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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.

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**February 15, 2026**  
**8:45 AM** Prayer Gathering  
**9:30 AM** Worship Service  
**11:00 AM** Connect Hour

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# Worship Service

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

## MEDITATION

“Arise, my soul, arise,  
shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice,  
in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands;  
My name is written on His hands.  
He ever lives above,  
for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.  
My God is reconciled;  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And ‘Father, Abba, Father,’ cry.”

Charles Wesley

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

*ALL: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever; his faithfulness continues to all generations.*

*Psalm 100*

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
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio/Slides
- Andrew Foreman Livestream

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We tell God about our hurt today and our trust in Him to fix all that's broken.

## **RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF FAITH AND HOPE**

**LEADER:** O Christ, thank you for delivering us from the fear of death. Thank you for being our merciful and faithful High Priest. Just as sin once reigned over us in death, now, O God, let grace reign over us, through righteousness, to bring eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*PEOPLE: Act swiftly, O Christ!*

**LEADER:** Haste that day when your kingdom has not merely broken into this broken world, but is at last fully realized among us, complete, present, and irresistible. Haste that day when your will is carried out as presently and perfectly on this oft-wounded earth, as it is in your eternity!

*PEOPLE: Haste that day, O Lord!*

**LEADER:** Haste that day when there will be no more desecration of your good gift of life; no more breaking of fellowships and communions; no ingrown, clutching hearts or greedy, grasping hands.

*PEOPLE: Haste that day, O Lord!*

**LEADER:** Haste that day when those who sow in sorrow reap their joyful harvests. Haste that day, O God, when all sad endings are finally ended. When to love another person no longer presupposes an eventual passage through pain, and death, and tears, and separation.

*PEOPLE: Haste that day, O Lord!*

**LEADER:** Destroy the works of death, O Christ. Tear down this deathly kingdom for all time. And in its place, plant glad, eternal cities, plant good, eternal gardens, that nourish and delight, producing joy, reflecting love, sustaining life.

*ALL: Destroy death forever. Let death finally die. For you, our Christ and King, are the resurrection, and the life. Amen.*

adapted from *Every Moment Holy*

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

## **PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

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# Worship Service

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

## SONG

"Jesus Paid It All"

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace"

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

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Hebrews 4:14-16

"Draw Near the Throne of Grace"

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"Before The Throne of God Above"

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 the Nursery and upstairs

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# Sermon Notes

## Introduction: Why Would I Need a Priest?

1. What Do We \_\_\_\_\_?: Jesus as Priest

- \_\_\_\_\_ (4:14)

- \_\_\_\_\_ (4:14)

- \_\_\_\_\_ (4:15)

2. So What Do We \_\_\_\_\_?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (4:14)

- \_\_\_\_\_ (4:16)

## Conclusion: Why Would I Miss this Priest?

### **Grace Group Questions** *(for fuller discussion guide, visit [southwood.org](http://southwood.org))*

1. How do you think about approaching God – it's natural and normal or distant and difficult? What does your prayer life tell you about how close you feel to God?

2. What aspect of Jesus as our high priest in this passage makes Him most "great" in your mind? Why does it matter to you that He has been tempted as we have?

3. What would it look like for you to draw near to God with confidence more often? How would it change your life if you lived more in his presence?

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# Announcements

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## New Adult Connect Hour Classes

Today we begin new classes in our adult communities, where we connect with one another around God's Word. Classes include "The Alt. Gospel: Why Good News Needs No Substitute" (age 18-39 in Room E) with Dave Clark, Bob Carroll, Ben Stark, and Wesley Chambers; "The Gospel of Mark" (age 40-59 in Room D) with Mark Baginski, Vinit Mahesh, George Mayer, and Sam Brunson; "The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah" (age 60+ in Room A) with John Foreman, Kelli Johnson, and Jake Roth.

## Missions Trip Interest Meeting

If you are interested in a missions trip to Thailand this July, please join us for a meeting immediately following Connect Hour next Sunday, Feb 22, in Room A.

## Women's Retreat Registration

Registration is now open for our Women's Retreat, "Overflow: Abiding & Abounding" with guest speaker Katie Caldwell, April 10-12 at The Vision Retreat Center. To register and get more information, visit [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).

## Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars and register for our Rainforest Falls VBS! Kickoff dinner: June 14; VBS: June 15-18, 9am-noon. Together we'll step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, where kids experience God's greatness and love and grow deep roots in relationship with Him as their safe place in every storm. Volunteers & kids register at [southwood.org/kids](http://southwood.org/kids).

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, February 15

8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
11:00am – Communicants Class  
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

## Wednesday, February 18

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

## Thursday, February 19

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

*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](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

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

Jan-Mar Budget Goal: \$722,092  
Jan-Mar Giving to Date: \$247,731

**Last Week's Giving:** \$58,106



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

**Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).**

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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

**We are committed to being Christ-centered.**

Pray that the glory, majesty, and grace of Jesus would consume all of our thoughts, dreams, and pursuits.

Ask that we would live sacrificially before a watching world, so others will witness the value of knowing Jesus in our lives.

Pray for fervent love for our neighbors that springs from the pursuing love Christ has shown to us.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Dave and Hallie Porter as they care for their son, Ben, his wife, Emma, and their twins, who were born Wednesday at 27.5 weeks.

Praise God for Cam Burley's completion of his radiation treatments and continue to pray for his recovery from prostate cancer.

Pray that we would continue exploring ways to use the gifts God has given each of us in service of our church and neighbors.

Pray for our Connect Communities as they begin a new season of learning and growing together and for our teachers as they prepare to lead.

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## Mission Partner Focus

**Mint Sukanya** serves in Bangkok, Thailand, sharing the hope of Jesus with women in the red-light districts through outreach, relationship-building, and gospel-centered job opportunities. Her ministry reflects the truth that every person is created in God's image with dignity, worth, and purpose, and that all are invited into His redeeming kingdom. Please pray for continued healing, open hearts, and lasting transformation through her work.

Interested in our upcoming mission trip to Bangkok? Join the interest meeting next Sunday, February 22, to learn more about how you can be involved.

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## Senior Member

### Eileen Sessions

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## Expectant Mothers

**Rosemary Spooner** — February 2026

**Ashleigh Lewis** — March 2026

**Amanda Tatum** — March 2026

**Megan Craig** — May 2026

**Rachel Johnson** — July 2026

**Kathryn Propst** — July 2026

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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### **Southwood's Mission**

Southwood exists to experience and express grace in relationships that impact eternity.

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### **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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