

Welcome to the Worship Gathering at FBC Cordele

Worship is the right, fitting, and delightful response of moral beings — angelic and human — to God the Creator, Redeemer, and Consummator, for who he is as one eternal God in three persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — and for what he has done in creation and redemption, and for what he will do in the coming consummation, to whom be all praise and glory, now and forever, world without end. Amen.

And so, as we gather each Lord's Day, between the now and not yet of God's kingdom, let us worship God for who he is, as one eternal God in three persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — and for what he has done in creation and redemption, and for what he will do in the coming consummation. Let us worship God on earth as he is worshipped in heaven.¹

In our worship service we aim to be Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led, and glorify God in all things. The Scriptures guide all that we do as we sing the Word (Eph 5:19; Heb 13:15) in congregational singing, read the Word (I Tim 4:13; Col 4:15-16), pray the Word (Col 4:2-4; I Tim 2:1), preach the Word (Acts 4:24; I Tim 4:13), and see the Word (Matt 28:19; I Cor 11:24-25) through the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. We pray that through all of this that you will be edified (I Cor 14:26) as we focus wholly on our Triune God and His inspired Word.

We believe that every part of the service should be participatory. By this we mean, we encourage you to sing every song, open your Bibles, read along, and take notes during the sermon, engage in responsive reading, and pray with us. We hope that through this you will grow in the Word and will behold the glory of Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria

To God Alone be the Glory

1 Jonathan Gibson, "Worship On Earth as It Is in Heaven," in *Reformation Worship: Liturgies from the Past for the Present*, ed. Jonathan Gibson and Mark Earney (Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2018), 2, 21.

Worship Liturgy

Call to Worship
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
No One Higher

Pastoral Prayer

I Will Follow

Only A Holy God (Hymn 11)

Sermon: Acts 5:33-42

The Lord's Supper

Come O Sinner (Hymn 110)

Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Receive the Word of the Lord from Psalm 72:17-19:

May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed! Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Our God and our Father, as long as we are apart from you, we are self-satisfied, because we have no standard by which to measure our low stature. But when we come near to you, there we rightly see ourselves. In your light, we behold our darkness. In your purity, we behold our corruption. Our confession of sin is the fruit of holiness. Let us gaze on you more and more until in the vision of your brightness, we loathe the sight of our impurity and fall prostrate, blinded, and broken to rise again new in you. Amen.
- George Matheson

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Ephesians 1:3-10:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

No One Higher

Aaron Shust

Verse 1

Our Father Creator
You hold our hearts together
There's no one higher than You
Redeemer Defender
our Great and Mighty Savior
There's no one higher than You

Pre-Chorus

You are always with us
gracious to forgive us
By Your power we've been set free
Chorus 1
And Lord we stand
amazed in Your presence
Astounded by Your mercy and love
Our hands are lifted
high in surrender
Your grace for me is always enough
And there is no one
higher than our God
There is no one higher than You

Verse 2

Majestic in wonder
You reign in love forever
There's no one higher than You
Your beauty Your splendor
Your glory knows no measure
There's no one higher than You

Chorus 2

And Lord we stand
amazed in Your presence
Astounded by Your mercy and love
Our hands are lifted
high in surrender
Your grace for me is always enough
And there is no one
higher than our God
There is no one greater than You
Let my life forever praise
the glory of Your name
There is no one higher than You

Bridge

There is no one higher
no one greater
No one like our God
There is none more able
Christ our Savior
Great and Glorious



I Will Follow

The Worship Initiative
Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Who You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow You

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Who You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow You

Verse 2

Light unto the world
Light unto my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow
Ending
I will follow You

Only A Holy God

(Hymn 11)

CityAlight

Verse 1

Who else commands
all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make
every king bow down
Who else can whisper
and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty
demands such praises
What other splendour
outshines the sun
What other majesty
rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship
the Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory
consumes like fire
What other power
can raise the dead
What other name
remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Verse 4

Who else could rescue
me from my failing
Who else would offer
His only Son
Who else invites me
to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

Come, O Sinner

(Hymn 110)

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

Come, O sinner, come and see
Christ the Lord upon a tree
See the crown of thorns
adorn the King
Who labors to breathe in agony
Come, O sinner, come and see
What our God became
to set us free

Verse 2

Come, O sinner, come and mourn
For He calls your sin His own
Do you feel the
weight of justice served
He suffers the wrath
that you deserve
Come, O sinner, come and mourn
For He bears the curse
for all you've done

Chorus

Oh the wonder
of this awesome scene
Where our Savior bleeds
Oh the power
of the love of God
Come and stand in awe

