



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 23, 2020

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

Worship Service

MEDITATION

“God’s intent for the community of faith is to serve as a Spirit-filled community before a watching world. Living out the kingdom is not an individualistic endeavor. The kingdom is not primarily a confederation of people working out salvation on our own, and the corporate nature of the kingdom is not meant to support individuals as they live out their kingdom lives or to meet their needs. Nor is it a community of people seeking to live out the kingdom under their own power. Living out the kingdom demands that we all serve in a Spirit-filled community that is seeking to witness to the kingdom before a watching world.”

Allen Mitsuo Wakabayashi, *Kingdom Come*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Derrick Harris
Assistant Pastor

LEADER: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

PEOPLE: *Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!*

LEADER: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

PEOPLE: *To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!*

ALL: *And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.*

Revelation 5:11-14

SONGS

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise
As we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord (Repeat)

You do not faint;
You won’t grow weary.
You’re the defender of the weak;
You comfort those in need;
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Our God, you reign forever,
Our hope, our strong deliverer!

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God!

Worship Service

“Come, Thou Fount”

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing;
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

PRAYER

PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

PEOPLE: *Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.*

LEADER: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

PEOPLE: *Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!*

ALL: *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Psalm 46

Worship Service

SONG

“For All The Saints”

For all the saints,
Who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed
Alleluia! allelu!

Thou wast their rock
Their fortress and their might
Thou, Lord, their Captain
In the well-fought fight
Thou in the darkness drear
Their one true light
Alleluia! allelu!

O may Thy soldiers
Faithful true and bold
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old
And win with them
The victor’s crown of gold
Alleluia! allelu!

But lo there breaks
A yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array
The King of glory
Passes on His way
Alleluia! allelu!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Lord, we are guilty--of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to see You in our daily lives. Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate. Go on now, Lord, to subdue our weaknesses, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but now rule over us in liberty and power. We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Valley of Vision

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us — eternal life.

1 John 2:23-25

Worship Service

SONG

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Marvelous Grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured
There where the Blood of the Lamb was spilt

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;
What can avail to wash it away?
Look, there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Chorus: Grace, Grace, God’s Grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within!
Grace, Grace, God’s Grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Marvelous, infinite, matchless Grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe.
You that are longing to see his face,
Will you this moment his grace receive?

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold
Threaten the soul with infinite loss.
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

Acts 2:42-47

“Be the Church”

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

LORD’S SUPPER

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



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.

Small Group Preferences

We are excited to be connecting everyone in our church family to a small group this fall as we experience and explore together what it means to "Be the Church." Please fill out your preferences (virtual or in person, best times to meet, etc.) at southwood.org/bethechurch this week so we can connect you most effectively.

Men's Ministry Breakfasts

The Southwood Men will be hosting a men's breakfast each Tuesday at 7:00am, beginning August 25. Bring your own food and drink and meet on the patio outside the sanctuary. All men are invited, and there's no need to RSVP. Just come for a time of (outdoor, socially distanced) community.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, August 23

10:30am — Children and Youth Connect Hours

10:30am — Town Hall Meeting

Monday, August 24

6:30pm — Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, August 25

7:00am — Men's Breakfast

Deacon/Finance Update

2020 Budget

\$2,448,739

Weekly Budget Need

\$47,091

Last Week's Giving

\$20,326

Year to Date Giving

\$1,206,304

A giving box is located outside near the sanctuary doors for anyone who came prepared to give this morning.

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Ask that God would keep us faithful to the message of Jesus Christ and him crucified in a culture that craves power and applause.

Pray for our young people to have a passion for knowing Jesus and making him known to their classmates and friends.

Ask that God would make our pastors faithful and bold in declaring his Word and pointing us to turn from our sin to Jesus over and over.

Specific Needs

Pray for Ray and Vanny Holton as Ray continues to recover from a recent heart attack.

Pray for Larry and Judy Covington in the death of their niece this week.

Pray for Frank and Pat Six as their daughter has been hospitalized this week with Covid-19.

Pray for our children and youth as they connect with each other today and this fall in a season where connections and relationships are increasingly vital for them.

Mission Partner

Child Evangelism Fellowship

This Bible-centered organization establishes clubs in public schools to reach children with the Gospel, disciple them in the Word of God, and connect them with a local church. Please support them by praying for these requests.

Please pray that God would provide opportunities to establish additional Bible clubs.

We are switching to Zoom clubs during this time. Pray that God would make them effective.

Ask God to provide new financial partners for this ministry.

Senior Member

Sharron Hunter

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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

Libby Potts— December 2020

Shawnda McKinney— April 2021

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