



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 29, 2020
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

"In some sense, by virtue of becoming Christians, followers of Jesus have a relationship to the world such that they don't belong and are treated with hostility. In other words, a heightened experience of exile is a reality of authentic Christian discipleship."

Paul S. Williams, *Exiles on Mission*

We remember together the longing and hope with which God's people waited for the promised King as we await his eternal reign.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE

The Razook Family

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

LEADER: Oh come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

ALL: *For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

Psalms 95:6-7

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.

Worship Service

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

SONGS

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

We cry out to God in dependence and desperation.

PRAYER OF LAMENT

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Lamentations 3:22-26

SONG

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Psalms 130:1-3

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Assurance Slide: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalms 130:4-8

Worship Service

SONG

"Jesus, I Come"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Deliver Us"

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

Ron Clegg
Associate Pastor

1 Peter 1:1-2

"Living the Exile Life"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emanuel"

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

There is no Connect Hour today, but gatherings for all ages will resume Dec. 6.

Announcements

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.

Parking Lot Party and Pop-Up Shop

Southwood ladies are invited to fellowship and shop handmade gifts crafted by Southwood women in the Southwood parking lot on Saturday, December 5 from 10am to 3pm. Raffle prizes are available and a portion of the proceeds benefit North Alabama Foster Closet. Also, have lunch onsite at the Manic Organic food truck.

Fa La Lodge

Join with your family or small group for our Fa La Lodge Christmas musical, which streams online only on Sunday evening, December 20. This pandemic version of a Southwood Christmas tradition promises to bring laughter and joy into your celebration of Jesus' birth.

2021 Southwood Devotional Book

Pick up your family's free copy of *New Morning Mercies* today. 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. Books will be available in the Guest Center throughout December.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, November 29

No Connect Hours
7:00pm — Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, December 2

6:00pm — Jr. High-Life
6:30pm — Women's Bible Study

Thursday, December 3

9:30am — Women's Bible Study
6:30pm — Women's Bible Study

Saturday, December 5

10:00am — Parking Lot Pop-Up Shop

Deacon/Finance Update

2020 Budget

\$2,448,739

Weekly Budget Need

\$47,091

Last Week's Giving

\$33,098

Year to Date Giving

\$1,744,820

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

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

Ask that Holy Spirit would comfort the isolated and lonely with the reality of his presence this holiday season.

Pray for those in our community and around the world experiencing hunger while many feast this week.

Ask God to show us opportunities to share our reason for thanks and the hope of Christmas with friends and neighbors in coming weeks.

Specific Needs

Pray for Kristen Woods as her father came home on hospice this week.

Pray for Mike Toles as he receives treatment for a broken leg and for Judy as she cares for him.

Praise God for the finalized adoption of Aaliyah Hodges to Chris and Joy, Caroline and Luke.

Praise God for the births of Noelle Rose Moss (to Beau and Alaine) and Isaac Zane Brooks (to Justin and Anna) last week.

Pray for those who are lonely or grieving during the holidays this year.

Praise God for Elaine Hill's recovery from her sickness last week.

Pray for William Plott, pastor of Valley PCA in Madison, as he is hospitalized with COVID-19.

Mission Partner

Alex & Suzanne Sarran - Lyon, France
The Sarrans, along with their six children, lead the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lyon. Their ministry brings the light of the Gospel to a spiritually dark community. Please support them by praying for these requests.

Ask that there would be a great sense of God's peace in France, as many people are angry and frustrated about the new lockdown.

Pray for physical safety and protection in the midst of recent terrorist threats in France.

Pray for financial provision as the Sarrans have to replace one of their vehicles.

Senior Member

Alma Huston
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Expectant Mothers

Elizabeth Fancher — December 2020
Hannah Atkins — December 2020
Jordan Razook — December 2020
Libby Potts — December 2020
Catherine Barrett — February 2021
Shawnda McKinney — April 2021
Amber Colvard — April 2021
Cole Wasdin — May 2021

**Email prayer@southwood.org
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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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Grace