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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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**November 10, 2024**  
**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

“The ultimate root of the final hope of men lies in the love of the Father for the Son, that is, in the eternal relationship of love which is thus seen to be of the essence of the Holy Trinity.”

C.K. Barrett

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

*PEOPLE: for his steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of gods,

*PEOPLE: for his steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

*PEOPLE: for his steadfast love endures forever;*

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

*ALL: for his steadfast love endures forever.*

from Psalm 136

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

## SONGS

“Father, Long Before Creation”

“God So Loved”

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Michael Babin** Vocals
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Steve Long** Livestream
- **Amanda Tatum** Slides

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# Worship Service

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We talk to God about his worth and our needs, as Jesus taught us to pray.

## **PRAYER OF PRAISE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

### **PRIVATE CONFESSION**

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

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

## **SONG**

"The Love of God"

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

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY SONG**

"Before the Throne of God Above"

*Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory.*

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# Worship Service

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 17:24-26  
"The Glory of Love"

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.*

## SONGS OF RESPONSE

"The Sands of Time Are Sinking"  
"Before the Throne of God Above"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 24-25



### 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 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 Nursery and upstairs

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# Sermon Notes

**Introduction:** How does God feel about you?

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Love

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Love

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Love

**Conclusion:** The Glory of God's Eternal Love

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

1. How would you answer someone who asked you how God feels about you? Does your answer vary depending on how you're feeling or performing recently? Should it?

2. What images or aspects of heaven most make you long to be there: wedding supper, new city in new heavens and new earth, with the Lord forever, etc.?

3. How often are you overwhelmed by God's love for you? Do you ever feel overwhelming love for Him without first feeling his love for you? How can his love for you shape your life more?

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# Announcements

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## Adult Connect Hour

Adult gatherings today following the worship service: The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry (Room D, Alan Judge) and Romans: God's Plan for Your Life (Room A, Kevin Ellis and Mark Wolfson). Next Sunday after worship, adults and youth will gather for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

## Santa's Secret Shop Toy Drive

Today through next Sunday, let's collect toys for Santa's Secret Shop, a ministry of mission partner Second Mile Development. Bring toys to the sanctuary or order from their Amazon wishlist. Learn more at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).

## Thanksgiving Service & Feast

Join us in the sanctuary at 9:30am, Sunday, Nov 24, as we encourage one another with testimonies of thanksgiving and praise! We will feast together after the service. Meat will be provided. Bring a story of grace and a side or dessert to share!

## Hark the Herald Southwood Sings!

Invite friends and join us at 6pm, Sunday, December 8, for this musical Christmas celebration for the whole family.

## Upcoming Marriage Conference

Our sister church, Valley PCA in Madison, is hosting a marriage conference on November 15-17. This would be an excellent local opportunity to invest in your marriage at any stage. More info & registration at [valley-madison.churchcenter.com](http://valley-madison.churchcenter.com).

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, November 10

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

### Tuesday, November 12

1:00pm – Grieving Together@Brookdale  
6:30pm – Session Meeting

### Wednesday, November 13

3:30pm – Bible Study@Fleming Farms  
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life  
6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

### Thursday, November 14

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](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### Last Week's Giving

\$59,555



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 strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out.**

Ask God to make us a church family that loves well those who are lonely, especially the older members of our flock.

Pray that God would make us a community where the materially poor feel safe, welcomed, and valued.

Ask that Holy Spirit would stir our hearts to share the hope of Jesus with those we live around every day who don't know Him.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for longtime members and mission partners Justin and Alanna Huston as they transition back to the US from Ireland this week.

Praise God for the marriage of Southwood members Wesley Chambers and Emma Anders last weekend and pray for their new lives together.

Pray for God to bring fruit in our relationships with Him and with one another from the men's and women's events this Saturday.

Pray for our elders as they meet Tuesday to pray and plan for our church.

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## Missions Partner Requests

### Second Mile Development

*This ministry serves Huntsville's Terry Heights and Hillandale neighbors by providing several programs: The 29:11 Story, Pride for Parents (including the Neighborhood Store and the Baby Thrift Store), Second Mile Preschool, and Parent Initiative. This month, Southwood will collect toys for Santa's Secret Shop. You can support Second Mile by praying for these requests.*

Pray that we would receive funding to help underwrite the Second Mile Preschool.

Ask God to ease the struggles that many of our Second Mile Preschool families face each day.

Please pray for one young lady in The 29:11 Story program who is struggling in her home life.

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## Senior Member

### Marie Hill

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## Expectant Mothers

**Sarah Riley** — Feb 2025

**Lydia Moore** — Feb 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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