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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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**March 2, 2025**  
**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.

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

## MEDITATION

“Christian exultation in God begins with the shamefaced recognition that we have no claim on him at all, continues with wondering worship that while we were still sinners and enemies Christ died for us, and ends with the humble confidence that he will complete the work he has begun. So to exult in God is to rejoice not in our privileges but in his mercies, not in our possession of him but in his of us.”

John Stott

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

PEOPLE: *Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep;*

LEADER: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

PEOPLE: *The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

LEADER: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

PEOPLE: *For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.*

LEADER: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

ALL: *“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”*

Psalm 36, Lamentations 3

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Joe Novenson Guest Preacher
- Jeremy McCoy Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Jonathan Ellis Slides

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# Worship Service

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

God speaks to us through the Bible as we have our anxious hearts pointed to rest in Him.

## SONGS

“How Great Thou Art”  
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### SONG

“The Lord Will Provide”

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

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

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Father, how often we forget that every good gift we have is from your kind and faithful hand. Forgive us for thinking our own power and the strength of our own hands have provided what we need. Give us fresh delight in being your children, united to your Son, indwelt by your Spirit.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

### SONG

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

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# Worship Service

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"Who You Say We Are"

*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

Proverbs 11:30

"Remember Who You Are"

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"Who You Say We Are"

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 Sanctuary for a combined class with Joe Novenson.

**High-Life Connects:** Jr./Sr. High classes in the Lodge across the street

**Kids Connect:** Birth-5th grade classes in Nursery and upstairs

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## Sermon Notes

Christian ...

1. You have a stunning identity!
2. Your identity has a stunning cause!
3. Your identity moves you to stunning behaviors!

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

1. Do you think most days your view of your own identity in God's kingdom is too big or too small? What does God think of who you are?
2. How is it possible that you are "righteous" even when you don't feel that reality? How should this impact our hearts?
3. Where has God called you to "capture souls"? What other priorities that are less "wise" would you need to reorder to focus on this mission?

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## Announcements

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### Adults Combined Classes Today!

Adults gather together in the Sanctuary today following the worship service for a combined Connect Hour where we get to interact with and hear more from Guest Preacher Joe Novenson.

### Women's Retreat - Register Today

The Southwood Women's Retreat will be March 28-30 at the beautiful Guntersville State Park lodge. Visit [southwood.org](http://southwood.org) to sign up for this special opportunity to focus on relationships with God and one another.

### Vacation Bible School

Yee Haw! Save the date for Vacation Bible School, June 8-11, and hold on to your hat; we've got some fun surprises in store!

### On-Call Nursery Volunteers

If you are willing to serve as an "on-call" volunteer for our nursery children (whether you already serve in the nursery or not), we'd love to hear from you and add you to our list! Email [kids@southwood.org](mailto:kids@southwood.org).

### Need Prayer?

We consider it a great privilege to bring one another before the throne of grace. Our elders in particular love to pray with you, so join us Sunday mornings at 8:45am or let us know of a need at [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org).

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### This Week @ Southwood Sunday, March 2

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

### Wednesday, March 5

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

### Thursday, March 6

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 mixed-gender groups meet throughout the week. Sign up to get connected to any of these groups 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 Need: \$558,565

Jan-Mar Giving to Date: \$318,219

### Last Week's Giving

\$45,558



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 Commitments

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Pray that time alone with our Heavenly Father would become as vital to our lives as it was to the life of Jesus.

Ask Holy Spirit to give us eyes for the needs around us that we might be eager to pray with others.

Pray for our children to learn the power of prayer in their own lives and through watching us pray with and for them.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Landa Pennington to have encouragement as she recovers from a fall and surgery for a broken wrist.

Pray for Sara House as she recovers from surgery for thyroid cancer this week.

Pray for fruit from our Officers Retreat this weekend - that our leaders would grow in their relationships with God and one another.

Pray for Bettie Murray as she processes the emotions of selling this week the house she and Charles purchased 65 years ago.

Pray for those in our community facing uncertainty and anxiety to know the sure and certain hope of the steadfast love of God.

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## Missions Partner Requests

**One Voice Fellowship - Chris and Naomi Sicks**

*A service at this gospel-centered church in Alexandria, Virginia, includes sermon translation, prayer, and singing in 18 languages. The people of One Voice declare God's glory among the nations right in their own neighborhood, full of people from all around the world. Learn more at [onevoicefellowship.org](http://onevoicefellowship.org). You can support One Voice by praying for these requests.*

Pray that they would see growth towards their vision of being a church that glorifies God as "a light for the nations—so that all the world may be saved." (Isaiah 49:6).

Ask God to give their ethnically diverse staff and congregation spiritual unity in Christ.

Pray for strong financial support to supplement the gifts their members are able to provide.

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## Senior Member

**Julie Miller**

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## Expectant Mothers

**Amy Dobrowansky** — May 2025

**Caroline Jewell** — June 2025

**Lily Hatfield** — June 2025

**Amelia Daniels** — August 2025

**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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