

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 Earney (Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2018), 2, 21.

Worship Liturgy

Call to Worship
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
How Firm A Foundation
Pastoral Prayer
Rock Of Ages You Will Stand
The Praise Is Yours
Sermon: Acts 2:42-47
The Lord's Supper
Cornerstone
Doxology

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 25:9:

It will be said on that day,“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden - cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.Amen. - Book of Common Prayer (1552)

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Matthew 11:28–30:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

How Firm A Foundation

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

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

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



Rock Of Ages You Will Stand

Paul Baloche

Verse 1

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
Great is Your faithfulness
Great is Your love oh God
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
Great is Your faithfulness
Great is Your love oh God

Chorus

Rock of ages You will stand
Our foundation 'til the end
Never failing God unchanging
Rock of ages You will stand

Verse 2

When darkness seems
to hide Your face
I rest on Your unchanging grace
Great is Your faithfulness
Great is Your love oh God
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
Great is Your faithfulness
Great is Your love oh God

Chorus

Rock of ages You will stand
Our foundation 'til the end
Never failing God unchanging
Rock of ages You will stand

Bridge

You will stand
You will stand

Chorus

Rock of ages You will stand
Our foundation 'til the end
Never failing God unchanging
Rock of ages You will stand

The Praise Is Yours

Matt Redman

Verse 1

Infinite self-existent
Beyond the end before beginning
Eternal One Creator God
You made the world
and it was good

Verse 2

All in all self-sufficient
So high above but never distant
Made for Your love
fashioned from dust
You gave us breath
and it was good

Chorus

All the glory and honor
Blessing and power
Because Your name
alone is worthy
Worthy forever
The praise is Yours

Verse 3

We hid our face separated
Betrayed Your heart
our glory faded
Went our own way
gave up on love
But You would not
for You are good

Verse 4

You sent Your Son
for our forgiveness
You ran to us
You kept Your promise
Light of the World
there on a cross
You drank the cup
for You are good

Cornerstone

The Worship Initiative

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood
and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus’ Name

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong
in the Savior’s love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all

Verse 2

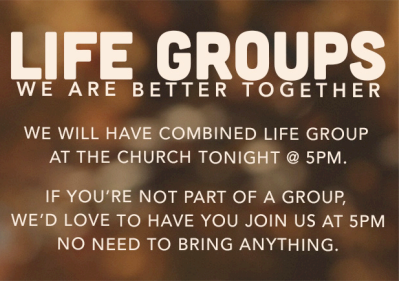
When darkness seems
to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Verse 3

When He shall come
with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus



THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING MEMBERS' MEETING	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	• HOSTING A LIFE GROUP
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
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 together at the church for a combined Life Group. If you're not part of a Life Group, we'd love to have you join us - no need to bring anything.</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 Student Christmas Party will be on December 17. Pastor Jack will have details soon. On Wednesday nights the students are studying through the book of Genesis. The students will be in a new Sunday School series called <i>Good News, Great Joy, All People</i> beginning November 30.
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. <i>AWANA</i> is every Wednesday at 6pm.

DEADLINE FOR ALL GIFTS
TO BE AT THE CHURCH
IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14.

DO NOT WRAP GIFTS
AND ANGELS MUST
BE WITH EACH GIFT.

ANGEL TREE
BLESS THOSE IN NEED

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
CONTACT OUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR
CHRISTY SAYLOR.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING PROVIDE
FOR OUR COMMUNITY
DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS
NEW CLASS BEGINS DECEMBER 14 @ 9AM

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 2:42-47
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 2:42-47?

How does this passage in context of the whole chapter show us that the vertical reconciliation of man to God through Christ is inseparably tied to the horizontal reconciliation in the community of God?

What's the most challenging aspect of this text for you? Why?
What's the most encouraging aspect of this text? Explain.

What are the characteristics Luke gives us of the early church?
What were activities that the first church was "devoted" to?
How important was Scripture to the early church?
Some believe churches should hold loosely to doctrine and theology and should not emphasize those things too much. What would you say to those people about the importance of doctrine and theology in the local church?

How might you more fully devote yourself to the study of the Scriptures? To prayer? To fellowship? To unity? To generosity?

Can a professing Christian be obedient to anything listed here without being an active, present, member of a local church? Explain.

React to this from Ajith Fernando: *"According to the Bible the entire Christian life, including spiritual growth, battling sin, and Satan, and serving God, are intended to be done in community. Community life is an integral part of the basic Christian life because Christianity is by nature a community religion."*

Over the last few weeks we have talked about evangelism of unbelievers that we know in our lives. Undoubtedly, there are also people in your life who profess to be Christian but have little - or nothing - to do with the local church. What would you say to those people? Think together of ways you can have conversations with those people in your life. What prevents you from pursuing the unchurched professing Christians in your life?

The early church was clearly open-handed and sacrificial with their material goods, even willing to sell what they had in order to provide for the needs of others. Would you say that the way you use what God has blessed you with materially reflects what you see in this text? Explain. Read Luke 12:13-21. How does this relate to Acts 2:42-47? What lessons do you see in the Luke passage that we should strive to apply? Would you be willing to sell some of your possessions to provide for poor brothers and sisters in Christ? How can you become more open-handed with your possessions and leverage them for the good of your fellow Christians?

What is the biggest obstacle standing between you and deep, genuine relationships with other believers? How can you better pursue what is in this text?

Take some time to confess and pray together using this text as a guide.

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Lord's Day Gathering
November 30, 2025

Come
Behold
the
Glory
of Christ

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