



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 8, 2020
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Connect Hour

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“If the conscience finds comfort in Christ, the comfort derived from works and doctrines must fall; if it finds comfort in works, then Christ must fall. The heart cannot build upon a dual foundation. One of them must be abandoned.”

Martin Luther

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

LEADER: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

PEOPLE: *Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*

LEADER: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

ALL: *for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

Psalms 95

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

SONG

“Everlasting God”

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.

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:15-20

SONG

“Pass Me Not”

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, early in the morning I cry to you. Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on you; I cannot do this alone. In me there is darkness, but with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help; I am restless, but with you there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience; I do not understand your ways, But you know the way for me. Restore me to liberty and enable me to live now that I may answer before you and before me. Lord, whatever this day may bring, Your name be praised. I ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

Jeremiah 33:8

SONG

“The Lord Will Provide”

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Faithful and True"

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

Colossians 2:16-23

"How Not to Grow Spiritually"

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Senior Pastor

God invites us to taste and see his goodness in the bread and cup that represent the body of blood of Jesus for us.

LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all those who trust in Jesus and are baptized members in good standing of any church that preaches the good news of Jesus to partake in the meal with us. Children not yet received as members themselves or others not partaking today are encouraged to observe and/or ask an elder to pray with you after the service.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"The Wonderful Cross"

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 people and pray with them at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God and each other around his Word.

Adults: Meet in the Connecting Spaces

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

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

Sermon Notes

1. True spirituality does not grow in the soil of mere religious formalism (2:16-17).

* Jesus is the true substance.

2. True spirituality does not grow in the soil of unique religious experiences (2:18-19).

* Jesus is the true source.

3. True spirituality does not grow in the soil of strict outward obedience (2:20-23).

* You are truly united to Jesus!

Which soil are you planted in, drawing strength from, and growing deeper in?

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.

Thanksgiving Praise Service & Fellowship (Outdoors)

Our next outdoor worship service is scheduled for Nov 22 at 10:30am. Join us for a time of thanksgiving and praise as we share testimonies and enjoy lunch, catapults, and a Thanksgiving bike parade following the worship service!

Santa's Secret Shop

Second Mile Development, one of our local missions partners, has created contactless ways for you to contribute toys and other items to Santa's Secret Shop this year. Go to southwood.org/santa to view an Amazon gift list. Purchase items online, and they will be shipped directly to Second Mile. To shop local, call The Toy Place Downtown at 256-213-7069. You can shop over the phone or in person. Second Mile will pick up the items at the store. For more options and info, contact shannon.clark@southwood.org.

Tinsel Trail Tree - Items Due Today

Drop-off decorated ornaments at any table in the narthex.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, November 8

11:00am — Connect Hour (All Ages)
7:00pm — Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, November 10

7:00am — Men's Breakfast
9:00am — Presbytery Meeting

Wednesday, November 11

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

Thursday, November 12

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

Deacon/Finance Update

2020 Budget

\$2,448,739

Weekly Budget Need

\$47,091

Last Week's Giving

\$82,866

Year to Date Giving

\$1,663,225

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates to your favorite charity. Select Southwood!

**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 God to expand our hearts for the materially poor in our church family and the broader Huntsville community.

Pray for those in our family with disabilities to feel loved and at home among their brothers and sisters.

Ask that Holy Spirit would be particularly near to those struggling with loneliness, depression, or anxiety in this season.

Specific Needs

Pray for Betty Bates as she continues to be hospitalized with Covid-19.

Pray for the family of Southwood member Jennie Doss, who went home to be with Jesus this week.

Pray for our country - that we would demonstrate uncommon love and understanding in the wake of a divisive election season.

Pray for our Presbytery meeting this Tuesday to be encouraging and profitable to the work of God's kingdom in North Alabama.

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.

Pray for Suzanne's health as she undergoes minor surgery on Friday.

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

Ask that God would guide their ministry as France faces high Covid numbers and a new lockdown.

Senior Member

Sue Urban

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Expectant Mothers

Alaine Moss — November 2020

Anna Brooks — November 2020

Elizabeth Fancher — December 2020

Hannah Atkins — December 2020

Jordan Razook — December 2020

Libby Potts — December 2020

Catherine Barrett — February 2021

Shawnda McKinney — 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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