



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.

August 16, 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

“When the simple — though sublime — statement is made by a man or woman that ‘The Lord is my Shepherd,’ it immediately implies a profound yet practical working relationship between a human being and his Maker. It links a lump of common clay to divine destiny — it means a mere mortal becomes the cherished object of divine diligence.”

Phillip Keller, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Clegg
Associate Pastor

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

PEOPLE: *The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!*

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

ALL: *The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!*

Psalm 24:7-10

INVOCATION

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

SONGS

“How Great Is Our God”
“Be Thou My Vision”

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

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

Philippians 3:7-11

SONG

“Abide With Me”

We talk honestly with God about the brokenness of our world and the pain of our hearts.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!”

Psalms 25:6-7

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Psalms 25:8-10

SONG

“Psalm 23”

Worship Service

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

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

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"House of God Forever"

Giving boxes are located in the rear of the Sanctuary and are available before and after service.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Psalms 23

"I Shall Not Want"

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Follow the Shepherd Home"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Psalm 23"

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 outside after worship.

Please go outside through the Narthex doors and take trash with you.

In lieu of prayer cards, email prayer needs to prayer@southwood.org.

Sermon Notes

1. "The Lord is my Shepherd"
2. "I Shall Not Want"
3. Trying to do enough to be enough vs. Believing You are enough in Him

Announcements

Welcome, Visitors!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship this morning and love the chance to get to know new people. We would love to answer any questions you may have and welcome you to Huntsville and/or Southwood. 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.

Fall Focus *Outside* NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday's morning worship service will be outside, just out the back of the sanctuary, at 9:30am. The service will last less than one hour and include the Lord's Supper. Immediately following the service, we will have a town hall meeting to share plans for ministry this fall. Both this meeting and the worship service will be live streamed as usual. We hope many of you will join us in person for this important Sunday, but please engage with us electronically if you're not here! You're welcome to bring lawn chairs/blankets and water.

Youth/Children's Outdoor Gatherings

Both our youth and our children will have their Connect Hour outdoors next Sunday (10:30am) while the adults enjoy the town hall meeting.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, August 16

10:45am — Explore/Journey
Promotion Sunday & KidsConnect
Soft Launch

10:45am — Jr/Sr High Connects

Monday, August 17

6:30pm — Deacons Meeting

Deacon/Finance Update 2020 Budget

\$2,448,739

Weekly Budget Need

\$47,091

Last Week's Giving

\$31,433

Year to Date Giving

\$1,185,979

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Ask for contentment in being led by Jesus rather than seeking to control our lives for ourselves.

Pray for renewed passion for God's Word in each of us this fall that would show us afresh the glory of Jesus.

Ask that we would live sacrificially before a watching world who would witness the value of knowing Jesus in our lives.

Specific Needs

Pray for Dorothy Horner as she relocates to Tennessee to live with her family there.

Pray for Phillip Wright to gain strength in his legs through his therapy and to experience the love of Christ through our church family.

Pray for our students, teachers, and parents as many of them prepare for a new experience of school this fall.

Pray that God would show us new ways to love our neighbors in Huntsville as a unique school year begins.

Pray for our leaders as they finalize preparations for our fall ministries and seek to guide us in being the Church as God has called us to be during this challenging season.

Mission Partner

Chase Daws

Chase Daws is the leader of Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) on the campus of UC Berkeley. He and his wife Holly have two young sons. Please support them and their ministry by praying for these requests.

Pray for the continued health of our family and staff. Our exposure to the virus will increase as we begin meeting with students.

Please pray for my wife Holly. Since preschools are still closed here, she will have her hands full caring for our boys.

Senior Member

Sharon Howard

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Expectant Mothers

Nina Cash— August 2020

Taylor Bozeman— September 2020

Veronica Adcock— November 2020

Alaine Moss— November 2020

Anna Brooks— November 2020

Elizabeth Fancher— December 2020

Hannah Atkins— December 2020

Jordan Razook— December 2020

Hannah Atkins— December 2020

Shawnda McKinney— April 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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Experience & Express
Grace