Verse 3

Come, O sinner, come rejoice
Mercy fills this place of scorn
For He dies to save His enemies
That all who draw near
may know His peace
Come, O sinner, come rejoice
Through the death of Christ
death is destroyed

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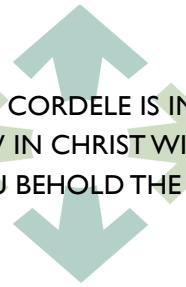
THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING	6PM: MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

WAYS TO SERVE/WHO TO CONTACT:

PASTOR VON	• HOSPITALITY
PASTOR JACK	• DISCIPLESHIP • STUDENT MINISTRY
PASTOR DANIEL	• AUDIO/VIDEO • INSTRUMENTALISTS/VOCALISTS
PASTOR CHUCK	• LIFE GROUPS
CHRISTY SAYLOR	• AWANA • KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

ALL THAT WE DO AT FBC CORDELE IS INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED
TO HELP YOU GROW IN CHRIST WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS
AND TO HELP YOU BEHOLD THE GLORY OF CHRIST!



Sunday School	We desire to help you grow in knowledge of the Word of God by applying it to daily life. Quad: New Testament Classroom A: Church History Classroom B: Membership Matters
Worship Gathering	We desire to fellowship, learn through corporate singing, learn through exposition of the Word (conviction, edification, beholding Christ's glory, call to respond), encourage, and console.
Life Groups	Community, fellowship, life-on-life, accountability, service opportunities. <i>Today at 5pm, Life Groups will meet at the church for a Life Group Fellowship. Everyone is invited. Come get plugged in!</i>
Midweek Bible Study	Discussion around the Word, learn to read the Bible, consider context of Biblical texts, application to daily life: <i>Adult Bible Study, FBC Students, FBC Kids (AWANA)</i>
FBC Students	Our next Sunday School series is called <i>Golgotha!</i> In March, our students will look at the different characters in the crucifixion and resurrection story. By looking at these characters, they will examine their own response to Jesus and see that our response to Jesus should be wholehearted surrender. <i>Secret Church</i> is on <i>Friday, April 17th!</i> Students only need to pay \$12 to receive the workbook for the event.
FBC Kids	Each Sunday School class is led by wonderful teachers who love the Lord. Nursery and childcare is available for kids <i>birth-Pre-K</i> during the 10am Worship Gathering.



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 5:33-42

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 5:33-42?

What can we learn from the apostles about gospel ministry in Acts 5?

What does this passage teach us about being ready to preach the gospel at all times? What does this passage teach us about God's sovereignty over persecution?

Read John 15:18-21. What does Jesus say? What is the point that He is making? Do you believe this statement is true for you? Explain. How ought Jesus' understanding of suffering for His sake shape how you live?

React to this from Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "Suffering...is the badge of the true Christian. The disciple is not above his master....Luther reckoned suffering among the marks of the true church.... Discipleship means allegiance to the suffering Christ, and it is therefore not at all surprising that Christians should be called upon to suffer."

Peter restates in v. 29 that "We must obey God rather than men." How does this need to shape your own actions today? Is there anyone you know whom the Lord is prompting you to gently challenge with this exhortation? What are the fears that are keeping you from obeying Jesus how you ought? Are you keeping back an aspect of faithfulness because you're afraid of what others think of you? What are some examples?

React to this from Kent Hughes: "The absence of persecution may actually indicate something is wrong."

In your thinking about this topic - and in your discussions with others - do you sense that your heart and mind are attempting to excuse a lack of costly obedience? Explain.

Our text shows us that God's plans cannot be thwarted - nor can the church. Jesus promised the church's eternal existence. Is the value that Jesus places on the church commensurate with the way you treat, view, and prioritize the church? Explain.

How can we place as much value on the church as Jesus does? How will this be evident in our posture towards it?

Are you prepared to suffer dishonor for Christ's name? Would you count it a privilege to do so? If not, what would it take for you to adopt this perspective? Take several moments to ponder and reflect on 5:40-41. Are you like the apostles? Is the American church on the whole like them? How can we cultivate an obedience like theirs where suffering for Christ is an honor?

React to this from Iain Duguid: "In reality, the Bible and church history show us that God loves us and has a wonderful plan for the glory of his own name, which is far and away the best purpose for our lives. God wants people's eyes to be opened to his glory, and that happens when people see men and women who count obedience to God as more valuable than their personal comfort, reputation, and even life itself. How can you be lashed with whips to within an inch of your life, as the apostles were, and still go away rejoicing that you are counted worthy to suffer for the name of Jesus? You can't if your own interests are at the center of your universe."

Take a moment to pray for the persecuted church around the world. Take some time to confess and pray together using this text as a guide.



Lord's Day Gathering
February 22, 2026

Come
Behold
the
Glory
of Christ