



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.

October 29, 2023
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service
11:00AM Connect Hour

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. ... Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

PEOPLE: God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

LEADER: After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

PEOPLE: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

ALL: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Based on Philippians 2:9-11 and Hebrews 1:6

PRAYER

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- Cathy Mayer Announcements
- Henry Fenton Story of Grace
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Michael Babin Acoustic Guitar
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Josh Cash Slides

Worship Service

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

SONGS

“Crown Him With Many Crowns” (p. 234)

“Oh How I Love Jesus!” (p. 529)

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,

Philippians 3:7-9a

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

SONG

“Great Are You, Lord”

We encourage one another by sharing of God’s gracious work in our lives.

STORY OF GRACE

PRAYER FOR MISSION TRIP

Will Spink with RIMI in India

SONG

“Amazing Grace” (p. 202)

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Jesus at the Center"

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

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 5:18-29

"Like Father, Like Son"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus at the Center"

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 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: A Hard and Holy Concept

1. Jesus' Direct Claim to Deity (in this passage)

A. Jesus is equal with God (5:18) ...

- In Everything (5:19-20)
- In Giving Life (5:21, 26)
- In Judging (5:22, 27)
- In Being Honored (5:23)

B. Jesus is not a rival to God.

- Loved by God the Father (5:20)
- Submitting to God the Father (5:19)

* Liar, Lunatic, or Lord? ... Legend?

2. Jesus' Indirect Claims to Deity (in other passages)

- Jesus forgave sins.
- Jesus taught on his own authority.
- Jesus performed miracles on his own authority.
- Jesus applied OT passages about YHWH to Himself.
- Jesus connected eternity with relationship with Him.
- Jesus received worship willingly.

Application: Believing ... and Submitting ... and Believing

Conclusion: The True Son of God

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

1. Why do you think our analogies for one God in three persons all seem to fall short in some ways?
2. How would you seek to help a child grasp the truth of Jesus being equal with God? Which of Jesus' indirect claims to deity are most helpful to you?
3. How does Jesus' perfect Sonship give you rest? How does Jesus' perfect Sonship give you inspiration to live as a child of God?

Announcements

"Let's Gather!" Women's Luncheon

Join us for our Women's Luncheon in the Lodge on Saturday, Nov 4, at 11:00 am. To RSVP, go to the Southwood website by Tuesday.

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday!

Everyone is invited to be part of the adult choir for our annual Christmas event, "Hark the Herald Southwood Sings." Rehearsals begin THIS Wednesday, Nov. 1, 6pm in the sanctuary. Event Dec 10. Questions? dennis.baptiste@southwood.org.

Leadership Training Class - Module 3

All are invited to join us for Leadership Training, Module 3: "Shepherding" on Wednesdays starting Nov 1 from 6-8pm. This three-week module is a great way for anyone to learn more about caring for other people and is required for those interested in serving as officers, session advisors, or Grace Group leaders. Sign up at wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

Day of Prayer and Prayer Gathering

Join with us in our monthly Day of Prayer for our relationships with our neighbors this Wednesday. Pray wherever you are or join us at noon in the Prayer Room to pray together.

Thanksgiving Testimony Service with Feast and Fellowship - Save the Date!

Join us in the sanctuary at 9:30am, on Sunday, Nov 19, as we encourage one another with testimonies of thanksgiving and praise followed by food and fellowship. Bring a story of grace and a side or dessert to share!

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, October 29

6:00am – Men's Fellowship
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
2:30pm – Worship at Fleming Farms
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, November 1

12:00pm – Day of Prayer/Gathering
6:00pm – Leadership Class: Shepherding
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:00pm – Kids Club
6:00pm – Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Thursday, November 2

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

Join a Grace Group! 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

\$21,210

Year to Date Giving

\$1,638,633



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.

Pray for our youth to develop Christ-centered friendships in a self-centered world.

Ask Holy Spirit for doors for the gospel in relationships with our neighbors and for the boldness to walk through them.

Pray that the Church of Jesus Christ would be a refuge of real relationship in a lonely and disconnected culture.

Specific Needs

Praise God for successful breast cancer surgeries for Vicki Richardson and Elaine Hill this week and pray for their continued recovery.

Pray for our upcoming leadership training module focused on shepherding to help us care for one another more effectively.

Pray for Pastor Will as he leaves for India this week to minister alongside our partners at RIMI.

Pray for our Women's Luncheon next Saturday to be a time of deep connection and rich encouragement.

Missions Partner Requests

The Village Church - Pastor Alex Shipman

The Village Church is a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic church located in northwest Huntsville. Their vision is to embrace and extend God's love in genuine community. Please support them by praying for these requests.

Pray that our Trunk or Treat event on October 29 would be a successful neighborhood outreach.

Pray for our newly commissioned Deacon Assistants, that they would be joyful and committed servants of this church and its members.

Ask that God would give us wisdom as we prepare to ordain new Officers to help lead our congregation.

Senior Member

Alma Huston

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Expectant Mothers

Ashlyn Everett — November 2023

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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