



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 16, 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

“God’s people do not need to be powerful culturally or in power politically to be obedient to him and accomplish his purposes in the world. All they need to do to glorify him and join the great sweep of redemptive history is to be faithful to the One who has called them by his own name.”

Kathy Keller

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help.”

PEOPLE: *You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.*

All: Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

Psalm 30:10-12

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

SONGS

“How Firm a Foundation”
“House of the Lord”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

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

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible to remind us of the home, the city, where He awaits us.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:13-16

SONG

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

We talk honestly with our Father about our weakness, idolatry, 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. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2:24-25

SONG

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Worship Service

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

K-1st grade may join Kids Worship after Children's Moment.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Nehemiah 8

"The Voice of Restoration"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"How Firm a Foundation"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

Now 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 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

Sermon Notes

Introduction: Blessing _____ and _____

1. The _____ of Restoration: God's City with _____

2. The _____ of Restoration: People in _____ with God

* Shaped by God's _____

- Moved to _____

- Full of _____

- Heard by the _____

- Committed to _____

- Faithful in _____

3. The Ongoing _____ for Restoration: Then and Now

Conclusion: Restoration _____ - God _____ Blessing

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

1. What have you learned about the God who rescues and restores his people to relationship with Himself that impacts how you live, relate to Him, or hope for the future?

2. What "voices" tend to speak loudly in shaping who you are and how you approach your life and the world around you?

3. In what ways do you best find yourself "under" God's Word? What might it look like to hear God's voice more clearly or regularly? What impact would that have in your life?

Announcements

Adult Connect Communities

Today following the service:

Ages 18-39: Rm E, Gospel and Work with Lance Cooper, Thomas and Laura Davison;

Ages 40-59: Rm D, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude with Kevin Ellis, Julie Blauwkamp, and Heather Morris;

Ages 60+: Rm A, Ephesians with Alan Judge, Kevin Jones, and Bill Nash

Thanksgiving Service - Next Sunday!

For this year's Thanksgiving service next Sunday, we are coordinating the sharing ahead of time. So, if you have a testimony of thanksgiving you'd like to share, please let us know soon at worship@southwood.org. We will feast together after the service. Meat will be provided. Bring a side or dessert to share!

Christmas Carols and Cookies

Don't miss our Christmas musical celebration Sunday, Dec 7, at 6pm.

Loving Our Neighbors

In addition to our normal partnership with Second Mile's Santa's Secret Shop this year, we are also helping two other local partners meet increased needs during this challenging season. Through next Sunday, we are collecting gifts, pantry products, and infant products here in the sanctuary. Details in the Prayer Guide or on our website.

Let Us Know Your Needs!

If you are experiencing or anticipating financial challenges in this season, please let our deacons know today at spc.benevolence@gmail.com.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, November 16

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, November 18

6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, November 19

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

Thursday, November 20

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 coed groups meet throughout the week. Sign up to get connected at southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

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

Oct-Dec Budget Goal: \$1,182,675

Last Week's Giving

\$46,918



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

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

Pray that God would give us hearts that work and sacrifice to be where Jesus is - with those others push aside.

Ask that the Holy Spirit would give the aroma of grace to our lives among those who do not know Jesus.

Pray that the children in our church and community would have opportunities to develop their faith during the upcoming holiday season.

Specific Needs

Pray for Cam Burley as he prepares for treatment for recently diagnosed prostate cancer.

Pray for Frank Six as his health declines and for Pat as she cares for him.

Pray for AC Harris in the death of her grandmother, Elaine Looney, who attended Southwood in recent years.

Praise God for the end of the government shutdown and continue to pray for those facing additional needs at this time.

Pray for our kids who are serving Sunday to see more of their place in Christ's Church.

Pray for Vicki Richardson as she prepares for upcoming hip replacement surgery.

Missions Focus This Week

Loving Our Neighbors Well

Let's come alongside our local ministry partners to care for families in need this season. We've had the joy of supporting Second Mile's Secret Santa Project for many years, and we're continuing that tradition along with helping meet increased needs at Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center and Huntsville Assistance Program. Through next Sunday, we're collecting:

For HPRC: *Diapers (all sizes), wipes, Enfamil Infant Formula (yellow) and Enfamil Gentlease Formula (purple).*

For HAP: *Small peanut butter, jelly, cereal, ramen noodles, mac and cheese, canned fruit, condensed soup/chicken noodle, dried rice.*

For Second Mile: *Secret Santa gifts for kids and families. Wishlist available.*

Give generously, if you're able, and share Christ's compassion this season.

Senior Member

Julie Miller

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Expectant Mothers

Myra Duarte — November 2025

Anna Cowles — November 2025

Libby Potts — January 2026

Rosemary Spooner — February 2026

Krista Fenton — February 2026

Ashleigh Lewis — March 2026

**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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