



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.

January 12, 2025
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

“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in Thee.”

Augustine of Hippo

“This restlessness is the second most precious thing in the world, since it is the means to the only good that is even greater than itself, namely, the rest that comes only in God. Our homelessness, our alienation, our misery, our confusion, our lover’s quarrel with the world— this is our greatest blessing, next to God Himself.”

Peter Kreeft

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

PEOPLE: *I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.*

ALL: *Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?*

Psalm 77:11-13

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

SONGS

“Holy Is the Lord”

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Cathy Mayer Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Wesley Chambers Violin
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Caitlyn Spink Slides

Worship Service

We affirm our trust in the God who has always shown grace to us.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Ephesians 1:3-4

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

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:7-10

SONG

"Tabernacle"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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

Selected Passages
"Being Holy"

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

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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 the Connecting Spaces

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: Our “Why”

* Being holy means being God’s.

1. _____ for God (Psalm 100:3, John 17:3, Isaiah 43:7)

“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in Thee.” – Augustine of Hippo

2. _____ for God (Ephesians 1:4, Colossians 1:22, I Peter 2:9-10)

*“What is the fundamental nature of the Church? To belong to God. ... Those who are the God-possessed by virtue of their new life and relationship to God are also holy. If we belong to a holy God, we are inherently involved in His holiness by virtue of that relationship.”
– Jack Miller*

Application: The Challenge of our “Why” in 2025

Conclusion: Holy People at the Holy Table with the Holy God

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

1. How do you put your “why” in your words? What’s the purpose for which you exist?
2. Do you think of yourself as “holy”? If not, does the Bible say you should? What does or would it mean to you to be holy?
3. What is at least one area of your life (time, relationship, resources, etc.) you need to reexamine in light of being holy to God? How could someone else pray for you or help you in that self-examination?

Announcements

Adult Connect Hour - TODAY

Adults gather in the Connecting Spaces to discuss why God has us here with Pastor Will. Bring questions!

Express Grace Conference

Join us 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. Sign up for where to serve Saturday morning and what to eat Saturday night on our website!

Grace Groups Sign-ups

It's a great time to connect in Grace Groups! Learn more about Grace Group opportunities and signup at southwood.org.

2025 Bible Reading Plan

Our daily reading plan started a few days ago. It's not too late to join us! We are using "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 or scan this QR Code:



Grace Groups at Huntsville Havoc

Join the Southwood Family at the Havoc game February 16. Worship team will sing the national anthem. Get tickets now through our website.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, January 12

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
12:00pm – Sr. High Youth Parents Mtg
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, January 14

1:00pm – Brookdale Place Grief Group
6:30pm – Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

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.

Jan-Mar Budget Need: \$558,565

Last Week's Giving

\$39,221



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

Experience and Express Grace

Pray that we would increasingly rejoice in the amazing grace of our Heavenly Father and delight to spend time with Him reveling in it.

Ask that God would deepen the bonds in our church family as those who are united by his grace.

Pray for our relationships with our neighbors to be marked by grace and the offer of eternal hope rather than by judgment and condemnation.

Specific Needs

Pray for Greg Ray as he continues treatment in recovery from his stroke.

Pray for Nina Cash as she battles significant back pain and seeks treatment where they live in Alaska.

Pray for our elders and other leaders as they meet Tuesday night to pray for us and shepherd us toward Christ.

Pray for those in our community struggling to stay warm in the winter weather this weekend.

Missions Partner Requests

Express Grace Missions Conference

On January 25 & 26, Southwood will host its annual missions conference.

We will learn more about our Community Development partners and hear messages about Motives for Missions from guest speaker, Pastor Ben Porter. Please help us prepare for this event by praying for these requests.

Pray that God would bless and guide our guest speaker as he prepares to share with us during the conference.

Pray for our congregation, that we will be open and ready to learn what God has to teach us about mission through this conference.

Ask that God would order our steps as we complete the planning for this event.

Senior Member

Elaine Hill

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Expectant Mothers

Gabriela Graniel — Jan 2025

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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