Southwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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.

November 1, 2026
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

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. ...
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46:1-3, 7

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

LEADER: They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty — and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

ALL: They tell of the power of your awesome works — and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Psalm 145:1-7

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

SONGS

"Our God Is Greater"
"Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death"

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Marcus Pope** Drums
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Kim Watkins** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Lance Cooper** Livestream
- **Padyn Pearson** Slides

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe about Jesus as our source of comfort now and forever.

PROFESSION OF FAITH
QUESTION: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

ANSWER: That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

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

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION
So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:11-16

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

1 Timothy 4:15-16

SONG
"Cornerstone"

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG
"Holy Forever"

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
Revelation 6
"The First Six Seals"

SONG OF RESPONSE
"Holy Forever"

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 & pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God & 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

Sermon Notes

Seals 1-4: The "Four _____ of the Apocalypse" (6:1-8)

Seal 1:

Seal 2:

Seal 3:

Seal 4:

Key Question: Will you look to Jesus in your suffering?

Seal 5: _____ under the Altar (6:9-11)

Key Question: Would you die for Jesus?

Seal 6: All Creation _____ in Fear (6:12-17)

Key Question: Will you run to Jesus for refuge?

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

1. How do modern Americans view suffering? What makes you uncomfortable about God's sovereignty in suffering? Where else besides Jesus do you look in suffering?

2. How does the martyrs' prayer encourage you? Would it be harder for you to give your life as a martyr or to live a sacrificial life of dying to yourself for decades?

3. Are you confident about where you stand in the day of God's wrath if it were today? For whom are you praying and looking for an opportunity to point to Jesus as refuge?

Announcements

Adult Connect Community Classes
Today following the service:
"Spiritual Formation" (Room E)
"The Gospel and Work" (Room D)
"1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude" (Room A)
"Welcome to Southwood" (Room B)

Women's Luncheon - November 7
Southwood women (16 and up) are invited to gather at the Lodge this Saturday, November 7, for a time of food, fellowship, and friendship. Enjoy a hot soup lunch, and hear AC Harris share about her journey with Jesus. Register at southwood.org by November 2 to attend this free event.

Santa's Secret Shop Toy Drive
For the next two Sundays, November 8 and 15, we will be collecting toys for Santa's Secret Shop, a ministry of local mission partner Second Mile Development. You can bring toys to the sanctuary or order from their Amazon wishlist to deliver directly: https://bit.ly/SecSanList26

Lunch, Life, & Scripture Wednesday
Bring lunch and join Pastor Derrick for conversation about how the Bible speaks into everyday life. We meet this Wednesday, Nov 4, 11:45am-1:00pm in the Connecting Spaces.

November Prayer Resource Available
As an aide to us in slowing down to talk with God as we read his Word, Southwood leaders have written daily prayers inspired by Scripture readings for that day. The booklet for November is available in the Narthex or Guest Center as well as on our website on the reading plan PDF.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, November 1
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
11:00am – Welcome to Southwood
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, November 4
11:45am – Lunch, Life, and Scripture
6:00pm – Shepherding Training Class
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

Thursday, November 5
10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

Saturday, November 7
11:30am – Women's Luncheon

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 through the week. Sign up to get connected at southwood.org/gracegroups.

Deacon/Finance Update

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

Oct-Dec Budget Goal: $1,174,628
Oct-Dec Giving to Date: $137,233

Last Week's Giving: $17,857

Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.
Ask for God's direction of our kids as they build life-long friendships that impact their relationship with Him.

Pray that the Church of Jesus Christ would be a refuge of real relationship in a lonely and disconnected culture.

Ask God to bring healing and reconciliation in fractured relationships between family members and friends.

Specific Needs

Pray for Stephanie Pearson as she visits the Mayo Clinic this week for help developing a treatment plan for an auto-immune liver disease.

Pray for faith, endurance, and hope for the persecuted Church around the world as Sunday is a day set aside internationally for this focus.

Pray for Greg Ray as he has been hospitalized this week and is awaiting test results.

Pray for unity, respect, and love in our nation as we approach Tuesday's elections across the country.

Pray for the churches of Providence Presbytery as leaders gather Tuesday in Decatur.

Mission Partner Focus

Second Mile Development serves neighborhoods, strengthens schools, and empowers families by connecting people to the love of Jesus. One special way they serve families is through Santa's Secret Shop, where parents can purchase new toys at significantly discounted prices, preserving their dignity and allowing them the joy of providing Christmas gifts for their children. Southwood can help in two ways:

Volunteer to sort and price toys:
https://bit.ly/SecSantaVolunteer26

Purchase toys from Amazon Wishlist:
https://bit.ly/SecSanList26

Pray for Second Mile as they build Christ-centered relationships with families.

Pray that Santa's Secret Shop would bless families and provide dignity, joy, and hope this Christmas.

Pray that God would use this ministry to share the love of Jesus throughout the community.

Senior Member

Dorothy Dutcher
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Expectant Mothers

Katelyn Welch — November 2026
Riley Brechin — December 2026
Jessica Sheppard — March 2027

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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