

## 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.<sup>1</sup>

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 (1 Tim 4:13; Col 4:15-16), pray the Word (Col 4:2-4; 1 Tim 2:1), preach the Word (Acts 4:24; 1 Tim 4:13), and see the Word (Matt 28:19; 1 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 (1 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

<sup>1</sup>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 Earngey (Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2018), 2, 21.

## Worship Liturgy

Call to Worship

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

**God Our Rescuer**

Pastoral Prayer (Elder)

**All My Boast Is In Jesus** (Hymn 227)

**Praise The Lord Forever**

Sermon: Acts 13:13-52

The Lord's Supper

**God Of Abraham**

**Doxology** (Hymn 384)

## Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Psalm 36-7-9:

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

O Lord God Almighty, who knows the secrets of every heart; who is also the God of infinite perfection and purity, and claims not only the outward service of your creatures, but requires truth in the inward parts. We sinners, who in thought, word, and deed have offended against you, humbly desire to confess our sins, and to implore your merciful forgiveness. O Lord, we acknowledge that forgetfulness of you, rebellion of heart against you have been the cause of so many disorders in our lives. We have not honored you as God, but have set up our own will as our law, choosing to follow our own vain imaginations. We have neglected your written Word; we have been careless under the means of grace. Forgive us, O Lord! - Henry Thornton

## Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Ephesians 2:1–7:

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

## God Our Rescuer

Michael Bleecker

### Verse 1

Righteousness, as filthy rags  
Still you sought us,  
mercy bought us  
From our shame  
and from our chains  
Grace has freed us  
truth will lead us

### Chorus

God our Rescuer  
Redeemer of the world  
Prodigal Chaser Miracle Maker  
Strong enough to save  
You pulled us from the grave  
Yours is the glory,  
O God our Rescuer  
Oh, Oh God our Rescuer

### Verse 2

You came in love,  
you walked our dust  
Healed the blind eyes,  
gave the dead life  
In our midst and in our mess  
You're our Helper,  
You are Healer

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### Bridge

This seems impossible  
oh what a selfless love  
That reaches far beyond  
and stretches high above  
He made it possible  
by sending us His Son, Jesus

## All My Boast Is In Jesus (Hymn 227)

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

### Verse 1

What wonder of wonders  
what love is this  
That Christ would die for me  
His goodness His merit  
His righteousness  
This sinner's only plea  
O foolish pride be crucified  
The work is finished

### Chorus 1

All my boast is in Jesus  
All my hope is His love  
And I will glory forever  
In what the cross has done

### Verse 2

Now fully forgiven my life is filled  
With graces undeserved  
For mercy that flowed down  
that sacred hill  
Let praises now return  
Rise up my soul and bless the Lord  
Who else is worthy

### Bridge 1

O praise the One forever blessed  
Him alone my heart adores  
And I will boast in nothing less  
Than the love of Christ my Lord

### Verse 3

I boast not in riches  
in strength or might  
But in the grace of God  
I glory in weakness to live is Christ  
In plenty or in want  
That I may know that all may see  
His pow'r within me

### Chorus 2

Now I stand in His freedom  
Ransomed clean in His sight  
And I cannot be ashamed for  
My boast is Jesus Christ  
My boast is Jesus Christ  
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

## Praise The Lord Forever

Pat Barrett

### Verse 1

Oh let all that is within me  
Bless His holy name  
For His love endures forever  
And His mercies new today  
We will enter with thanksgiving  
And fill His courts with praise  
Come on church

Lift your voice and sing

### Chorus

Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord forever  
Bless His name  
Let all within me sing  
Praise the Lord forever

### Verse 2

If your life's been resurrected  
By the war that Jesus won  
If you wait in expectation  
For a kingdom yet to come  
All you citizens of heaven  
Sons and daughters of the King  
Come on church

Lift your voice and sing

### Chorus

Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord forever  
Bless His name  
Let all within me sing  
Praise the Lord forever

### Verse 3

For the one who's brokenhearted  
And it's hard to sing this song  
You've been walking  
through the valley

And your faith is feeling small  
I pray peace and love surround you  
From the God who understands  
As the family all around you  
Lifts your arms up when you can't  
Join the choir of creation  
With the song of the redeemed  
Come on church

Lift your voice and sing

### Chorus

## God Of Abraham

Vertical Worship

### Verse 1

You are the God of Abraham  
You are in command  
of every throne  
You are the God of majesty  
You saw the heart in me  
and made a home

