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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 9, 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

“If the point of work is to serve and exalt ourselves, then our work inevitably becomes less about the work and more about us. Our aggressiveness will eventually become abuse, our drive will become burnout, and our self-sufficiency will become self-loathing. But if the purpose of work is to serve and exalt something beyond ourselves, then we actually have a better reason to deploy our talent, ambition, and entrepreneurial vigor—and we are more likely to be successful in the long run, even by the world’s definition.”

Tim Keller, *Every Good Endeavor*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

PEOPLE: *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:16-17

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

## SONGS

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”  
“Come, Thou Fount”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Amanda Tatum Slides

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# Worship Service

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God speaks to us through the Bible to remind us He loves to care for our needs.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:26-34

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

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19

## SONG

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SONG

"Goodness of God"

*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

Esther 4:11-17

“Living with God in a Godless World”

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.*

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“Goodness of God”

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

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# Sermon Notes

**Introduction:** Living in \_\_\_\_\_

1. Where Is \_\_\_\_\_? (Silent Sovereignty)

God is always ...

- \_\_\_\_\_ his Promises
- \_\_\_\_\_ his People
- \_\_\_\_\_ his People

2. Where Has God Placed \_\_\_\_\_? (Bold Faithfulness)

We must always be ...

- \_\_\_\_\_ (“For such a time as this”)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (“Hold a fast”)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (“If I perish, I perish”)

**Conclusion:** Father to us, Son for us, Spirit with us

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

1. When have you most felt the challenge of living in exile, being distant from God, or suffering for your faith?
2. What are specific ways we can remember the sovereign presence and activity of God in a world that often assumes his absence or inactivity?
3. Where are you praying for the Spirit to empower you ... to be more boldly expectant? ... to remember your dependence upon God? ... to be willing to sacrifice for Him?

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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

## Thanksgiving Service

For this year's thanksgiving service, Nov 23, 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](mailto: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

Save the date for our Christmas musical, Sunday, Dec 7, 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. The next two Sundays 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](mailto:spc.benevolence@gmail.com).

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, November 9

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

### Tuesday, November 11

6:30pm – Session Meeting

### Wednesday, November 12

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

### Thursday, November 13

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](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

\$52,607



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

Pray for our brothers and sisters around the world whose lives are in danger each day for the sake of the Gospel.

Ask for a renewed sense of our own desperate need that would make us more grateful for and eager to extend grace.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for those in our church family and community facing particular challenges due to the ongoing government shutdown, and pray for our national leaders to reach resolution.

Pray for fruit from Saturday's Women's Luncheon in the hearts of individuals and in relationships among our women.

Pray for unity and wisdom for our elders as they gather Tuesday night to pray and plan for our church.

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## 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. For the next two Sundays, we're collecting:

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

**For HAP:** *Dry beans, rice, cereal, bar soap, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, noodles, crackers, ramen, mac and cheese, and soup.*

**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.

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## Senior Member

### Nancy Unks

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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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