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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 29, 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

“Without ceasing, there streams forth from (Jesus) to the Father the prayer of His love for everyone, and every need of those that belong to Him; His very person and presence is that prayer, so closely and inseparably is He identified with those He calls His brethren.”

Andrew Murray

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’ ”

ALL: *“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”*

from Matthew 21

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

## SONGS

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”  
“Doxology”  
“Hosanna”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Wesley Chambers Violin
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Aaliyah Hodges Vocals
- Kristin Symon Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Padyn Pearson Slides

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# Worship Service

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We affirm together what we believe about God's deserving of our praise.

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**LEADER:** Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

*PEOPLE: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!*

**LEADER:** Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

*ALL: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!*

Psalm 150

## **SONG**

"Psalm 150"

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

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Silent Confession

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

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

## **SONG**

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

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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

"Hosanna"

*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 7:23-28

"What's Jesus Doing Today?"

### SONG OF RESPONSE

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

### BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26



## Following the Worship Service

Pastor Will will greet & 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:** A Disinterested or Disappointed God?

**Bottom Line:** Today ... Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ for you before the throne of God.

1. On what \_\_\_\_\_ does He make his case for me?
2. How \_\_\_\_\_ will He continue representing me?
3. How \_\_\_\_\_ is He at bringing me to God?

**Conclusion:** Our \_\_\_\_\_ Representation vs. Jesus

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

1. When you are struggling with sin, doubts, or sadness, do you tend to draw closer to God or more distant? How do you think God feels toward you in your weakness?
2. In what ways or situations do you find yourself “representing yourself” before God? How would hearing Jesus praying on your behalf change your perspective?
3. What is most wonderful to you about Jesus’ ability to save you “to the uttermost”? Read Hebrews 2:10-17 with 7:26. What is most wonderful to you about your Savior?

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## Announcements

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### Spiritual Formation Class Today

Following the service, Pastor Bill Nash will begin a 6-week course on walking with Jesus (Room B). Other Connect Communities continue, including "The Alt. Gospel: Why Good News Needs No Substitute," "The Gospel of Mark," and "The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah."

### Easter Week Services

Join us for our Easter services this week as we focus on the Seven Sayings of Christ from the Cross on Maundy Thursday at 6pm with Lord's Supper and Good Friday at 3pm. Easter Sunrise Service (outdoors) is at 6am and Easter Worship at 9:30am.

### "Southwood Worship!" T-Shirts

Our Worship Team is excited about the release of an album entitled "Southwood Worship!" Join the celebration by wearing a celebratory t-shirt during Worship Night Sunday, April 19, at 6pm.



Scan the QR code to purchase by April 3.

### Men's Dinner and Dialogue

Join us and bring a friend Thursday, April 16, 6-8pm in the Lodge to hear some of our vision for men following Jesus together in community.

### Women's Retreat April 10-12

Visit [southwood.org](http://southwood.org) by April 3 to register for our retreat at The Vision.

### Vacation Bible School

Register for our Rainforest Falls VBS! June 15-18, 9am to noon. Volunteers & kids register at [southwood.org/kids](http://southwood.org/kids).

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, March 29

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

## Wednesday, April 1

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life  
6:30pm – No Women's Grace Groups

## Thursday, April 2

10:00am – No Women's Grace Groups  
6:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service

## Friday, April 3

3:00pm – Good Friday Service

*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: \$564,528

**Last Week's Giving:** \$29,641



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 recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.**

Ask that God would make us people who love to talk with Him and find it as natural and needful as breathing.

Pray that we would learn childlike faith from our kids and bring the smallest needs we have to our Father who loves to hear from us.

Ask God to make our leaders faithful in prayer as they remember how Jesus even prays for them day by day.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Ray Sheppard as he recovers from ACL surgery this week.

Pray for Cynthia Mann, who is hospitalized after a fall and being monitored for heart issues.

Pray for the kids helping with our Palm Sunday service to know the joy of King Jesus coming to save them.

Pray for the Brady family as they grieve the loss of Ron and celebrate his life at services this weekend.

Pray for our young people wrapping up Communicants Class and considering their relationship with Jesus and his Church.

Pray for our Easter Week services and for the family, friends, and neighbors who will attend with us.

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## Mission Partner Focus:

### Seth and Jessica Lewis - Ireland

Seth and Jessica are beginning their 17th year in Ireland, where God has grown their church from 7 adults meeting in a Bible study to a family of 60 who care deeply for one another. As Irish culture shifts and many communities lack a clear gospel witness, they continue partnering with local churches in church planting, outreach, and Bible training. We praise God for providing land for a future church building and trust Him for what's ahead.

Pray that God would sustain and encourage them as they continue leading and shepherding a growing church family.

Pray the church community would continue to grow not only in number but in deep, Christ-centered relationships, caring for one another through every season of life.

Pray for the construction of their new church building and that the space would become a strong, lasting gospel witness in the community.

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## Senior Member

### Marie Hill

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## Expectant Mothers

**Megan Craig** — May 2026

**Claire Cox** — July 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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