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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.

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**March 28, 2021**

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Connect Hour

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# Worship Service

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

## MEDITATION

We are who we are because of what we love. This does not undermine the importance of rationality and thinking Christianly, but this orients the life of the mind around worship ... Simply knowing the right things is not enough; we are called to love.

Kyle C. Strobel

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Derrick Harris  
Associate Pastor

LEADER: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

PEOPLE: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

LEADER: I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations;

ALL: His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:9-10

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

## SONGS

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"  
"Doxology"

## PRAYER

We affirm together what we believe.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**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.

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# Worship Service

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PEOPLE: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

LEADER: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. 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 24:1-10

## SONG "Near the Cross"

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

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving God, on this day your Son entered the rebellious city that later rejected Him: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's. Our faith is often more show than substance. Our hearts are in need of cleansing. Jesus, you are our king, yet we don't always act like it. You came in humility, to serve and give your life for the world. But so many times, we live our own way and reject yours. Claiming allegiance to you only when it's convenient, when it serves our interests. On this Palm Sunday we are reminded of how quickly our loyalty to you diminishes. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all we have and all we are, trusting you to forgive, to heal, and to receive us as your own. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8-12

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# Worship Service

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## SONG

"Before the Throne of God Above"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"Man of Sorrows"

Giving boxes are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Ron Clegg  
Associate Pastor

Luke 19:28-48

"The Things that Make for Peace"

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"Near the Cross"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24-25



### Following the Worship Service

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

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

**Adults:** Gather in the Connecting Spaces

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

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

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# Sermon Notes

Introduction: The arrival of the King means the coming of peace/shalom.

I. Peace Comes Through Release.

a. Release for Service

b. Release for Worship

II. Peace Comes Through Recognition.

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# Announcements

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## 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 send your contact information to [worship@southwood.org](mailto:worship@southwood.org), we will reach out to you this week.

## Easter Sunday - Outdoors

Celebrate Easter with us outdoors! Sunrise service at 6:30am and worship service at 10am, followed by Easter Celebration (and Egg Hunt for the kids). Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for any or all of this special day!

## Easter Week Services

Join us for special Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, both at 6:00pm with nursery provided. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Thursday, and both are livestreamed at [southwood.online.church](http://southwood.online.church).

## Serve our Kids this Summer!

The Children's Ministry is currently seeking a team of gifted believers who love kids to serve in our 7-week summer KidsConnect program from June 6 to July 25. Contact [angela.sierk@southwood.org](mailto:angela.sierk@southwood.org) if you have questions or want to sign-up.

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, March 28

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

### Wednesday, March 31

6:00pm – No Jr. High-Life  
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

### Thursday, April 1

6:00pm – Maundy Thursday

### Friday, April 2

6:00pm – Good Friday

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### 2021 Budget

\$2,671,555

### Weekly Budget Need

\$51,376

### Last Week's Giving

\$25,232

### Year to Date Giving

\$381,577

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

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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

**We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.**

Ask that God would burden our hearts to pray for those we know who don't know Him.

Pray for our pastors and other elders to be devoted to prayer and the ministry of the Word as first-order priorities.

Ask for each of us to be marked by a confident humility that comes from being dependent children of an extravagantly gracious Father.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Mary Ann Mccrary and her family in the death of her father last week.

Pray for our church administrator, Janice Crowson, in the death of her mother last week.

Pray for our Easter Week services and especially for friends and neighbors who might join us through the weekend.

Pray for Andrew and Christine Betts as they prepare to go to Germany as missionaries and begin to raise support for this calling.

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## Mission Partner

**Paul and Marty Clark - Peru**

*The Clarks have been missionaries in Peru for over 50 years. The main focus of their ministry is developing and maintaining orphanages for abandoned street boys. You can support them by praying for these requests.*

Pray for the Clarks as they have returned to Peru and are adjusting to life under strict Covid restrictions.

Ask God to send the additional support that is needed for the boys' home in Kusi, Peru.

Pray for the development of supportive relationships and a hunger for God's word as Marty resumes women's Bible studies next month.

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## Senior Member

**Alma Huston**

3412 O'Hara Rd SW  
Huntsville, AL 35801

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## Expectant Mothers

**Shawnda McKinney** — April 2021

**Amber Colvard** — April 2021

**Grace Guin** — April 2021

**Cole Wasdin** — May 2021

**Lou Ellen Schweers** — May 2021

**Brett Stanfield** — June 2021

**Cayce McAlister** — July 2021

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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**Southwood's Vision and Mission**

Southwood exists to advance the kingdom of God as we experience and express grace.

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**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*