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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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**May 19, 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

“The essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man.”

John Stott

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

PEOPLE: *Whom shall I fear?*

LEADER: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

PEOPLE: *Of whom shall I be afraid?*

LEADER: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

PEOPLE: *I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!*

LEADER: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Psalm 27

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

## SONGS

“Everlasting God”

“How Great Is Our God”

## PRAYER

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Travis Buchanan Drums
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Nina Cash Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Josh Cash Slides

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God speaks to us through the Bible to expose our self-reliant sinfulness and point us to trust in Him.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds"; therefore your pursuers shall be swift.

Isaiah 30:15-17

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

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Isaiah 30:18

## SONG

"Before the Throne of God Above"

God places the sign of his promises on the child of parents who place their trust in Him.

## BAPTISM

*Lauren Elise Lewis*  
Daughter of Trey and Ashleigh Lewis

## SONG

"Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SONG

"His Strength Is Perfect"

*Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory.*

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 12:12-26  
"Where's the War Horse?"

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"Before the Throne of God Above"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



### 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

1. The Triumphal Entry (12:12-16)

2. The Crowd (12:17-22)

3. The Hour Is Here (12:23-26)

**Why it matters:** What if strength isn't what you think it is?

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

1. Why do you think the people were chanting "Hosanna" and laying down palm branches as Jesus entered Jerusalem? What did they expect from him? (see Zech 9:9)

2. Why do you think Jesus chose to ride on a donkey instead of a war horse? How does this challenge conventional notions of strength?

3. What does Jesus mean when he refers to "the hour for the Son of Man to be glorified" and how does that relate to the metaphor of the grain of wheat dying to bear much fruit and the crucifixion?

4. Where and how do you hold space for God's strength in your life? In what ways can we emulate Jesus' humility and service in our own lives?

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# Announcements

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## Ireland Missions Trip

We are planning to take a small team to visit our partners in Ireland this fall during Fall Break. The trip is designed to connect with both of our partners there, the Lewises and the Hustons. We would love to know if you are interested in going on this trip, and space is very limited. For more info, please talk with Kevin Ellis or email [missions@southwood.org](mailto:missions@southwood.org).

## Adult Connect Communities

Following the worship service, we have gatherings for all ages to go deeper in relationship with God and one another through his Word. This morning for our adults, Tripp Pearson, Kevin Jones, and John Foreman will lead discussion surrounding life with God from Isaiah (Room D, Under 45), while Alan Judge and Skeets Simonis help us consider why God has us here and what it looks like to walk with Him (Room A, Over 45).

## Leadership Training

All men and women are invited to join Pastor Will for our Leadership Class (Module 1 - Leadership Essentials), which is currently ongoing during Connect Hour in Room B.

## Vacation Bible School – June 10-13

Registration is now open for both kids and volunteers. We really need volunteers “on board” sooner this year since our VBS is earlier in the summer than usual! Get more details and register via the Kids page at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, May 19

7:00am – Men’s Fellowship (P.L.Eggs)

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

### Tuesday, May 21

6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

*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](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

### Last Week’s Giving

\$42,956

### Year to Date Giving

\$780,303



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 Commitment

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

Pray that God would give us hearts that work and sacrifice to be where Jesus is - with those others push aside.

Ask that the Holy Spirit would give the aroma of the gospel to our lives among those who do not know Jesus.

Pray that the children in our church and community would have opportunities to develop their faith during the upcoming summer months.

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## Specific Needs

Praise God for the wedding of Southwood members Jessica Wright and Sam Sheppard last weekend and continue to pray for their marriage.

Pray for the students and teachers finishing up the school year this week.

Praise God that newborn Julia Holliday is now home from the hospital and doing really well. Continue to pray for her and her family.

Pray for our deacons as they meet this week to lead us in caring for one another and our neighbors.

Praise God for the birth of a healthy baby boy to Felix and Abigail Hess Tredal on April 21.

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## Missions Partner Requests

### Hope City Church

**Amos and Jessica Williams**

*The Williams lead a church plant on the south side of Madison. This is a fast-growing and diverse area, home to tens of thousands of people from all over the world. Hope City's mission is to "Proclaim the hope of the gospel and live it out with our deeds." Learn more at [hopecityal.com](http://hopecityal.com).*

Pray for God's guidance and blessing as Hope City holds "Interest Parties" in their community, looking forward to an official launch date of September 8, 2024.

Ask that God would continue to bless the spiritual development of the Williams family as they follow Him.

Praise God for his grace in providing strong financial support for Hope City, and pray that this will continue until the time that the congregation can become self-supporting.

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## Senior Member

**Julie Miller**

14016 Camden Cir.  
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## Expectant Mothers

**Sarah Collins** — June 2024

**Elizabeth Fancher** — June 2024

**Haley Clendinen** — July 2024

**Rachel Johnson** — August 2024

**Haley Bynum** — August 2024

**Cayce McAlister** — August 2024

**Rachel Hess Hajek** — Sept 2024

**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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