

**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.<sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup>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
- He Is Our God**
- Pastoral Prayer
- All My Boast Is In Jesus (Hymn 227)**
- Abide**
- Sermon: Acts 9:1-9
- God Of Abraham**
- Doxology (Hymn 384)**

**Call to Worship**

Receive the Word of the Lord from Hebrews 10:19-25:

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (ESV)

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sin to God:

Almighty, eternal God! Forgive us our sin and lead us to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. - Huldrych Zwingli

**Assurance of Pardon**

Receive these words of comfort from Jonah 2:7-9:

When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!" (ESV)



**He Is Our God**

Sovereign Grace

**Verse 1**

Who can light the fires  
of a thousand burning suns  
Blazing in the heavens

There is only One  
He is our God

**Verse 2**

Who commands the nations  
Building up and tearing down  
Silencing His rivals  
there is only One

He is our God  
He is our God

**Chorus 1**

Holy  
You alone are holy  
Matchless  
in Your glory  
Holy God

**Verse 3**

Who would come to save us  
When we turned away His love  
Conquer us with kindness  
there is only One  
He is our God  
He is our God

**Chorus 2**

Holy  
You alone are holy  
Matchless  
in Your glory  
no one is like You  
Worthy Y  
ou alone are worthy  
We adore You only  
Holy God

**Bridge**

Now to the King on the throne  
Who was and is to come  
And to the Lamb  
Who was slain be glory

**All My Boast Is In Jesus  
(Hymn 227)**

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

**Verse 1**

What wonder of wonders  
what love is this  
That Christ would die for me  
His goodness His merit  
His righteousness  
This sinner's only plea  
O foolish pride be crucified  
The work is finished

**Chorus 1**

All my boast is in Jesus  
All my hope is His love  
And I will glory forever  
In what the cross has done

**Verse 2**

Now fully forgiven my life is filled  
With graces undeserved  
For mercy that flowed down  
that sacred hill  
Let praises now return  
Rise up my soul  
and bless the Lord  
Who else is worthy

**Bridge 1**

O praise the One forever blessed  
Him alone my heart adores  
And I will boast in nothing less  
Than the love of Christ my Lord

**Verse 3**

I boast not in riches  
in strength or might  
But in the grace of God  
I glory in weakness  
to live is Christ  
In plenty or in want  
That I may know that all may see  
His pow'r within me

**Chorus 2**

Now I stand in His freedom  
Ransomed clean in His sight  
And I cannot be ashamed for  
My boast is Jesus Christ  
My boast is Jesus Christ  
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

**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 treasure, 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

**God Of Abraham**

Vertical Worship

**Verse 1**

You are the God of Abraham  
You are in command  
of every throne  
You are the God of majesty  
You saw the heart in me  
and made a home

**Chorus**

You have been my God  
Faithful through the years  
nations rise and fall  
You are standing still  
You will be my God  
What then shall I fear  
I know whatever comes  
You'll be with me still

**Verse 2**

You are the God of righteousness  
You are my defense  
when I have none  
You are the  
God of matchless grace  
And in my darkest days  
you still hold on

**Bridge**

I know You've never let go  
I know You've never let go of me  
I know You've never let go  
And You never will

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**Chorus**

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**Ending**

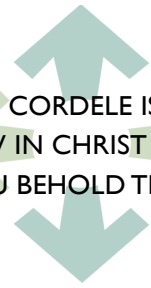
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**THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE**

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING	6PM: MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

WAYS TO SERVE/WHO TO CONTACT:	
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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!



<b>Sunday School</b>	We desire to help you grow in knowledge of the Word of God by applying it to daily life. <b>Quad:</b> Evangelism <b>Classroom A:</b> Systematic Theology <b>Classroom B:</b> Membership Matters
<b>Worship Gathering</b>	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.
<b>Life Groups</b>	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>
<b>Midweek Bible Study</b>	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>
<b>FBC Students</b>	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.
<b>FBC Kids</b>	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 <a href="http://fbccordele.com">fbccordele.com</a> .

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 9:1-9  
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 9:1-9?

How does this passage move you to worship and thanksgiving to Christ?

At FBC we say that we are to “come behold the glory of Christ.” Why is this crucial to Christian living and worship?

What does it mean to be a follower of “the Way” (v. 2)?

Read Matthew 7:13-14. What is Jesus communicating in that passage?  
Read John 14:6. What is Jesus communicating there? Why is it so important that we understand the gravity of what Jesus says there?  
What is the difference between belonging to “the Way” and going “our own way?”

Why is it important that we understand the greatness, glory, and authority of Jesus?

What place do the commands of Jesus have in the life of the believer?  
What is to be our motivation for obeying Christ?  
What is to be our empowerment for obeying Christ?  
How would you respond to someone who outright said that they are a Christian but thinks obeying Christ is optional?

Jesus interrupts Saul’s life and commands him to go. Does Jesus do the same thing to us? Explain.

What does this passage teach us about the overwhelming glory of Christ? How should that move us?

What does this passage teach us about the importance of the church to Jesus?  
What are some other passages that highlight the importance of the church?

React to this from Sinclair Ferguson: “It should become central to my life. It is simply not possible to live a God-centered, Christ-centered, Spirit-led life unless my life is also church-centered.”  
What would you tell someone who says that they are a Christian but they do not see a need to be an active member of a local church?  
What would you tell someone who says they can follow Jesus without the church?

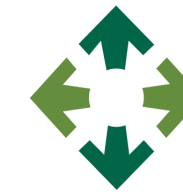
How would you answer this question: To what extent am I a church-centered Christian?” Do you prioritize the church the way you do other things in your life? Explain.

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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