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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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**October 18, 2026**

**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.

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

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

## MEDITATION

"I am well satisfied it will not be a burden to me at the hour of death, nor be laid to my charge at the day of judgment, that I have thought too highly of the Lord Jesus Christ or labored too much in commending and setting Him forth to others, as the Alpha and Omega, the Lord our righteousness, the sufficient atonement for sin, the only Mediator between God and men, the true God and eternal life."

John Newton

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures ... and day and night they never cease to say,

PEOPLE: *"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"*

LEADER: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

ALL: *"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

Revelation 4:5-11

## SONGS

"All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name"  
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Kelli Johnson Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio/Slides
- Leslie Ellis Livestream

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## Worship Service

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God speaks  
to us through  
the Bible to  
expose our sin  
and invite us to  
repentance.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

LEADER: He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

*ALL: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.*

Isaiah 53:4-7

### SONG

“Agnus Dei”

We talk honestly  
with our  
Father about  
our idolatry,  
brokenness, and  
need for Him.

### PRIVATE CONFESSION

God reminds us  
of his grace and  
forgiveness as  
the foundation of  
our relationship.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalms 103:8-12

### SONG

“Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood”

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# Worship Service

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

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

God sends  
us on his  
mission with his  
blessing.

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERTORY SONG**  
“Is He Worthy?”

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**  
*K-1st graders may join Kids Worship after Children’s Moment.*

**PREACHING OF THE WORD**  
Revelation 5  
“The Lion-Lamb”

**SONG OF RESPONSE**  
“Is He Worthy?”

**BENEDICTION**  
“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and  
ever!”  
Revelation 5:13

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by  
his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and  
Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.  
Amen.  
Revelation 1:5-6



**Following the Worship Service**  
Pastor Will will greet & pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God & 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 the Nursery and upstairs

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## Sermon Notes

History-Shaping Question: Who is \_\_\_\_\_?

What makes John \_\_\_\_\_?

Eternity-Shaping Answer: The \_\_\_\_\_

What makes Jesus \_\_\_\_\_?

Life-Changing Application: What do I do with my tears?

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

1. What in our world today or in your life anytime would most make you weep if you knew it could never be set right? How do your prayers reflect your longing for Jesus?
2. Do you tend to think of Jesus more as gentle and loving or as wise and powerful? What difference might appreciating more the other side of his character make for you?
3. How does the Lion-Lamb address your tears without minimizing them? What does it look like for us to bring our tears over a specific grief in our world or life to Jesus? Try it together!

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## Announcements

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### Adult Connect Community Classes

Today following the service:

- "Spiritual Formation" (Rm E) with Bill Nash
- "The Gospel and Work" (Rm D) with Lance Cooper and Thomas Davison
- "1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude" (Rm A) with Kevin Ellis, Julie Blauwkamp, and Heather Morris.

### Next Step - TODAY!

New to Southwood? Our pastors and staff would love to connect with you today after worship near the fireplace. Come say hello, ask questions, and learn more about Southwood and your next step!

### Flourish Women's Gathering

Ladies, join us for Flourish today at 2:30pm in the Connecting Spaces, as local psychiatrist Dr. Kelly Buchanan helps us learn to support each other as we navigate anxiety in motherhood.

### Leadership Training - Shepherding

Everyone is invited to our three-week Shepherding training, starting Wednesday, October 28 at 6pm. Registration deadline is Oct. 25 to [wyketa.shipman@southwood.org](mailto:wyketa.shipman@southwood.org).

### Trunk or Treat at Southwood

Grab your Grace Group, decorate a trunk, and help pass out candy to kids in the community this Saturday, October 24, 4-6pm. Please email [kids@southwood.org](mailto:kids@southwood.org) if you have any questions.

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### This Week @ Southwood

#### Sunday, October 18

- 8:45am – Prayer Gathering
- 9:30am – Worship Service
- 10:50am – Next Step
- 11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
- 11:00am – Welcome to Southwood
- 2:30pm – Flourish
- 7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

#### Wednesday, October 21

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

#### Thursday, October 22

- 10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

#### Saturday, October 24

- 9:00am – BTS Seminary Class
- 4:00pm – Trunk or Treat

*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 through the week. Sign up to get connected at [southwood.org/gracegroups](http://southwood.org/gracegroups).*

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### Deacon/Finance Update

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

Oct-Dec Budget Goal: \$1,174,628  
Oct-Dec Giving to Date: \$82,945

Last Week's Giving: \$39,774



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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 are driven by relationships.**

Ask for God’s direction of our kids as they build life-long friendships that impact their relationship with Him.

Pray for intimacy to grow in our marriages as we share struggles and repent honestly and respond with grace and forgiveness.

Ask that God would give us friendships with people of different backgrounds and perspectives so that we can learn to value Jesus more together.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Eileen Sessions, who is recovering from surgery for a broken leg this week.

Praise God for the birth of Simon Anders Everett to Bob and Ashlyn this week.

Pray for Dennis Baptiste, Sr., as he begins chemotherapy treatments this week.

Pray for deep encouragement and developed relationships during our women’s Flourish event Sunday afternoon.

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## Mission Partner Focus

**Alex and Suzanne Sarra**  
*Alex and Suzanne Sarra have served in full-time ministry in Lyon, France since 2001. Alex leads a growing church plant in the city, with a desire to see people come to faith in Christ, the church strengthened, and new churches planted throughout the region.*

Praise God that an offer on a 7,000-square-foot building was recently accepted! Pray that the remaining details come together and the sale would move forward.

The \$3 million project will require significant outside funding. Pray that God would provide the resources needed and raise up generous partners for the purchase and renovation.

Praise God for a recent meeting with about 15 people interested in joining a future daughter-church plant. Pray for wisdom as these opportunities develop and for God to raise up faithful leaders to carry the Gospel into new communities.

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## Senior Member

**Alma Huston**  
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## Expectant Mothers

**Katelyn Welch** — November 2026  
**Riley Brechin** — December 2026  
**Jessica Sheppard** — March 2027

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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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