



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.

July 20, 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

“Through being in Christ, we come to know God as our Father, which also means coming to know his people as our brothers and sisters. Being part of the people of God is not some optional in-app purchase we can choose to make after we’ve already become Christians. Being in Christ means being part of others who are also in him. We don’t get him without them.”

Sam Allberry, *One With Our Lord*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God.

PEOPLE: *It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

ALL: *For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Psalm 100

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

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Taylor Bozeman** Story of Grace
- **Cathy Mayer** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Julian Newsome** Drums
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Kim Watkins** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream
- **Padyan Pearson** Slides

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Apostles' Creed

SONG

"The Church's One Foundation"

We share with one another of God's work in our lives.

STORY OF GRACE

SONG

"In Christ Alone"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Trust In You"

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 17:20-21
"Loneliness Isn't the End"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"In Christ Alone"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



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

1. Jesus prays for lonely hearts to be _____ to God's original design of _____.

2. Jesus prays for his church to be a _____ for the lonely—a preview of _____.

WHY IT MATTERS: Loneliness isn't the end of the story. Jesus is.



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Biblical Affirmations.

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

1. How does Jesus' prayer in John 17 show us God's heart for union and belonging?
2. What does it mean for the church to be a "preview of heaven" and a "home for the lonely"? Share a time when you have seen or experienced that kind of community.
3. What is one way you sense God inviting you to create space for others who feel lonely?
4. In what ways does the cross of Jesus give you hope for your loneliness or the loneliness of others?
5. What would it look like for you to "cry out to the Father in the chaos" this week?

Announcements

Connect Hour for Adults – Kingdom Prayers: Across the Street and Around the World

Join us we gather in smaller groups to lift up our youth mission team in St. Louis, our local mission partners, our global mission partners, and God's work in Huntsville and beyond. It's a time to pray intentionally, listen expectantly, and join our hearts to what God is doing both near and far. Come ready to pray, connect, and be part of God's movement in our city and across the world.

Compassionate Service Training

Starting Tuesday, July 22, 6-8pm, Southwood will host mission partner Cornerstone Initiative's free 4-week training for everyone seeking to engage with poverty, people, and purpose. Let's learn, wrestle, and grow together – toward a more faithful and effective response to poverty and loving our neighbors. Register at <https://bit.ly/L59ufG>.

Officer Nominations

Southwood members may nominate individuals for the office of Elder or Deacon today (and any day!) at southwood.org. Please prayerfully consider those you would encourage to serve in leadership roles in our church.

Lost and Found Items

Check tables near the Guest Center for items you may have left at church. Items remaining after today will be donated.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, July 20

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
6:30pm – Summer High-Life

Tuesday, July 22

6:00pm – Compassionate Service

Thursday, July 24

2:00pm – Women's Bible Study
6:00pm – Summer Jr. High-Life

Saturday, July 26

St. Louis Mission Team Returns

Join us on God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Women's groups, men's groups, and mixed-gender groups meet throughout the week. Sign up to get connected to any of these groups at southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

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

Jul-Sep Budget Need: \$558,565

Jul-Sep Giving to Date: \$88,556

Last Week's Giving

\$40,243



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Prayer Guide

Sermon Series Focus

Union With Christ

Ask that our bond in Christ would deepen our love for our brothers and sisters in his family with us.

Pray for grace to see ourselves - our identity, our value, and our purpose - first and foremost in our relationship with God.

Ask Holy Spirit to bear fruit in the lives of our friends and neighbors as we abide in Christ and overflow with his joy in our lives.

Specific Needs

Pray for our St. Louis Mission Team (Henry Davison, Bill Harritt, Katherine Jones, Kadee Kelley, Haven Kelley, Anna Marie Leistner, Caleb Lowe, Elisha Lowe, Esther Lowe, Caitlyn Spink, Mae Watkins) as they serve with our partners at New City Fellowship - West End.

Pray for Bud Smith as he anticipates another back procedure on Monday.

Pray for the Compassionate Service training starting Tuesday night to be a help and encouragement in loving our neighbors well.

Pray for God's blessing on the Korean-speaking Presbyterian church plant meeting at Southwood starting Sunday afternoon.

Missions Partner Requests

RUF at the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) - James Jardin, Kelly Murphree, and Skye Greene

RUF is the campus ministry of the Presbyterian Church, with almost 200 chapters on campuses around the world. Through the ministry of RUF, students discover the love of Christ, find their significance in God's redemptive story, and engage in the life of his church. Pray for RUF at UAH.

Pray for safety, encouragement, and vision as the team travels to Denver to join leaders from across the country for RUF's national training.

Pray for James and his family as they move from Kentucky to Huntsville. Ask for provision, peace, and community as they settle into their new home and ministry.

Pray for the hearts of incoming and returning students, especially freshmen, as they take their next steps into college life. Ask the Lord to draw them to Himself and provide meaningful connection through RUF.

Senior Member

Alma Huston

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Expectant Mothers

Amelia Daniels — August 2025

Hannah Atkins — September 2025

Kaitlyn Young — October 2025

Myra Duarte — November 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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