



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.

April 4, 2021

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM Easter Celebration

Worship Service

MEDITATION

“Let us not mock God with metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence,
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the fading
credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.”

John Updike, “Seven Stanzas at Easter”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Derrick Harris
Associate Pastor

“Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Matthew 28:1-10

SONG

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens and earth reply,
Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done!
Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won!
Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise! Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise! Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king! Alleluia!
Where, o death, is now thy sting?
Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save! Alleluia!
Where thy victory, o grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Alleluia!
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!
Alleluia!

Worship Service

PRAYER

PROFESSING THE RESURRECTION PROMISES

LEADER: Christ the Lord is risen today! He appeared alive to Cephas, then to the twelve disciples, then to more than 500 people, then to James, then to all the apostles, and then to Paul himself.

PEOPLE: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

LEADER: Christ the Lord is risen today! Because he is risen, we are now born again to a living hope.

PEOPLE: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

LEADER: Christ the Lord is risen today! Because he is risen, we are born again to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept secure in heaven for us.

PEOPLE: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

LEADER: Christ the Lord is risen today! Because he is risen, we now live under God's grace and sin no longer has dominion over us.

PEOPLE: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

LEADER: Christ the Lord is risen today! Because he is risen, we are justified by faith and have peace with God.

ALL: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

1 Peter 1, Romans 5 and 6, 1 Corinthians 15

SONG

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious o'er the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love,
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

Worship Service

CONFESSION OF SIN

God, we gather in your presence as a fellowship of people who acknowledge your son, Jesus Christ, as Lord. Today, we experience a sense of joy as we gather to worship. Yet, we admit that there are times when we feel afraid, abandoned, and lonely; when faith leads to doubt and questions rather than a sense of joy or peace. Lord Jesus Christ, unlike those first disciples, we can't touch or see you, so it is all too easy to become downcast and given to despair. Come to us, risen Christ, through the closed doors of our hearts and minds and take away our fears and doubts; Come to us, risen Christ, forgive us for all our sins and renew us with the joy and peace of your presence through the power of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

From 1 John 1:1-10

SONG

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on the cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Worship Service

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Niemitz
Southwood Member

SONG "I'll Fly Away"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

I Corinthians 15:3-6, 17-23 "Hope That Lasts Forever"

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ... 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

SONG OF RESPONSE "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 blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Announcements

Welcome to Southwood!

We are so glad you are here this morning to celebrate with us. If you are new to Southwood, please scan the QR code below on your phone and let us know how you would like us to get in touch with you so we can get to know you and serve you better. Regular attenders, please scan the QR code and let us know you were here! If you are unable to scan the QR code, please send info to worship@southwood.org.



Small Groups

As a church of small groups, we want everyone in our family connected in meaningful, life-giving, Christ-serving relationships. If you would like help in getting connected, talk with a Southwood member or email shannon.clark@southwood.org.

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. There are also many places to serve with VBS July 12-14. Email angela.sierk@southwood.org if you have questions or want to sign up.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, April 4

11:15am – Easter Celebration
7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, April 7

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

Thursday, April 8

10:00am – Women's Bible Study
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Deacon/Finance Update

2021 Budget
\$2,671,555

Weekly Budget Need

\$51,376

Last Week's Giving

\$25,773

Year to Date Giving

\$407,350

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.

Ask that God would continue to deepen the relationships within our small groups so that they would have life-giving and eternal impact on each member of our church family.

Pray for our young people to experience the goodness of true relationships in an individualistic culture and an increasingly isolating season of life.

Ask that God would give us friendships with people of different backgrounds and perspectives so that we can learn to value Jesus more together.

Specific Needs

Pray for Leonard Robinson as he recovers from surgery on his hand this week.

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

Pray for our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus this weekend to be full of "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow" for our church family and our neighbors.

Mission Partner

Kate Mahafza - RUF @ Duke University
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) is the campus ministry supported by the PCA. Southwood has specific ties to several RUF programs and leaders. This month, we will share requests from a different leader each week.

Prayers appreciated for students working through mental health struggles, doubts in their faith, and learning how to navigate difficult relationships with others.

Pray that freshman girls would see the value of Christian community and that our older students would be passionate about including those on the outside in their social activities.

Please pray for me personally as I am currently on the job hunt and looking for what will be next in my life.

Senior Member

Ivy Barber
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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

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