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

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

Worship Liturgy

Call to Worship

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Crown Him With Many Crowns (Hymn 185)

Pastoral Prayer (Jack Fitzgibbons)

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death (Hymn 183)

Jesus Is Better

Sermon: Acts 16:16-40

O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer (Hymn 174)

Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Revelation 19:6–7:

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Cleanse us from our secret faults, O Lord, and forgive our offenses towards you and our neighbors. We contend not in judgement with you, who are Truth; we fear to deceive ourselves, lest our sin should make us think that we are not sinful. Therefore, we contend not in judgement with you; for if you, Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand? Amen. - Augustine

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Psalm 34:8:

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

sing the WORD

Crown Him With Many Crowns (Hymn 185)

Norton Hall Band

Verse 1

Crown him with many crowns
the Lamb upon the throne
Hark how the heavenly
anthem drowns
all music but it's own
Awake my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee
and hail him as
thy matchless king
through all eternity

Verse 2

Crown him the Lord of life
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high
who died eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die

Verse 3

Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n
Enthroned in worlds above
Crown Him the king
to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall
Crown Him ye kings
with many crowns
For He is king of all

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death (Hymn 183)

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days
within His hand
What comes apart
from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ
in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2

What truth can calm
the troubled soul
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace
and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith
when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves
that bring us nigh
Unto the shore
the rock of Christ

Verse 3

Unto the grave
what will we sing
Christ He lives, Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
everlasting life with Him
There we will rise
to meet the Lord
Then sin and death
will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Jesus Is Better

Austin Stone Worship

Verse 1

There is no other
so sure and steady
My hope is held in Your hand
When castles crumble
and breath is fleeting
Upon this rock I will stand
Upon this rock I will stand

Chorus 1

Glory glory we have
no other King
but Jesus Lord of all
We raise the anthem
our loudest praises ring
We crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2

Your kindly rule has
shattered and broken
The curse of sin's tyranny
My life is hidden
'neath Heaven's shadow
Your crimson flood covers me
Your crimson flood covers me

Bridge

In all my sorrows
Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
In ev'ry vict'ry Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
Than any comfort Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
More than all riches Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
And our souls declaring
Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
And our song eternal
Jesus is better
Make my heart believe

O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer (Hymn 174)

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure
of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace a well
too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds
the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount
of perfect wisdom
My highest good
and my unending need

Verse 2

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel
deceiver
And my shield
against his hateful darts
My song when
enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness
my refuge in the night

Verse 3

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross
laid on Your shoulders
In my place You
suffered bled and died
You rose the grave
and death are conquered
You broke my bonds
of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days
bring glory to Your Name





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. *On Sunday evenings at 5pm, Life Groups meet in various locations. For more details and meeting locations contact one the Elders.* *Come get plugged in!*
Midweek Bible Study	Discussion around the Word, learn to read the Bible, consider context of Biblical texts, application to daily life: *Adult Bible Study, FBC Students, FBC Kids (AWANA)* NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK.
FBC Students	As part of our annual *"Friendsgiving"* trip, we will be heading to *Xtreme Air* in *Warner Robins* on *November 23*. More details soon! NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK. On *Wednesday, December 2*, FBC Students will be participating in a service project at *Crisp Regional Nursing and Rehab*. We will be decorating the doors of some of the patients as well as the nursing station to brighten the lives of those in need and those who take care of them. If you wish to be a part of this by providing door ideas, decorations, etc., please contact Pastor Jack.
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. NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK.





QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 16:16-40

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 16:16-40?

Taking the chapter as a whole: identify the three very different characters that encounter the gospel through Paul.

Read Luke 4:33-35 and 8:27-29. What similarities do you see? How does Matthew 12:22-29 help explain what happens in Acts?

How is the task of the church to push back the darkness in our community and world? Do you think of your task as a Christian to disrupt hell? What are some things Satan is using to keep people in our community in chains? How can we help break their bonds? Do you see yourself as being in a cosmic battle? Explain. If not, how might your life change practically if you saw life as war?

Christianity was perceived as a subversion of Roman culture (V 20-24). In what ways is Christianity perceived to be a threat to your society's culture today?

What are Paul and Silas doing to occupy themselves in prison? Is there a lesson there for us? What impact might have this had on those around them?
What can we learn about suffering from the afflictions Paul and Silas faced in Philippi?
What can we learn from the fact that Paul did not immediately take the opprotunty to escape but stayed? Why did he stay?

What did the Lord use to convert the Philippian jailer? Is your heart's desire to be able to tell people around you what Paul told the jailer? Why or why not? What do you need to pray about?

What were some of the signs of the jailer's transformation?

What does this chapter teach about the importance of hospitality?

The church at Philippi, by the end of the chapter, has begun and it is made up of all kinds of different people. People who - without Jesus - would not be together. What does this teach us about how the church ought to look? Prioritize? Pursue?

How does Paul display a love for the church in this chapter? Take a few moments to pray for those trying to engage the lost and plant new churches around the world.

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

8:30AM: LADIES PRAYER TIME **9AM:** SUNDAY SCHOOL **10AM:** WORSHIP GATHERING
5PM: LIFE GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

6PM: NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES (Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!)

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