



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 27, 2022
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Prayer Walk

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“Those who believe in God can never in a way be sure of him again. Once they have seen him in a stable, they can never be sure where he will appear or to what lengths he will go or to what ludicrous depths of self-humiliation he will descend in his wild pursuit of man. If holiness and the awful power and majesty of God were present in this least auspicious of all events, this birth of a peasant’s child, then there is no place where we can hide from God, no place where we are safe from his power to break in two and recreate the human heart because it is just where he seems most helpless that he is most strong, and just where we least expect him that he comes most fully.”

Frederick Buechner, *The Hungering Dark*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

PEOPLE: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

LEADER: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

ALL: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Psalm 98:1-4

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

SONGS

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

PRAYER

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

A Nursing Mothers’ Room is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Ushers can provide you a hearing assistance device if helpful.

Worship Service

God reminds us from his Word of his promises to his waiting people centuries ago.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

Micah 5:2-5

We affirm together the only source of our hope and peace.

CORPORATE PROFESSION OF HOPE AND PEACE

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2

SONG

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

We talk honestly with our Father about our need for Him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:19-20

SONG

“What Child Is This?”

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Mary, Did You Know?"

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

Isaiah 9:1-7

"Hope for the Hopeless and the Hopeful"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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.

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Connecting Spaces as we gather and prepare for the Prayer Walk.

Sermon Notes

Introduction: Struggling with Hope

- Giving up Hope
- Looking for Hope in All the Wrong Places

1. Have Hope: “_____ is Coming”

- Anguish to Joy (9:1,3)
- Darkness to Light (9:2)
- Oppression to Freedom (9:4)
- Violence to Peace (9:5)

2. Find Hope in the Only Right Place: “A _____ is Coming” (9:6)

- Wonderful Counselor
- Mighty God
- Everlasting Father
- Prince of Peace

Conclusion: Hope You Can Count on Forever (9:7)

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Cathy Mayer** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Keys
- **Michael Babin** Acoustic Guitar
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Ben Niemitz** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Shammah Williams** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Amanda Tatum** Slides
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream

Announcements

Prayer Walk — TODAY!

Join us as we pray on site with our partners at 2nd Mile Development after the worship service today. We'll gather in the Connecting Spaces, then divide into groups and travel to one of 2nd Mile's designated locations to pray. Children and youth are encouraged to participate in the Prayer Walk with their families.

Hark the Herald Southwood Sings!

Join us Sunday night, December 11, for this musical Christmas celebration for the whole church family. Help by scrolling through your phone really quickly and sharing a favorite family Christmas picture or a video for that night. Drop off pictures at the church office between 9am-5pm, Monday-Thursday, or email digital pictures to shannon.clark@southwood.org.

Fleming Farms Service Next Sunday

We will celebrate Christmas with our friends at Fleming Farms Retirement Community next Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2:15pm. Our Children's Choir will help lead some of the singing. Pastor Derrick will preach, and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Christmas Services

Mark your calendars ...

1. Christmas Eve, 6:00pm — Candlelight Service with Lord's Supper (some nursery provided);
2. Christmas Day, 10:00am — regular Sunday worship service with Children's Moment (all ages in service).

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, November 27

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

Wednesday, November 30

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:00pm – Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm – Southwood Voices Rehearsal
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Thursday, December 1

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

Deacon/Finance Update

2022 Budget

\$2,655,701

Weekly Budget Need

\$51,071

Last Week's Giving

\$25,441

Year to Date Giving

\$1,715,233



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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 for those in our city who suffer particularly during cold temperatures and winter weather.

Ask God to give us eyes that see those around us who are often overlooked by others and value them as God does.

Pray that God would grow especially in our kids a spirit of thanksgiving that acknowledges that all we have comes from Him.

Specific Needs

Pray for David and Lyndsay Abel and their family, who have recently been licensed to foster children and are expecting their first placement soon.

Pray for Al Eller in the death of his stepmother last week.

Praise God for 90 years of life He has given Bettie Murray as of today (Sunday) and pray for her continued trust of and service to her King.

Pray for our Prayer Walk Sunday with our partners at Second Mile and for God's ongoing work in our community through them.

Missions Requests

Alex and Suzanne Sarran – Lyon, France
The Sarrans have been involved in full-time ministry for over 20 years. Alex pastors The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lyon, France, which was originally founded by Suzanne's father. The church is an important source of Gospel teaching in a spiritually dark city. You can support the Sarrans by praying for these requests.

Ask that we would trust in God's provision of additional church that can help support us financially.

Please pray for our health as the fall temperatures have arrived quite suddenly and many in the church are getting ill.

Ask God to give us wisdom and stamina in dealing with pastoral concerns that are in some cases very emotionally consuming.

Senior Member

Elaine Hill

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Expectant Mothers

Holly Spruiell — December 2022

Elisabeth Ferguson — March 2023

Kathryn Jones — April 2023

Maddie Searcy — April 2023

Brett Stanfield — May 2023

Sarah Putman — May 2023

**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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