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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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**January 3, 2020**

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

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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

“This is a very remarkable narrative. God brought Magi from Chaldea, to come to the land of Judea, for the purpose of adoring Christ, in the stable where he lay, amidst the tokens, not of honour, but of contempt. It was a truly wonderful purpose of God, that he caused the entrance of his Son into the world to be attended by deep meanness, and yet bestowed upon him illustrious ornaments, both of commendation and of other outward signs, that our faith might be supplied with everything necessary to prove his Divine Majesty.”

John Calvin

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Clegg  
Associate Pastor

LEADER: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

PEOPLE: *The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

ALL: *I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.*

Psalm 18:1-3

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

## SONGS

“How Great”  
“Be Thou My Vision”

## PRAYER

**We consider it a joy to have multiple generations worship together.**

A Nursing Mothers' Room is also at the back of the sanctuary.

Ushers can provide you a hearing assistance device if helpful.

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# Worship Service

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We affirm together what we believe.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He 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. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 1:1-3

## SONG

“The Church’s One Foundation”

We talk honestly with God about our weakness, brokenness, and idolatry.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:1-4

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:14-18

## SONG

“The Solid Rock”

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# Worship Service

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"Your Love Is Strong"

Giving boxes are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

God speaks to us through the Bible as it is explained and applied to us.

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Derrick Harris  
Associate Pastor

Matthew 2:1-12

"Who do you say that I am?"

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"How Great"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



### Following the Worship Service

Pastor Derrick will greet and pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

No Connect Hour today, but resumes next Sunday, January 10. Join us as we relate with God and each other around his Word.

**Adults:** Gather in the Connecting Spaces

**High-Life Connects:** Jr./Sr. High classes in the Lodge across the street

**Kids Connect:** Birth-6th grade classes in Nursery and upstairs

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# Sermon Notes

## Setting the Scene

- Bethlehem
- King Herod
- Wise Men from the East

## Three responses to Jesus

1. Some, like Herod, are hostile towards Jesus because he threatens their perceived power.

2. Some, like the chief priests and scribes, are indifferent to Jesus because he threatens their perceived wisdom.

3. Some, like the wise men, rejoice and worship Jesus because He is the Savior of the world.

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## Announcements

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### Welcome, Visitors!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship this morning and love the chance to get to know new people. If you would send any contact information you would like us to use to worship@southwood.org, we will reach out to you this week.

### 2021 Southwood Devotional Book

It's not too late to pick up your family's free copy of *New Morning Mercies*. This devotional book by Paul Tripp is also available electronically, if you prefer. We will be reading it together as a church family throughout next year, so please join us. Feel free to get another copy for your family, if needed.

### Welcome to Southwood Class

Do you want to learn more about the heart of Southwood? Are you interested in connecting with the mission and people of our church family or pursuing church membership? Join us starting Sunday, January 17, during the Connect Hour (11:00am) in Classroom D, where we have room to spread out. Contact wyketa.shipman@southwood.org to sign up so we have materials prepared for you. Nursery is available, and the class will be finished by Spring Break.

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### This Week @ Southwood

**Sunday, January 3**

11:00am – No Connect Hour

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### Deacon/Finance Update

**2020 Budget**

\$2,448,739

**Weekly Budget Need**

\$47,091

**Last Week's Giving**

\$159,228

**Year to Date Giving**

\$2,227,749

Final year-end results and the 2021 budget will be presented at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 7, 2021.

**Download the Southwood App for more calendar info  
and to give electronically.**

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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

**We are committed to being Christ-centered.**

Ask that the Holy Spirit would use the Word of God in our hearts in this new year that we might know God more personally and have a deeper experience of our Father's grace toward us.

Pray for our members to have a renewed burden of kingdom mission and sense of where God has uniquely gifted and called them for the sake of his kingdom.

Ask God to guide our staff, officers, and other leaders as they cast vision and make plans for kingdom ministry in 2021.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Pastor Ron Clegg and family due to the loss of his brother on Dec 31.

Pray for Paul Chang whose father, 92, is in critical condition battling pneumonia in Taiwan.

Pray for Elaine Hill who fell and broke her hip on Dec 27, and had surgery on Dec 28.

Pray for Dorothy Horner who is growing weaker in recent days in Tennessee.

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## Mission Partner

**Macklann and Rose Basse - Togo, West Africa**

*Macklann Basse is the director of Africa Missions with Nations (AMN), where he trains future missionaries to plant churches and care for the poor. Rose is the principal of New Beginnings Elementary School. You can support them by praying for these requests.*

Praise God for opportunities to serve children and families through our school, especially during the pandemic.

Pray that God will provide resources to purchase playground equipment for the school.

Pray that our teachers could continue to receive excellent training and provide quality education to the students.

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## Senior Member

**Alma Huston**

3412 O'Hara Rd SW  
Huntsville, AL 35801

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## Expectant Mothers

**Catherine Barrett** — February 2021

**Shawnda McKinney** — April 2021

**Amber Colvard** — April 2021

**Cole Wasdin** — May 2021

**Lou Ellen Schweers** — May 2021

**Brett Stanfield** — June 2021

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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**Southwood's Vision and Mission**

Southwood exists to advance the kingdom of God as we experience and express grace.

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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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