Southwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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 22, 2026
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Thanksgiving Service
11:00 AM Connect Hour

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

Abraham Lincoln (March 30, 1863)

God welcomes us into his presence and reorients our hearts to Him and each other as we consider many reasons to give Him thanks.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

PEOPLE: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of gods.

MEN: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

WOMEN: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: To him who alone does great wonders.

Age Under 19: His steadfast love endures forever.

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Marcus Pope** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Michael Babin** Vocals
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio/Slides

Worship Service

LEADER: To him who by understanding made the heavens.

Age 19-35: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: It is he who remembered us in our low estate.

Age 36-49: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: And rescued us from our foes.

Age 50-64: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: He who gives food to all flesh.

Age 65 and Up: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

ALL: His steadfast love endures forever.

We express the worth of our God and the emotions of our hearts to Him as we thank Him for his grace in our lives.

SONGS
"Rejoice"
"Give Thanks"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THANKSGIVINGS

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

SONG
"Doxology"

We give to God from all He has blessed us with.

OFFERTORY SONG
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Worship Service

God speaks to us from the Bible explained and applied to our lives.

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE
Deuteronomy 8:11-18
"Don't Forget Thanksgiving"

God invites us to taste and see his goodness in the bread and cup that represent the body and 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 communing members or others not partaking today are encouraged to observe and/or ask an elder to pray with you after the service.
** Gluten-free bread is available in center front and back.*
** Grape juice is in clear cups in the outer ring of each tray, while wine is in purple cups in the inner rings.*

SONG OF RESPONSE
"Give Thanks"

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 and pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God & each other around his Word.
Adults: Gather in Connecting Spaces to meet new members
High-Life Connects: Jr./Sr. High classes in the Lodge across the street
Kids Connect: Birth-5th grade classes in the Nursery and upstairs

Passages from 2026 Sermon Series

The Son is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. – Hebrews 1:1-4

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. – Hebrews 4:15-16

Since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ... let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works. – Hebrews 10:19-25

"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it. – Romans 3:10-12, 21

In the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades." – Revelation 1:12-18

"Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ... I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." – Revelation 5:2-6, 9-10

Grace Group Questions (*for fuller discussion guide, visit southwood.org)*

1. Where do you see entitlement (taking good things for granted) in our culture? Where do you see entitlement in your own heart and life?

2. What is one way you live that indicates you may be seeking to be satisfied or filled by the things of the world? What's one thing you do that makes you feel better than others?

3. What is one practical way you can keep your heart thankful to God even beyond the Thanksgiving season?

Announcements

Connect Hour Today
Testimonies of Thanksgiving continue following the service in the Connecting Spaces. Come greet our new members and hear some of them share stories of Jesus' work in their lives. Snacks provided. Children and youth classes continue as usual.

Hark the Herald Southwood Sings!
Invite friends and join us on Sunday, December 13, at 6pm for this musical Christmas celebration for the whole family. This is a casual and joyful evening of music and fun to celebrate the Christmas season.

Christmas Eve Worship Service
Join us on Christmas Eve at 5pm (note the time is an hour earlier than last year!) for our traditional candlelight service with the Lord's Supper. Nursery provided (ages 0-3).

Global Christmas Greetings
This Christmas, bless international mission partners with global greetings, a card or encouraging note. Names and addresses are on the Missions Counter in the Connecting Spaces. You can mail your card with three stamps or drop it off in the Missions Mail Drop at the church by Sunday, December 7.

Upcoming Connect Hour Schedule
Nov 29: No Connect Hour
Dec 6: Joint Adult Connect Hour
Dec 13: Adult Christmas Party
Dec 20: No Connect Hour
Dec 27: No Connect Hour
Jan 3: No Connect Hour
Jan 10: Annual Congregational Mtg

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, November 22
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

Wed - Fri, November 25-27
Office Closed

Thursday, November 26
Happy Thanksgiving!

Join us in pursuing God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Sign up anytime at southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

Quarterly Budget Goal is based on Southwood's historical giving patterns.

Oct-Dec Budget Goal: $1,174,628
Oct-Dec Giving to Date: $308,055

Last Week's Giving: $31,976

Scan this QR code to give electronically.

Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at southwood.org.

Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out. Pray that God would give us hearts that work and sacrifice to be where Jesus is - with those others push aside.

Ask that the Holy Spirit would give the aroma of the gospel to our lives among those who do not know Jesus.

Pray that the children in our church and community would have opportunities to develop their faith during the upcoming holiday season.

Specific Needs

Pray for Al Eller, who has returned home after being hospitalized this week to battle an infection.

Pray for Greg Ray, who has returned home after being hospitalized this week for GI issues.

Pray for Stephanie Phillips as she remains hospitalized and is recovering from complications from GI surgery.

Pray for our hearts to be stirred toward gratitude as we share testimonies of thanksgiving with one another on Sunday.

Pray for family relationships over the Thanksgiving holiday to be renewed and strengthened.

Pray for the new members received into our Southwood Family Sunday to connect deeply with brothers and sisters.

Missions Partner Requests

The Village Church

Planted in 2011 as a daughter church of Southwood, The Village Church has remained faithful to its calling: a church of Beautiful and Broken People Connected in Jesus, Extending His Love. Their mission is simple and powerful: to Know, Enjoy, and Glorify Jesus. Led by a dedicated team of leaders and staff, TVC seeks to be a light in its community by building authentic relationships and sharing the hope of Christ. Through worship, Bible study, outreach, and discipleship, their heart is to see lives transformed, personally, within the church, and throughout Huntsville.

Pray for wisdom, unity, and perseverance for Pastor Alex Shipman, the staff, and officers.

Pray for continued growth in God's Word and deeper relationships within the church, and a shared desire to know, enjoy and glorify Jesus.

Pray for opportunities to serve neighbors and share the love of Christ.

Senior Member

Sharron Hunter
10 Cedar Holly Lane SE
Brownsboro, AL 35741

Expectant Mothers

Katelyn Welch — November 2026
Riley Brechin — December 2026
Jessica Sheppard — March 2027

Email prayer@southwood.org to be included in this Prayer Guide.

Southwood's Mission
Southwood exists to experience and express grace in relationships that impact eternity.

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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