



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 23, 2025
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Thanksgiving Service
11:00 AM Thanksgiving Feast

Worship Service

We contemplate who God is and who we are as we gather to worship.

MEDITATION

“Gratitude is the current of the river of Grace. The giving of thanks is the only logical response one can have to a forgiveness and a holiness that are totally undeserved. By nature of the fact that grace is a gift, there is nothing one can do but receive it and be thankful for it.”

John Fischer

God welcomes us into his presence and reorients our hearts to Him and each other as we consider many reasons to give Him thanks.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

PEOPLE: *His steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of gods.

MEN: *His steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

WOMEN: *His steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: To him who alone does great wonders.

Age Under 19: *His steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: To him who by understanding made the heavens.

Age 19-35: *His steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: It is he who remembered us in our low estate.

Age 36-49: *His steadfast love endures forever.*

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Caitlyn Spink Slides

Worship Service

LEADER: And rescued us from our foes.

Age 50-64: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: He who gives food to all flesh.

Age 65 and Up: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

ALL: His steadfast love endures forever.

We express the worth of our God and the emotions of our hearts to Him as we thank Him for his grace in our lives.

SONGS

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“Give Thanks”

SHARING OF THANKSGIVINGS

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

SONG

“Doxology”

We give to God from all He has blessed us with.

OFFERTORY SONG

“Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood”

Worship Service

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

God invites us to taste and see his goodness in the bread and cup that represent the body and blood of Jesus for us.

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Psalm 103

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

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.*

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Bless the Lord”

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 and pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for our Thanksgiving Feast in the Connecting Spaces following the service. Please know we would love for all of you to stay, whether you brought food or not – there is plenty to share! Remember to pick up nursery kids prior to attending the feast.

Passages from 2025 Sermon Series

So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one."

- John 18:3-9

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

- John 19:28-30

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- John 20:30-31

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

- Galatians 2:20

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- Colossians 3:3-4

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them.

- Genesis 1:27-28

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

1. Why does the Bible so often tell us to "remember" or "not forget" things about God? How have you "forgotten" in your life even something you knew to be true?
2. What is one truth about who God is and has shown Himself to be that you are personally thankful for right now?
3. As you consider the Lord's Supper, how does the relationship with God secured at the cost of Jesus' life that is pictured there move you specifically to thanksgiving?

Announcements

Thanksgiving Feast After Service

Whether you came planning to stay or not, please stay with us following the service for a Thanksgiving meal together. Food will be served in the Connecting Spaces and hallways, and tables are set for you in the adult classrooms. You are also welcome to eat outside, if you prefer!

Christmas Carols and Cookies!

Invite friends and join us at 6pm, Sunday, December 7, for this musical Christmas celebration for the whole family.

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Join us on Christmas Eve at 6pm for our traditional candlelight service with the Lord's Supper. Nursery provided (ages 0-3).

Global Christmas Greetings

This Christmas, bless our international mission partners with global greetings, a card or note of encouragement. Names and addresses are available on the Missions Counter in the Connecting Spaces. You can mail your card with three stamps or drop it off in the Missions Mail Drop at the church by Sunday, December 7. Let's share the joy of Christ across the globe!

Upcoming Connect Hour Schedule

Today: Thanksgiving Feast
Sun, Nov 30: No Connect Hour
Sun, Dec 7: Christmas Class & Grace Group Leader Training
Sun, Dec 14: Christmas Discussion
Sun, Dec 21: Christmas Party
Sun, Dec 28: No Connect Hour

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, November 23

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Thanksgiving Feast
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wed - Fri, November 26-28
Office Closed

Thursday, November 27
Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

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
\$25,317



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

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

Pray that we will be bold and gracious with opportunities to speak of Jesus to unbelieving family and friends during the upcoming holidays.

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

Pray that those rejected by others would find a gracious welcome in our church family.

Specific Needs

Pray for Nell Skidmore as she recovers from a fall that injured her head.

Pray for Pat Six in the death of her beloved husband, Frank, last weekend.

Praise God for the birth of Madelyn Reese Cowles to Dan and Anna last weekend.

Pray for Vicki Richardson as she undergoes and recovers from hip replacement surgery.

Pray for 7-week-old Theodore Young to gain weight and remain healthy.

Pray that our Thanksgiving service, Thanksgiving feast, and partner drives would turn our hearts toward God, one another, and our neighbors.

Missions Partner Requests

Downtown Rescue Mission

The Downtown Rescue Mission serves the least, the lost, the lonely, the littlest, and the left out, meeting people where they are. More than a homeless shelter, DRM provides meals, emergency services, medical care, and hope through faith-based programs. Men and women receive practical help and encouragement as they rebuild their lives, discover God's love, restore relationships, and reconnect with society. Through Christ-centered programs, DRM helps individuals overcome hunger, homelessness, addiction, and abuse, pointing them to the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Please join us in praying for the mission. Pray for volunteers and meals for those in need this holiday season. Pray that the lost and left out would find comfort in our Savior and that the peace and hope of Jesus Christ would be clearly seen and received by those searching.

Senior Member

Alma Huston

2800 Day Circle SW
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Expectant Mothers

Myra Duarte — November 2025

Libby Potts — January 2026

Rosemary Spooner — February 2026

Krista Fenton — February 2026

Ashleigh Lewis — March 2026

Amanda Tatum — 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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