

**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
- Rock of Ages
- Pastoral Prayer
- How Firm A Foundation (Hymn 294)
- Not To Us (One Name Forever Shall Be Praised)
- Sermon: Acts 6:8-7:1
- O Father You Are Sovereign (Hymn 92)
- Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Romans 8:12-17:

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

We confess that we have sinned through our unbelief and distrust in you, O God. We fail too often in our love toward fellow believers. Lord you know our guilt, so we pray that you would be gracious and merciful to us.
- Diebold Schwarz

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Jeremiah 31:33-34:

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.



**Rock Of Ages
You Will Stand**

Paul Baloche

Verse 1

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
Great is Your faithfulness
Great is Your love oh God
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and
righteousness
Great is Your faithfulness
Great is Your love oh God

Chorus

Rock of ages You will stand
Our foundation 'til the end
Never failing God unchanging
Rock of ages You will stand

Verse 2

When darkness seems
to hide Your face
I rest on Your unchanging grace
Great is Your faithfulness
Great is Your love oh God
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
Great is Your faithfulness
Great is Your love oh God

Chorus

Rock of ages You will stand
Our foundation 'til the end
Never failing God unchanging
Rock of ages You will stand

Bridge

You will stand
You will stand

Chorus

Rock of ages You will stand
Our foundation 'til the end
Never failing God unchanging
Rock of ages You will stand

**How Firm
A Foundation**

Norton Hall Band

Verse 1

How firm a foundation
ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith
in His excellent Word
What more can He say
than to you He has said
To you who for refuge
to Jesus have fled

Verse 2

Fear not I am with thee
O be not dismayed
For I am thy God
and will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee help thee
and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous
omnipotent hand

Verse 3

When through the deep waters
I call thee to go
The rivers of sorrow
Shall not overflow
For I will be with thee
thy troubles to bless
And sanctify to you
Your deepest distress

Verse 4

When through fiery trials
thy pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient
Shall be thy supply
The flame shall not hurt thee
I only design
thy dress to consume and
thy gold to refine

Verse 5

The soul that on Jesus
Has leaned for repose
I will not I will not
Desert to his foes
That soul though all hell
Should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never
No never forsake

Not To Us

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Verse 1

Not to us oh Lord
not to us oh Lord
But unto Your name be the glory
From the dawn of time
to its setting sun
The name of the Lord shall be praised

Chorus

One song will ring
through the ages
One throne will ever remain
This world will pass
and its glories fade
One name forever shall be praised

Verse 2

While the nations rage
trusting idols vain
Our God stands alone
in the heavens
Robed in majesty
hail the highest King
The name of the Lord shall be praised

Chorus

One song will ring
through the ages
One throne will ever remain
This world will pass
and its glories fade
One name forever shall be praised
One name forever shall be praised

Verse 3

May Your face be set
may Your blessing rest
Upon us Your people beloved
Mark us by Your grace
that the world would say
The name of the Lord shall be praised

Chorus

Ending

One name forever shall be praised
One name forever shall be praised

**O Father
You Are Sovereign
(Hymn 92)**

Margaret Clarkson

Verse 1

O Father You are sovereign
In all the worlds You made
Your mighty Word was spoken
And light and life obeyed
Your voice commands the seasons
And bounds the ocean's shore
Set stars within their courses
And stills the tempest's roar

Verse 2

O Father You are sovereign
In all affairs of man
No powers of death or darkness
Can thwart Your perfect plan
All chance and change transcending
Supreme in time and space
You hold Your trusting children
Secure in Your embrace

Verse 3

O Father You are sovereign
The Lord of human pain
Transmuting earthly sorrows
To gold of heav'nly gain
All evil overruling
As none but conq'ror could
Your love pursues its purpose
Our souls' eternal good

Verse 4

O Father You are sovereign
We see You dimly now
But soon before Your triumph
Earth's every knee shall bow
With this glad hope before us
Our faith springs up anew
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior
We trust and worship You

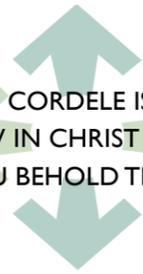
THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING	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	• LIFE GROUPS
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!



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 6:8-7:1
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 6:8-7:1?

Read Philippians 2:3-11. Based on Paul's words, how would you describe the type of life Jesus lived while on Earth? Would you describe your life as being "others-focused"? Why or why not? What truths must we remember if we want to live a life in service to others?

Throughout the book of Acts, we have seen and will see the Gospel disrupt the lives of people and even entire cities. Why is the Gospel "disruptive"? How has it disrupted your life? Think about our local community. How might our community look different if more people believed the disruptive message of the Gospel?

How confident are you in your ability to share the Gospel and answer any objections people may have to Christianity? Why? Notice that Stephen was speaking with "wisdom and the Spirit," and the people could not withstand his arguments. Yet they still did not believe. How might this encourage you to share the Gospel even if you aren't confident in your abilities?

Stephen was chosen to serve in a role dedicated to meeting the physical needs of the church. Today, we call these people deacons. Yet here he is teaching and defending the faith like the Apostles did. What implications does this have for your life? What excuses do you sometimes use to explain why you don't share your faith? How does Acts 6:8-15 silence those excuses?

How do you specifically fear being treated for boldly sharing your faith? How does remembering how Jesus was treated encourage you in the midst of those fears?

Take time to pray for our community and for those you know who need to hear the Gospel. Pray also for our church's members to grow in boldness to share the Gospel with those they encounter.



WELCOME TO
First Baptist Church

C O R D E L E
LOVE GOD • LOVE HIS CHURCH • LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Lord's Day Gathering
March 15, 2026

Come
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 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	Our March Sunday School series is called <i>Golgotha!</i> Our students will look at the different characters in the crucifixion and resurrection story. We will be hosting a <i>Taco Night</i> full of games and a taco bar on <i>March 18th at 6PM!</i> Parents, please see Jack to sign up to bring items for the meal. <i>Secret Church</i> is on <i>Friday, April 17th!</i> Students only need to pay \$12 to receive the workbook for the event.
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.



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