### Chorus

You have been my God  
Faithful through the years  
nations rise and fall  
You are standing still  
You will be my God  
What then shall I fear  
I know whatever comes  
You'll be with me still

### Verse 2

You are the God of  
righteousness  
You are my defense  
when I have none  
You are the  
God of matchless grace  
And in my darkest days  
you still hold on

### Bridge

I know You've never let go  
I know You've never  
let go of me  
I know You've never let go  
And You never will

### Bridge

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### Chorus

You have been my God  
Faithful through the years  
nations rise and fall  
You are standing still  
You will be my God  
What then shall I fear  
I know whatever comes  
You'll be with me still

### Ending

I know whatever comes  
You'll be with me still

**LIFEGROUPS**  
WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

ON SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 5PM,  
LIFE GROUPS MEET IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS.  
FOR MORE DETAILS AND MEETING LOCATIONS  
CONTACT PASTOR CHUCK HOLLINGSWORTH.  
COME GET PLUGGED IN!

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!

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| Sunday School       | We desire to help you grow in knowledge of the Word of God by applying it to daily life.<br><b>Quad:</b> Evangelism<br><b>Classroom A:</b> Systematic Theology                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 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.<br><i>On Sunday evenings at 5pm, Life Groups meet in various locations. For more details and meeting locations contact Pastor Chuck Hollingsworth. 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:<br><i>Adult Bible Study, FBC Students, FBC Kids (AWANA)</i>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| FBC Students        | Students are in their new Sunday School series, <b>The Lord's Prayer</b> . Through this series, we hope to guide our students through the Lord's Prayer that they may learn how to live in daily fellowship with their Heavenly Father. Our students will continue their study of Joseph in their Wednesday night study, <b>Prisoner to Prince</b> at 6PM. |
| FBC Kids            | Each Sunday School class is led by wonderful teachers who love the Lord. Nursery and childcare is available for kids birth-Pre-K during the 10am Worship Gathering. On Wednesdays our kids participate in <b>AWANA @ 6PM</b> .                                                                                                                             |



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 13:13-52  
Talk about it...

- What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 13:13-52?
- How does this chapter on the whole highlight the overcoming power of the gospel and the Spirit?
- Talk about how Paul emphasized God's providence and sovereignty over history. Why is it so important to remember God as sovereign over – not just the world – but over history in general? How can this serve as a comfort to us?
- Why do you think we want so desperately to believe we've contributed to our own salvation in some way? Why is this wrong according to the way Scripture talks about salvation?
- Why is it good news that God accomplished all for us without our needing to contribute anything whatsoever?
- Why is it comforting to be reminded that God always keeps His promises? How does this fact pair with God's sovereignty?
- Why is it important to rightly understand Jesus – His person, His work, His glory? What can happen if we get Him wrong?
- Paul highlights the resurrection in his sermon. See if you can spot every reference to the resurrection in this chapter.
- Why is the resurrection so important?
- React to this from Sinclair Ferguson: "We [need to] remember that there isn't a thing, a substance, or a "quasi-substance" called "grace." All there is is the person of the Lord Jesus. Grace is the grace of Jesus. If I can highlight the thought here: there is no "thing" that Jesus takes from Himself and then, as it were, hands over to me. There is only Jesus Himself." Is this how you have understood salvation? Explain.
- Why is it important that we think this way about salvation, the gospel, and Jesus?
- React to this from Oliver O'Donovan: "In proclaiming the resurrection of Christ, the apostles proclaimed also the resurrection of mankind in Christ; and in proclaiming the resurrection of mankind, they proclaimed the renewal of all creation in him." How does this give you comfort?
- Courage? Hope?
- Consider Paul's sermon. What can we learn from it and apply in our own evangelism and presentations of the gospel to others?
- Explain how Paul was faithful and flexible in evangelism.
- What do we need to know in order to present the gospel to different types of people?
- What about Paul's sermon in Pisidian Antioch most resonates with you?
- What do you learn from the people's reaction to Paul's sermon in Pisidian Antioch?
- Pray for the Lord to show you how best to support your church in evangelism and church planting.
- 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.

**THIS WEEK**  
**@ FBC CORDELE**  
**SUNDAY**

**9AM:** SUNDAY SCHOOL **10AM:** WORSHIP GATHERING  
**5PM:** LIFE GROUPS  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**6PM:** MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES



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Behold  
the  
Glory  
of Christ

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