

**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
Come Christians Join To Sing (Hymn 5)
Pastoral Prayer (Jack Fitzgibbons)
Almost Home (Hymn 695)
Onward
Sermon: Acts 12:24-13:3
All Glory Be To Christ (Hymn 217)
Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Ezekiel 36:25–28:

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.
And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Lord,We have lived in this world of yours, that you have made, as if I can do what I please.We have lived to ourselves and not to you.We are now repentant of this way of living.Turn me and I shall be turned; you are the Lord our God.Amen. - John Howe

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Romans 3:22–25:

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.



**Come Christians
Join To Sing
(Hymn 5)**

Christian Henry Bateman
Verse 1

Come Christians join to sing
Alleluia amen
Loud praise to Christ our King
Alleluia amen
Let all with heart and voice
Before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice
Alleluia amen

Verse 2

Come lift your hearts on high
Alleluia amen
Let praises fill the sky
Alleluia amen
He is our Guide and Friend
To us He’ll condescend
His love shall never end
Alleluia amen

Verse 3

Praise yet our Christ again
Alleluia amen
Life shall not end the strain
Alleluia amen
On heaven’s blissful shore
His goodness we’ll adore
Singing forevermore
Alleluia amen

**Almost Home
(Hymn 695)**

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa
Verse 1

Don’t drop a single anchor
We’re almost home
Through every toil and danger
We’re almost home
How many pilgrim saints
have before us gone
No stopping now
We’re almost home

Verse 2

The promised land is calling
We’re almost home
And not a tear shall fall then
We’re almost home
Make ready now your souls for
that kingdom come
No turning back
We’re almost home

Chorus

Almost home
We’re almost home
So press on t’ward that
blessed shore
Oh praise the Lord
We’re almost home

Verse 3

This journey ours together
We’re almost home
Unto that great forever
We’re almost home
What song anew we’ll sing
‘round that happy throne
Come faint of heart
We’re almost home

Verse 4

This life is just a vapor
We’re almost home
That sun is setting yonder
We’re almost home
Take courage for this darkness
shall break to dawn
Oh lift your eyes
We’re almost home

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

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

Chorus (2x)

**All Glory Be To Christ
(Hymn 217)**

Dustin Kensrue
Verse 1

Should nothing
of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord
does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who

boast tomorrow’s gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to
Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign
we’ll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

Verse 2

His will be done
His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself
our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We’ll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

Verse 3

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who
was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God
shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e’er his people be
All glory be to Christ

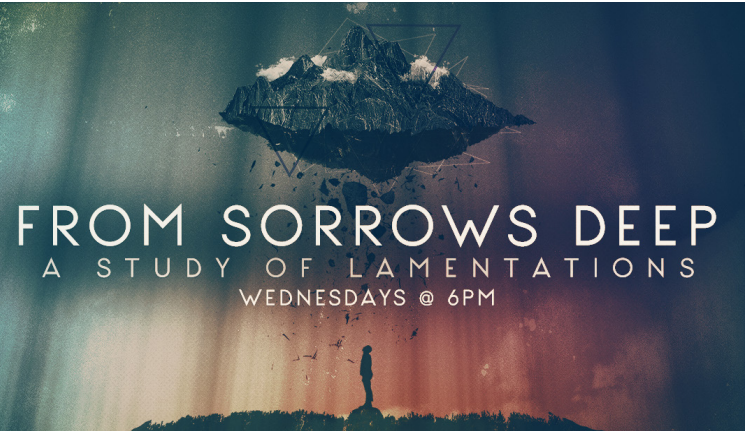
Chorus

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!

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
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>
FBC Students	Students are in their new Sunday School series, The Lord's Prayer . 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. On August 19 our students will be studying the life of Joseph in their Wednesday night study, Prisoner to Prince 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 AWANA @ 6PM .



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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 12:24-13:3

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 12:24-13:3?

How does a biblical view of God's sovereignty give the Christian confidence in evangelism?

How does a biblical view of God's sovereignty comfort the Christian when they suffer for gospel faithfulness?

In the eighteenth century, the "father of modern missions," William Carey said, "Multitudes sit at ease and give themselves no concern about the far greater part of their fellow sinners, who to this day, are lost in ignorance and idolatry." Do you think this statement is true of the modern church? Explain.

React to this from John Piper: "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't."

What does this passage teach about worship and prayer?

What can we learn from Antioch about sending out people for evangelism and church planting?

What is your view of the mission of the church? Do you have the same sort of expectancy for God to call people out from among us to go to the nations like the church in Antioch did?

Are you open to the possibility that God could be calling you to be sent by the church to uproot your life here and take the gospel to under-reached or unreached? Have you prayed to God asking if He is sending you out or have you assumed that He is not calling you to that work? Explain.

What would be some immediate reservations you would give as to why you couldn't go? How do those reasons work out when considered in light of what Jesus calls the Christian to?

If you were unable to attend the church for, let's say, 6 months or a year, would your absence be felt in the sense that there would be a hole that needed to be filled in the church in terms of service or sacrifice? Put another way, how much would it hurt the church's mission for you to be sent?

Do you see yourself as having a job in the church as a member? If yes, what is that job? If no, what do you see as your responsibility to the church? The church at Antioch was selfless. That is, they were willing to sacrifice for the greater mission and thought beyond their own needs and desires. How can we similarly have that posture as a church and as individual members?

Do you see yourself as being sent by the church on a lower level to take the gospel to your current spheres of influence? How can you ensure that you are more and more equipped to be a missionary to your current context?

Take a few moments to pray for the Lord to show you how best to support your local 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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