

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 (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

¹Jonathan 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
How Firm A Foundation (Hymn 294)
Pastoral Prayer (Jack Fitzgibbons)
Onward
Yours Alone
Sermon: Acts 15:22-35
The Lord's Supper
Behold Our God (Hymn 14)
Doxology (Hymn 384)
Call to Worship
Recieve the Word of the Lord from Psalm 57:7-11:
My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast!
I will sing and make melody! Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

O God the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.
Be merciful to us and spare us, and deliver us, O Lord.
From all sin, from all error, from all evil - deliver us, O Lord. From the wiles of the devil and from everlasting death deliver us, O Lord.
- Martin Bucer

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Matthew 5:3–6:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

How Firm A Foundation (Hymn 294)

Norton Hall Band

Verse 1

How firm a foundation
ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith
in His excellent Word
What more can He say
than to you He has said
To you who for refuge
to Jesus have fled

Verse 2

Fear not I am with you
O be not dismayed
For I am your God
and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you help you
and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous
omnipotent hand

Verse 3

When through the deep waters
I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow
Shall not overflow
For I will be with you
your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you
Your deepest distress

Verse 4

When through fiery trials
your pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient
Shall be your supply
The flame shall not hurt you
I only design
your dross to consume
and your gold to refine

Verse 5

The soul that on Jesus
Has leaned for repose
I will not I will not
Desert to his foes
That soul though all hell
Should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never
No never forsake

Onward

Luke Hill Music

Verse 1

Onward Christian soldiers
marching as to war
With the cross of Jesus
going on before
Christ the royal Master
leads against the foe
Forward into battle
see His banners go

Chorus

Onward, onward
Onward we shall go
Onward, onward
Onward we shall go

Verse 2

Like a mighty army
moves the church of God
Pilgrims we are treading
where the saints have trod
We are not divided
all one body we
One in hope and doctrine
one in charity

Chorus

Onward, onward
Onward we shall go
Onward, onward
Onward we shall go

Verse 3

Crowns and thrones may perish
kingdoms rise and wane
But the church of Jesus
constant will remain
Gates of hell can never
against the church prevail
We have Christ's own promise
and that cannot fail

Chorus

Onward, onward
Onward we shall go
Onward, onward
Onward we shall go

Tag

Onward then ye people
join our happy throng
Blend with ours your voices
in the triumph song

Chorus (2x)

Yours Alone

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

O what a love is this
that rescues and forgives
You suffered in our place
to make us heirs of grace

Verse 2

You chose unworthy ones
as daughters and as sons
Redeemed to be Your Bride
the prize for which You died

Chorus 1

We are Yours alone
Our life our everything
is Yours alone
Oh King of mercy
make our hearts Your throne
We are Yours alone

Verse 3

You saved us to proclaim
the beauty of Your name
To make Your glory known
for we are not our own

Bridge

Lord reign unrivaled
within Your people
Your Kingdom come
Your will be done in us
Tear down our idols
we are Your temple
May all our days unfold
in praise to You
Own our affections
claim our devotion
All we adore forevermore

Chorus 2

We are Yours alone
Our life our everything
is Yours alone
Oh King of mercy
make our hearts Your throne
We are Yours alone
Our life our everything
is Yours alone
Oh King of mercy
make our hearts Your throne
We are Yours alone

Tag

We are Yours alone

Behold Our God (Hymn 14)

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

Who has held the
oceans in His hands
Who has numbered
every grain of sand
Kings and nations
tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Verse 2

Who has given
counsel to the Lord
Who can question
any of His words
Who can teach the
One who knows all things
Who can fathom
all His wondrous deeds

Chorus

Behold our God
seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King
nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 3

Who has felt the
nails upon His hands
Bearing all the
guilt of sinful man
God eternal
humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior
risen now to reign

Chorus

Behold our God
seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King
nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Bridge

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)



SUNDAY SCHOOL

FEAR OF MAN (QUAD)
SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II (CR A)
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS (CR B)



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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: Fear of Man Classroom A: Systematic Theology II 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>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: <i>Adult Bible Study, FBC Students, FBC Kids (AWANA)</i> Book Club in the Round: We'll meet on Tuesdays at 4:30PM . We will be reading <i>The Pleasures of God</i> by John Piper as we study, discuss, and grow together each week. We'll announce the start date soon. Contact Pastor Von for more information.
FBC Students	FBC Students will be having their semi-regular time of Q&A, <i>Bacon and Bible</i> on November 8! This is something we do during Sunday School, where students eat breakfast and ask any questions they want about faith, Jesus, the Bible, or anything else to do with Christianity! If you would like to bring food for this event, please contact Pastor Jack. This Wednesday the students will continue their study through the <i>Gospel of John</i> . John's gospel shows us that Jesus really is the Son of God and the Savior of the world.
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. On Wednesdays our kids participate in <i>AWANA @ 6PM</i> .

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 15:22-35
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 15:22-35?

Explain what justification by faith alone means.

Why is a proper understanding of grace so important?
What are some ways we can view grace wrongly?

Why is salvation without contribution from us such a difficult concept for us to grasp? What are some ways that we try to justify ourselves before other people? (Think of everything we do - how we dress, where we live, what we drive, what we post on social media, how we use our time, etc.) What does the gospel have to say about this sort of self-justification?

What is the difference between doing good works in an attempt to earn God's favor and doing good works out of love for God? Think of the good works you currently perform. How often do you check your heart's motivation? Do you find yourself getting discouraged when others don't acknowledge your deeds? If so, what does that say to our motives?

React to this from Charles Spurgeon: " Self-righteousness is born with us, and there is perhaps no sin which has so much vitality in it as the sin of righteous self... The godly, those who are righteous through faith in Christ, still have to mourn that this infirmity clings to them."

What would you say to someone who said that they were a Christian but also said that they do not need to: obey, continually repent, or serve because grace has saved them and they are going to heaven regardless of what they do?

How does the true gospel of grace correct the legalism that our hearts tend toward?
How does the true gospel of grace correct abusing grace and casting off obedience?

Take time to think through what some of your fellow church members are going through right now. Pray for both those burdens you are aware of and those unknown to you, but known to God.

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
AFTER THE GATHERING: MEMBERS' MEETING
5PM: LIFE GROUPS
WEDNESDAY
6PM: MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES
SATURDAY
5:30PM: TRUNK OR TREAT



Lord's Day Gathering
October 25, 2026

Come
Behold
the
Glory
of Christ



There is a sign up sheet for the Trunk or Treat at the Welcome Desk. Candy can be brought to the church through Thursday, October 29.

