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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 3, 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

“Let us suppose ... that a king was betrothed to a beautiful wife, whose picture was sent to him before he himself saw her. But when she set out on her journey to him, she fell sick of some loathsome disease, such as the smallpox or leprosy. But suppose that he knew before she came to him that she should be restored to her first primitive beauty. ... For he himself would be her physician, the only one who could cure her and restore her to her first perfect beauty, which he know he could and should do. Thus he would show all love and peace toward her, even though her disease was loathsome, in full hope of her recovery. This is the case between Christ and the church.”

Thomas Goodwin

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**PEOPLE:** *Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

**ALL:** *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

Psalm 100:1-4

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

## SONGS

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”  
“Lord, I Need You”

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Adam Venable** Story of Grace
- **Kelli Johnson** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Bass Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Kim Watkins** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer/Kaitlyn Young** Audio
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream
- **Caitlyn Spink** Slides

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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.

## **SONG**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

We encourage one another by sharing of God's gracious work in our lives.

## **STORY OF GRACE**

## **SONG**

"The Church's One Foundation"

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

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY SONG**

"Jesus, With Thy Church Abide"

*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 17:20-23  
"Unity"

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus, With Thy Church Abide"

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 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:** Jesus still prays for us!

1. The Source of Christian \_\_\_\_\_

\* One Timely Application: Unity on Tuesday

2. The Result of Christian \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:** Jesus still unifies us!

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

1. When have you especially experienced unity with fellow believers who were otherwise very different people from you? What made that possible?
2. Share several things that are specifically Christian (Christ-centered) things to feel about our nation this week that do not include who to vote for.
3. What does Jesus' repeated prayer for our unity show us about his heart for us and for the world? Is Christian unity or your neighbor's relationship with Jesus as important to you as it is to Him?

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# Announcements

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## Adult Connect Hour

Adult gatherings following the worship service: The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry (Room D, Bill Nash), Romans: God's Plan for Your Life (Room A, Kevin Ellis and Mark Wolfson), and Welcome to Southwood (Room B, Will Spink).

## Women's Luncheon - Saturday!

All women are invited to gather at the Lodge this Saturday, November 9, 11am-12:30pm, for a time of fellowship and encouragement. We will have lunch and hear from Southwood member Taylor Bozeman. Register by November 6 at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).

## Southwood Mountain Men - Saturday!

All Southwood men are invited to a gathering at Blevins Gap Landtrust parking lot on Saturday, November 9, at 7am. We will enjoy breakfast and learn about spending time with Jesus and growing relationships with Him.

## Santa's Secret Shop Toy Drive

For the next two weeks, we will be collecting toys for Santa's Secret Shop, a ministry of mission partner Second Mile Development. You can bring toys to the sanctuary or order from their Amazon wishlist. Go to [southwood.org](http://southwood.org) for more information.

## 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!

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, November 3

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

### Tuesday, November 5

9:00am – Presbytery Mtg @ Decatur

### Wednesday, November 6

6:00pm – Kids Club  
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life  
6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

### Thursday, November 7

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

### Saturday, November 9

7:00am – SW Mountain Men  
11:00am – Women's Luncheon

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## Deacon/Finance Update

Join us on Sunday, November 17, following the worship service for our annual Congregational meeting. Together we'll reflect on the 2024 budget that ended September 30 and look forward to the 2025 budget, which began October 1.

## Last Week's Giving

\$35,202



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.**

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

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

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

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Tracy Bogdanovich as she recovers from knee surgery this week.

Pray for Ken Comer in the death of his brother this week.

Pray for Abby Porter's emotional and physical healing as she is released from the hospital after a car accident.

Pray for Nelda McCoy as she recovers from abdominal surgery.

Pray for Faith Community church plant as they host a neighborhood cookout this evening.

Pray for our nation as we approach Election Day on Tuesday.

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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. Support The Neighborhood Thrift Store by praying for these requests.*

Pray that we can find someone to join our staff as a full or part-time driver.

Ask God to provide donations of clothing and housewares to stock our store.

Pray for generous donations of funds or toys for Santa's Secret Shop this Christmas season.

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## Senior Member

### Alma Huston

2800 Day Cir. SW  
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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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