postmarked or received by Dec. 31 will be accounted toward 2025. 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.



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

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

Ask that Holy Spirit would protect those in our community harmed by the cold weather and help us to grow in loving our neighbors well.

Pray for our global mission partners as they trust God's provision at the end of the year and continue to share the good news of Christmas around the world.

Ask for wisdom for Huntsville's mayor, city council, and other leaders as they manage a growing community in this next year.

Specific Needs

Pray for God to bring eternal impact from our relationships with family and friends over the holiday season.

Pray that our Bible Reading Plan would help us hear God's voice clearly and connect our hearts to Him more deeply in the coming year.

Pray for dependent and expectant hearts as we look forward to God's financial provision for Southwood at the end of the year and take joy in being a part of that kingdom stewardship.

Mission Partner Focus

Great Plains Gathering

Founded in 2011, Great Plains Gathering exists to see hope and peace flourish among Native people in Billings, MT through the gospel. Built on prayer, friendship, and trust, the church has grown into an authentic, multicultural worshiping community that reflects both its local context and God's heart for reconciliation. Today, Great Plains Gathering continues to foster belonging, community, and a sense of family in Christ.

Pray for their families, that the Lord would bring comfort, hope, and renewed strength amid discouragement and depression.

Pray for those who are coming to faith, that they would be rooted in God's grace and experience steady spiritual growth.

Pray that God would sustain the congregation in faithfulness, anchoring them in His promises.

Senior Member

Sue Urban

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Expectant Mothers

Libby Potts — January 2026

Rosemary Spooner — February 2026

Krista Fenton — February 2026

Ashleigh Lewis — March 2026

Amanda Tatum — March 2026

Megan Craig — May 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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