

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
- Surely Goodnes, Surely Mercy (Hymn 528)*
- Pastoral Prayer
- His Mercy Is More (Hymn 123)*
- My Victory*
- Sermon: Acts 9:10-25
- Abide*
- Doxology (Hymn 384)*

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Psalm 46:1-3:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we acknowledge and confess that we indeed were conceived and born in sin and are inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we unceasingly transgress your holy commandments, and corrupt ourselves more and more. But we are sorrowful and desire your grace and help. Have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Increase in us your Holy Spirit, so that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the depth of our heart, and feel contrition and grief for them, and die to them completely, and please you fully in a new, godly life. Amen. - Martin Bucer

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from 1 Corinthians 15:3-4:

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy

(Hymn 528)

Shane and Shane

Chorus

Surely goodness surely mercy
Right beside me all my days
And I will dwell in
Your house forever
And bless Your holy name

Verse 1

The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want
In green pastures
He makes me lie down
He restores my soul
and leads me on
For His name is His great name

Chorus

Surely goodness surely mercy
Right beside me all my days
And I will dwell in
Your house forever
And bless Your holy name

Verse 2

You prepare a table
right before me
In the presence of my enemies
Though the arrow flies
and the terror of night
Is at my door I'll trust You Lord

Bridge

And even though
I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
even though
I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
You are on my side

His Mercy Is More

(Hymn 123)

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Chorus

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
new every morn
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Verse 1

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Chorus

What patience would wait
as we constantly roam
What Father so tender
is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest
the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Chorus

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Chorus

My Victory

Crowder

Verse 1

You came for criminals
And ev'ry Pharisee
You came for hypocrites
Even one like me
You carried sin and shame
The guilt of ev'ry man
The weight of all I've done
Nailed into Your hands

Chorus

Oh Your love bled for me
Oh Your blood in crimson streams
Oh Your death is Hell's defeat
A cross meant to kill is my victory

Verse 2

Oh Your amazing grace
I've seen and tasted it
It's running through my veins
I can't escape its grip
In You my soul is safe
You cover ev'rything

Chorus

Oh Your love bled for me
Oh Your blood in crimson streams
Oh Your death is Hell's defeat
A cross meant to kill is my victory

Bridge (2x)

Behold the Lamb of God
Who takes away our sin
Who takes away our sin
The holy Lamb of God
Makes us alive again
Makes us alive again

Chorus

Oh Your love bled for me
Oh Your blood in crimson streams
Oh Your death is Hell's defeat
A cross meant to kill is my victory

Ending

A cross meant to kill
is my victory

Abide

Aaron Williams

Verse 1

For my waking breath
for my daily bread
I depend on You, I depend on You
For the sun to rise
for my sleep at night
I depend on You, I depend on You

Chorus 1

You're the way
the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch
and You are the vine
Draw me close
and teach me to abide

Verse 2

Where the Spirit leads
as I'm following
I depend on You, I depend on You
For the victories
still in front of me
I depend on You, I depend on You

Chorus 2

Be my strength
my song in the night
Be my all, my treasre, my prize
I am Yours forever You're mine
Draw me close
and teach me to abide

Verse 3

When I pass through death
as I enter rest
I depend on You, I depend on You
For eternal life
to be raised with Christ
I depend on You, I depend on You

Chorus 3

Be my strength
my song in the night
Be my all, my treasure, my prize
I am Yours forever You're mine
Draw me close
and teach me to abide

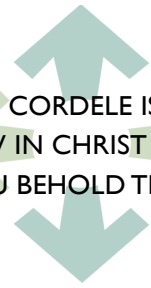
THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING	6PM: AWANA Program FBC Students: traveling to Roman Oven in Americus

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: Evangelism Classroom A: Systematic Theology 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>Beginning on May 31, all Life Groups will meet together at the church at 5pm. Not in a Life Group yet? You still have a chance to jump in, get connected, and see what it's all about!</i>
Midweek Bible Study	No Midweek Activities until the Fall. If anything changes, we will let everyone know. FBC Students will continue to meet throughout the Summer.
FBC Students	On Sundays, the students are continuing their series, <i>A Global Gospel</i> . On <i>May 13 at 5pm</i> , students will hop on the bus to fellowship at Roman Oven in Americus. Please let Jack know if you plan to attend. On <i>May 27 at 1pm</i> , we will kick off summer by heading to <i>Skyzone</i> in Warner Robins. See Pastor Jack for pricing information.
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. Registration for VBS is open at fbccordele.com .

LIFEGROUPS
WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

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JUNE 8-12 • FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

2026 VBS

ILLUMINATION STATION JOHN 8:12

6PM - 8PM

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! • [FBCCORDELE.COM](http://fbccordele.com)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 9:10-25

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 9:10-25?

What does this passage teach about Jesus?

What practical lessons might be learned from Ananias's inclusion in this story?

What can you learn and apply to yourself from the response of Ananias in this passage?

What do we learn from Ananias going to Saul and Saul now being affiliated with the church?

How does an encounter with Jesus change our relationships?

How does an encounter with Jesus change who we affiliate and identify with in our lives?

How might our identification with Jesus cause us to distance ourselves from some affiliations we previously had?

React to this from DA Carson: "Ideally...the church itself is not made up of natural 'friends.' It is made up of natural enemies. What binds us together is not common education, common race, common income levels, common politics, common nationality, common accents, common jobs, or anything of the sort. Christians come together, not because they form a natural collocation, but because they have been saved by Jesus Christ and owe him a common allegiance."

Do you go out of your way to get to know people in the church who you don't have anything in common with or do you tend to gravitate to people who you would be friends with even if you weren't a Christian? Explain.

How might you intentionally get to know someone in the church that you have very little in common with? Will you?

How should the gospel change what we are zealous for?

Take a look back at the last week or month of your life. What would an outside observer say you were zealous for?

Would you say that you are as zealous to know Jesus more than you are for the other things in your life that you are zealous for (like jobs, hobbies, kids activities, etc.)?

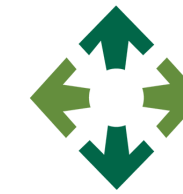
Would you say that you are as zealous about helping fellow Christians grow in the Lord as you are for other things? Explain.

Would you say that you are as zealous to evangelize the lost as you are for other things?

What about Jesus's commission of Saul most resonates with you? What can we learn from Saul's trials?

Do you expect the unexpected from God? What difference does that make (or would that make) to your life?

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.



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First Baptist Church

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LOVE GOD • LOVE HIS CHURCH • LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Lord's Day Gathering
May 10, 2026

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Behold
the
Glory
of Christ

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