

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 (I Tim 4:13; Col 4:15-16), pray the Word (Col 4:2-4; I Tim 2:1), preach the Word (Acts 4:24; I Tim 4:13), and see the Word (Matt 28:19; I 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 (I 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

Come Christians Join To Sing (Hymn 5)
Pastoral Prayer

The King In All His Beauty (Hymn 211)
God Our Rescuer

Sermon: Acts 4:5-22

All Creatures Of Our God And King (Hymn 70)
Doxology

Call to Worship

Receive the Word of the Lord from John 1:14:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

O Lord, in whose hands are life and death, by whose power we are sustained, and by whose mercy we are spared; look down upon us and forgive us because we have until now so often neglected the duty which you have assigned to us, and suffered the days and hours we must give an account to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish your will. Make us to remember, O God, that every day is your gift, and ought to be used according to your command. Grant us the opportunity to repent of our negligence, that we may obtain mercy from you, and pass the time you give us, in diligent performance of your commands, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Samuel Johnson

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Exodus 34:5-7:

The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."



Come Christians Join To Sing

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

God Our Rescuer

Michael Bleeker

Verse 1

Righteousness, as filthy rags
Still you sought us,
mercy bought us
From our shame
and from our chains
Grace has freed us
truth will lead us

Chorus

God our Rescuer
Redeemer of the world
Prodigal Chaser Miracle Maker
Strong enough to save
You pulled us from the grave
Yours is the glory,
O God our Rescuer
Oh, Oh God our Rescuer

Verse 2

You came in love,
you walked our dust
Healed the blind eyes,
gave the dead life
In our midst and in our mess
You're our Helper,
You are Healer

Bridge

This seems impossible
oh what a selfless love
That reaches far beyond
and stretches high above
He made it possible
by sending us His Son, Jesus

Chorus

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Prodigal Chaser Miracle Maker
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Yours is the glory,
O God our Rescuer
Oh, Oh God our Rescuer

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

All creatures
of our God and King
Lift up your voice
and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia
Thou, burning sun
with golden beam
Thou, silver moon
with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Verse 2

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son

And praise the Spirit,
Three-in-One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Verse 3

All the redeemed
washed by His blood
Come and rejoice
in His great love
O praise Him Alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens
now on Him

O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Verse 4

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him Alleluia
Then who shall
fall on bended knee
All creatures of
our God and King
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

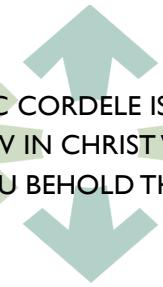
THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING CALLED MEMBERS' MEETING	6PM: MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

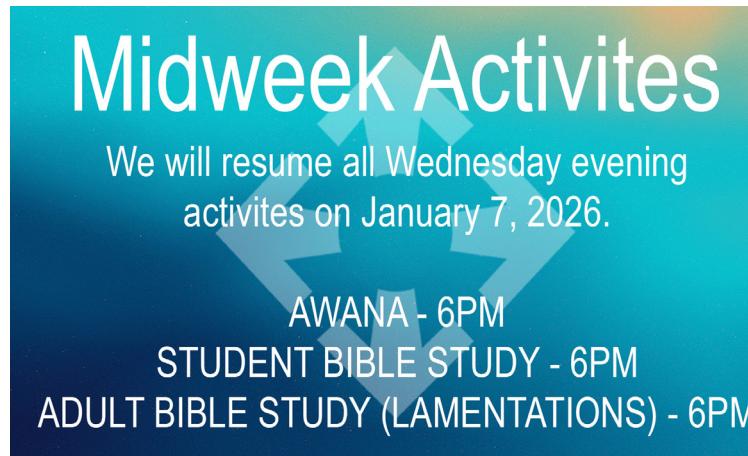
WAYS TO SERVE/WHO TO CONTACT:

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 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 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>Midweek Activities will resume on January 7.</i>
FBC Students	In January, students will begin a Sunday School series titled <i>Full Circle</i> that challenges students to live a life of evangelism. Our annual <i>CentriFuge</i> trip is <i>June 29th-July 3rd!</i> Deposits are \$125 and are due on <i>January 15</i> .
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. <i>Midweek Activities will resume on January 7 at 6pm.</i>



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 4:5-22

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 4:5-22?

What does this story teach us about preaching Christ?

Peter tells the religious authorities that "we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." Do you feel the same way? Can you not help but talk about Jesus a lot or do you find your speaking about Jesus to others rare?

Think of things that often dominate our conversations: sports, weather, politics, gossip, family, etc. Look back at your past week or month.

Did you talk more of those things or of Jesus?

We talk about what we love. What occupies our thoughts and affections. Considering again your past conversations, what most dominates those? How can we become more intentional to talk often of Jesus to both fellow church members and to non-believers?

What is our relation to authority?

Is it something one can simply do without? Explain.

What are some external 'authorities' in our lives that influence our behavior, even if we do not recognize them as conventional 'authority'? We know that God is the true authority over all things. It is one thing to understand this, but another to functionally live with that posture. What does a life lived in submission to Christ as supreme authority look like practically? How can one bring one's life more and more under the functional authority of Jesus? Why might we fear doing this?

React to this from Augustine: "If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself." How does this relate to authority?

One of the marks we see of the early Christians is boldness to proclaim the truths of the gospel without fear of possible reprisal. Would you say that you proclaim the gospel boldly? Explain. How can we be more intentional to boldly tell the truths of the gospel to those in our spheres of influence? How can we pray for boldness?

Peter is here shown again to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. The religious leaders also believe him to be uneducated (13). How does Peter's example strip away common excuses we might give for not having gospel conversations with people or evangelizing those we know who do not know Jesus?

What are some ways that we might fear other people (not that people might physically harm us, but in general)? What ways do you think your life is shaped by what other people might think of you?

How can we overcome that?

Are there times when we might fear people more than we fear God?

Give some examples.

Do you think fearing people over God is a sign of lack of trust in God? Explain.

Why is it always wiser to obey God rather than man even if we might lose things on earth?

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



Lord's Day Gathering
January 4, 2026

Come
Behold
the
Glory
of Christ