



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.

September 29, 2024
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Connect Hour

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“Jesus’ promise to be with us till the end of the age is no mere pat on the back to say that He will be with us at a distance, with the energizing power supplied by ourselves. No, never! He is saying that in all our work He will be secretly working by his own inward presence in our lives, taking away our fears, giving us love for the lost, enabling us to forgive our enemies and friends ...”

Jack Miller, *Outgrowing the Ingrown Church*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

PEOPLE: *His steadfast love endures forever!*

LEADER: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

PEOPLE: *The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.*

LEADER: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

PEOPLE: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

LEADER: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.* Psalm 118

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

SONGS

“How Great Is Our God”
“This Is the Day”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Kelli Johnson Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Jonathan Ellis Slides

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe about our one God in three persons.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed (325 AD)

SONG

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of all truth, forgive us for failing to speak the truth, for hiding the truth, for telling half-truths. We have run down the reputation of those made in your image with lies designed to advance ourselves. We have sought to protect ourselves by being dishonest about our weaknesses, our sins, and our struggles. Have mercy on us, and give us grace to walk together in your truth.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

Worship Service

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

Psalm 130:7

SONG

"Great Are You, Lord"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Holy Spirit"

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

John 16:4-15

"Personal Power"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Spirit of the Living God"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

II Corinthians 13:14



Following the Worship Service

Pastor 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

Sermon Notes

Introduction: The Power of a Personal Presence

1. What is this incredible power?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

2. Why do we need this incredible power?

3. How do we get this incredible power?

Conclusion: Pleading for Power

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

1. In what areas of life do you feel powerless? What things has Jesus called you to do that you feel utterly inadequate for or incapable of?

2. What have you heard previously about Holy Spirit? How does it fit (or not) with what Jesus tells us here? What's the most helpful part of what you learn about this Helper?

3. How would you live differently if you trusted Holy Spirit's power? What should asking, waiting, or receiving look like for you?

Announcements

Welcome to Southwood Class

If you want to learn more about a relationship with God, the heart of Southwood, or church membership, join our welcome class today at 11am in Room B.

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).

Upcoming Marriage Conference

Our sister church, Valley PCA in Madison, is hosting a marriage conference on November 15-17. This would be an excellent local opportunity to invest in your marriage at any stage. More info & registration at valley-madison.churchcenter.com.

HPRC 5K Run - Registration Open

Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center, a Southwood mission partner, will host its annual 5K run this Saturday, October 5. This run is a fundraiser for the HPRC. To sign up, go to huntsvilleprc.org/tinytoes5k.

Southwood Job Opportunities

Southwood is currently seeking to fill two part-time ministry staff positions: Connections Director and Missional Partnerships Director, as well as two full-time youth ministry positions (one male and one female). All roles require attending Southwood. For details and contact info, visit southwood.org/jobs.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, September 29

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, October 1

12:00am – New Fiscal Year Begins

Wednesday, October 2

6:00pm – No Jr. High-Life
6:30pm – No Women's Grace Group

Thursday, October 3

10:00am – No Women's Grace Group

Join us in pursuing God's mission together each week by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups! To get connected, visit southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$38,580

Year to Date Giving

\$1,592,628



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask for boldness and confidence in prayer from our trust in Holy Spirit's power in and through us.

Pray that we would learn a childlike faith from our children more than they learn from our self-reliant or even at times cynical perspective.

Ask that God would make our dreams so big that we would be driven to ask for his help to see them accomplished.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the marriage of Caleb Judge and Elise Romanoli last weekend and pray for their new life together.

Pray for those enjoying Fall Break to experience needed rest and refreshment in relationship with God and with others.

Praise God for his financial provision for Southwood as we wrap up our 9-month fiscal year and kick off a new full-year budget cycle.

Missions Partner Requests

Great Plains Gathering - Billings, MT
Great Plains Gathering (GPG) is a diverse community of people where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the source of hope and peace. While all are welcome to worship at this church plant, the primary focus is ministry to Native Americans in the area. Please support Great Plains Gathering by praying for these requests.

Pray that the permit for our building project would come through and that construction could begin soon. Pray that the construction would be safe and done well.

Ask for God's protection and guidance for the Fink family, who will be joining us as at GPG as soon as they can sell their current home and relocate to Montana.

Pray that the issues with Pastor Josh's back would continue to heal and that he wouldn't have any setbacks.

Senior Member

Bettie Murray

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Expectant Mothers

Sarah Riley — Feb 2025

**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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