



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 21, 2021
9:30 AM Prayer Gathering
10:00 AM Thanksgiving Service
11:15 AM Thanksgiving Feast

Worship Service

MEDITATION

"I feel that I walk around under a rainbow of gratitude. Whatever life brings, nothing can top the unbelievable love of God and his constant mercy, goodness, and eternal saving grace. Such gratitude is a richly cleansing, calming, refreshing emotion. Indeed it is more than an emotion. It is a whole worldview, a whole philosophy of life, the universe, and everything, for it is the only proper response to the very being of God, that he is love, amazing love."

Christopher Wright, *The God I Don't Understand*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

PEOPLE: *His steadfast love endures forever!*

LEADER: To him who alone does great wonders,

PEOPLE: *His steadfast love endures forever!*

LEADER: To him who by understanding made the heavens,

PEOPLE: *His steadfast love endures forever!*

LEADER: To him who spread out the earth above the waters,

PEOPLE: *His steadfast love endures forever!*

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

PEOPLE: *His steadfast love endures forever!*

LEADER: He who gives food to all flesh.

PEOPLE: *His steadfast love endures forever!*

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

ALL: *His steadfast love endures forever!*

Psalms 136

SONG

"How Great Thou Art"

Oh Lord, my God,
When I, in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling
thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe
displayed.

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior
God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou
art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to
Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou
art!

And when I think that God, His Son not
sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart!
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, "My God, how great
Thou art!"

Worship Service

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

SONG

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

TESTIMONIES OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation Members

We encourage everyone to consider during this time the many reasons you have to give thanks to God, and we would love for you to share publicly if you would like to do so. Please help us by making your testimony ...

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).

If you would like to share thanks to God but are uncomfortable or unable to come to a microphone, consider writing your thanksgiving on a card from our Host Team and giving it back to them so that Pastor Will can share some of these as opportunities arise during the service.

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SONG

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fulness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

(Verses 3&4 on next page)

Worship Service

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of
Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

TESTIMONIES OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation Members

SONG

"The Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

THANKSGIVING MEDITATION

Psalm 92:1-2

"The Rhythm of Thanksgiving"

"It is fit we should begin and end the day with his praise, who begins and ends it for us with mercy."

William Gurnall

SONG

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my
Father;
There is no shadow of turning with
thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions,
they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt
be.

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great
is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath
provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses
above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and
love. *Chorus*

Pardon for sin and a peace that
endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and
to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside! *Chorus*

Worship Service

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



SCRIPTURE FROM 2021 SERIES

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

I John 4:7-19

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

Announcements

Thanksgiving Feast TODAY

We hope everyone will join us following the service this morning as we warm up for Thanksgiving dinner with a lunch and afternoon of fellowship on the lawn (we hope!) as long as you would like to stay.

Santa's Secret Shop - Ends Today!

Southwood is continuing its tradition of partnering with local partner Second Mile Development by donating toys to Santa's Secret Shop. Today, visit southwood.org/santa to view an Amazon gift list. If you purchase items online, they will be shipped directly to Second Mile in time to be on the shelves of the store for Christmas.

Sip n' Shop - December 4

Join us at the Lodge on Saturday, Dec 4, 9am-1pm, for our Sip 'n' Shop to purchase items handmade by Southwood Women and friends. Proceeds will benefit North AL Foster Closet. Questions? Want to be a vendor? Call Jennifer Swoboda at (256) 683-3604.

Fleming Farms Worship Service

Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, Dec 5, 2pm, for an opportunity to share the joy of Christmas with our neighbors, as Southwood leads a worship service for the residents of Fleming Farms Senior Living.

Christmas Eve Service

Our candlelight Christmas Eve service with the Lord's Supper will begin at 6:00pm ... on December 24!

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, November 21

11:15am — Thanksgiving Feast
7:00pm — NO Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, November 24

6:00pm — NO Jr. High-Life

Wednesday, November 24 - 26

Church office closed

Friday, November 26

Dusk — Tinsel Trail Opens (Visit the Southwood Tree!)

Deacon/Finance Update

2021 Budget

\$2,671,555

Weekly Budget Need

\$51,376

Last Week's Giving

\$27,779

Year to Date Giving

\$1,588,529

If you came prepared to give this morning, offering boxes are available near the doors of the sanctuary.

Ongoing Service Opportunity

If you would be interested in helping provide transportation (to doctor's appointments, etc.) during the day, please let the deacons know at deacons@southwood.org.

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

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

Pray that those experiencing loneliness during the holidays would experience the loving welcome of God through us.

Ask for a renewed sense of our own desperate need that would make us more grateful for and eager to extend grace.

Pray for the Spirit to work hearts of gratitude in our kids in the midst of a culture of entitlement.

Specific Needs

Pray for John Dunkel, who is undergoing another surgical procedure Friday (Nov. 19) in ongoing treatment of his Parkinson's.

Pray for safe travel, thankful hearts, and gospel opportunities as many spend time with family and loved ones this week.

Pray for Eloise Andress (3 months old), who has been hospitalized this week with RSV and is responding very well to treatment.

Pray that God would bring dignity and restorative relationships through the toys we are donating to Santa's Secret Shop this Christmas season.

Mission Partner

Justin and Alana Huston

The Hustons have been serving in Dublin since 2018. Along with active participation in their church and community, Justin and Alanna are leaders of the Serge Ireland Apprenticeship Program and the summer internship program- Encounter. Please support them by praying for these requests.

Pray for our Summer Internship as we are starting to plan and recruit now. We have seen three summers go by with out being able to host this event and are eager to see it running again.

Pray for Justin as he begins facilitating a leadership program called RISE in the local secondary school with others from the church.

Senior Member

Sue Urban

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Expectant Mothers

Haley Clendinen — December 2021

Maggie Majors — January 2022

Anna Babin — February 2022

Jessica Smith — February 2022

Anna Brooks — March 2022

Shealy Holliday — March 2022

Amelia Daniels — April 2022

Libby Potts — April 2022

Southwood's Vision and Mission

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

**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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Experience & Express
Grace