



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 19, 2023

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Thanksgiving Testimony Service

11:00AM Thanksgiving Feast

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“What if today, we were just grateful for everything?”

Charlie Brown

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

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.

KIDS: *His steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: To him who by understanding made the heavens.

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

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

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

LEADER: And rescued us from our foes.

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Jacob Dumbacher Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Josh Cash Slides

Worship Service

AGES 50-64: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: He who gives food to all flesh.

AGES 65+ : His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

ALL: His steadfast love endures forever.

SONGS

"Forever"

"Give Thanks"

We thank God
for his grace in
our lives.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING OF TESTIMONIES

Audible (come to one of the microphones down front)
Brief (so that many others will have opportunity to share)
Christ-centered (to keep our hearts on Him rather than
ourselves).

SONG

"Doxology"

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

OFFERTORY SONG

"Goodness Of God"

Worship Service

God speaks
to us from his
Word explained
and applied.

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

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 members themselves 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

"Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood"

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 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 2023 Sermon Series

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. - 1 Peter 1:3-7

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. - 1 Peter 2:9-10

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. - 1 Peter 4:12-13

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. - Psalm 1:1-2

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. - Psalm 147:1

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. - John 1:14-18

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

1. What is one spiritual blessing for which you are especially thankful this year?
2. What is one circumstance or challenge in your life that you struggle to give thanks about?
3. How does the celebration of the Lord's Supper move your heart to thanksgiving?

Announcements

Thanksgiving Feast after Service

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 and Connecting Spaces.

Hark the Herald Southwood Sings!

Join us Sunday night, December 10, for this musical Christmas celebration for the whole church family. Help by sharing your favorite family Christmas pictures for a video for that night. Drop off pictures at the church office between 9am-5pm, Monday-Thursday, or email digital pictures to worship@southwood.org.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

On Christmas Eve, our regular worship service with Children's Moment begins at 9:30am. That evening, our traditional candlelight service with the Lord's Supper is at 6:00pm. Nursery is provided at both services.

Connect Hour

No Connect Hour next Sunday, November 26. Classes for all ages resume December 3.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, November 19

6:00am – Men's Fellowship
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Testimony Service
11:00am – Thanksgiving Feast
7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, November 22

6:00pm – No Jr. High-Life
6:00pm – No Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm – No Women's Bible Study

Thursday, November 23

10:00am – No Women's Bible Study

Wednesday - Friday, November 22-24

Office closed

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

2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$38,207

Year to Date Giving

\$1,620,878



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

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

Pray that the Lord would give us the ability to slow down, notice, and care for those around us each day and especially this holiday season.

Ask God for protection and care for all those affected by the wars across our globe and also for his gospel to prosper and shine through his servants who are living and serving in those places of devastation.

As the weather cools, pray for those who have no home, for God's provision, care, and blessing of health over them during the months ahead.

Specific Needs

Continue to pray for Tom and Lana Austin as she is being transferred to another hospital in ongoing treatment.

Pray for Pastor Will as he returns home from India this weekend.

Pray for opportunities to show and tell the love of Christ to family members over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Pray for the parents and kids in our city who will benefit from Santa's Secret Shop and deepen their family relationships this holiday season.

Missions Partner Requests

All Saints Presbyterian Church

Matt Patrick, Pastor

All Saints is a church plant located in West Huntsville. One of their key values is hospitality, believing Christians are called to welcome others as God welcomes us through Christ. You can support the work of God at All Saints by praying for these requests.

Ask God to provide Matt with continued encouragement and energy to carry out and embody the values of All Saints.

Pray for continued blessings on the businesses and nonprofits surrounding the church building where All Saints worships.

Ask that God would provide paid childcare workers for Sunday morning worship for our children's ministry (aka "Small Saints").

Senior Member

Dorothie Dutcher

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Appleton, WI 54914

Expectant Mothers

Libby Potts — December 2023

Beth Patton — February 2024

Lauren Taylor — May 2024

**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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