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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 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.

## MEDITATION

“When we stop surrendering to God, we start trying to take control.”

Lysa TerKeurst

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

## 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; man and beast you save, O Lord.*

LEADER: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

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

LEADER: For with you is the fountain of life.

*ALL: In your light do we see light.*

Psalms 36:5-9

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

## SONGS

“How Great Is Our God”  
“Shout to the Lord”

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Susan Long** Story of Grace
- **Cathy Mayer** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Nick Walker** Bass
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Marcus Pope** Drums
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream
- **Jonathan Ellis** Slides

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# Worship Service

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God speaks to us through the Bible to tell us how vital it is for us to trust Him.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

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. *Selah*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.  
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.  
"Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

Psalms 46

We tell God how much we need Him and long to depend upon Him more.

## PRAYERS OF DESPERATION, DEPENDENCE, AND TRUST

### SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

We share how God is at work in and through our lives.

## STORY OF GRACE

### SONG

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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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

"Isaiah 43"

*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

Daniel 3:14-30

"Refuge in the Fire"

### SONG OF RESPONSE

"How Great Is Our God"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

### BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24



## Following the Worship Service

Pastor Derrick 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

1. Refuge \_\_\_\_\_

*The Garden We Still Long For*

2. Refuge \_\_\_\_\_

*The Ache of Dislocation*

3. Refuge \_\_\_\_\_

*The Miracle of God's Presence*

4. Refuge \_\_\_\_\_

*The Refuge Forever*

### Why It Matters:

Refuge isn't about \_\_\_\_\_ — it's about \_\_\_\_\_.

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

1. How was the world of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego like our world day?
2. Where do you see the “idols” of our world asking us to bow down today?
3. In what ways are you tempted to build your own version of safety instead of resting in God's refuge?
4. How do Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego show us the power of spiritual community? Who has stood with you in your fire?
5. One day, the fires will go cold, and God will dwell with His people again. What part of that final restoration gives you the most hope right now?

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# Announcements

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## 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;

## Women's Luncheon - This Saturday!

Ladies (ages 16+), don't miss our fall Women's Luncheon, 11am-12:30pm this Saturday in the Lodge. Our own Gretchen McKee will share her story. Please RSVP by Wed, Nov 5, at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).

## Thanksgiving Service Testimonies

Our special service of thanksgiving this year will be on Sunday, Nov. 23. We are coordinating the sharing ahead of time this year. So, if you have a testimony of thanksgiving you'd like to share, please let us know soon at [worship@southwood.org](mailto:worship@southwood.org).

## Children's Ministry Volunteers

Have you been praying for an opportunity to impact the next generation for Jesus or serve the families of Southwood? We have several roles you can fill with our children's ministry, including teaching or childcare positions. To learn more, email [kids@southwood.org](mailto:kids@southwood.org).

## 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](mailto:spc.benevolence@gmail.com).

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, November 2

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

### Tuesday, November 4

9:00am – Presbytery in Decatur

### Wednesday, November 5

6:00pm – Kids Club

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

### Thursday, November 6

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

### Saturday, November 8

11:00am – 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 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.*

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

## Last Week's Giving

\$28,424



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 strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out. 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 and long for hope.

Pray that we would increasingly love those who feel unloveable, even when it costs us.

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

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Misty Anderson and her many family and friends who continue to grieve through services this weekend for Mark, Lainey, and Ellie.

Praise God for our sister church, All Saints PCA, who will celebrate their particularization Sunday morning in their new worship space.

Pray for several Southwood members who are recovering at home from various surgeries this week.

Pray for Pastor Adam Venable and his family as they move to Virginia this weekend.

Pray for next Saturday's Women's Luncheon and for Gretchen McKee as she prepares to share of God's work in her life.

Pray for Tuesday's Presbytery meeting in Decatur and for the churches of our Presbytery across North Alabama.

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## Missions Partner Requests

### Child Evangelism Fellowship

*CEF is a worldwide, Bible-centered ministry dedicated to evangelizing children with the Gospel, discipling them in God's Word, and connecting them to Bible-believing churches. Through programs like the Good News Club and 5-Day Club, held in schools, homes, and community spaces, CEF reached over 29 million children last year. Their vision, Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day, drives their work to bring the Gospel to every child, everywhere. CEF equips and trains believers to share the Gospel effectively, providing curriculum, devotionals, and evangelism tools. With the support of volunteers and donors worldwide, they continue to expand their reach, trusting God to provide workers and resources. Join us in supporting CEF as they faithfully bring the Good News to children and train the next generation to follow Jesus.*

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## Senior Member

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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](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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