

**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
- Matchless**
- Pastoral Prayer (Ricky Stevens)
- The Matchless Name Of Jesus**
- The Church's One Foundation** (Hymn 466)
- Sermon: Acts 11:1-18
- Your Words Are Wonderful** (Hymn 572)
- Doxology** (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Philippians 2:5-11:

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and lament our many sins and our wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive us and grant that we may ever from now on serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Book of Common Prayer (1552)

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Psalm 51:1-2:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Matchless

Aaron Shust

Verse 1

Son of Man Great I Am
King of Heaven Son of God
You hold the measure of my days
Holy Lamb spotless Lamb
You are worthy I am not
Before Your throne I stand amazed

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry tongue confess
And ev'ry knee will bow
To Jesus Christ the Lord forever
Hear our praises now

Chorus

Your name is matchless
Your name is priceless
Your name means more
Than I could know
You're so far above me
The way that You love me
Goes further than
any love could go

Verse 2

Wonderful Counselor
Root of David Morning Star
You are the
Way the Truth the Life
Lion of the tribe of Judah
Mighty God is who You are
The only Perfect Sacrifice

Bridge

In Your name
You took the blind man
And You gave him back his sight
In Your name
You took the dead man
And You brought him back to life
In Your name
You took this pris'ner
And You opened up the doors
And I will sing before
Your throne forever more

**The Matchless
Name Of Jesus**

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Verse 1

Praise to the
matchless name of Jesus
Sing of His grace forevermore
Raise now an endless hallelujah
To the matchless name of Jesus
Christ the Lord

Chorus

We sing the name
the matchless name of Jesus
We hymn the name
the angels long adore
From age to age
one chorus rings forevermore
To the matchless name of Jesus
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Come to the
fountain of forgiveness
Run to the light of His great love
Join in the joy of this salvation
Now that echoes through the
endless realms above

Chorus

Verse 3

Go to the corners of creation
Christ be the
name that we proclaim
Go 'til His glory fills the nations
And the heavens with
His everlasting praise

Chorus

Ending

All blessing and honor
And praise be to the Lamb
All glory forever more
Amen amen amen

Chorus

**The Church's
One Foundation
(Hymn 466)**

Norton Hall Band

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought
her to be His holy Bride
With His own blood
He bought her
And for her life He died

Verse 2

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy Name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

Verse 3

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore
Till, with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest

Verse 4

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy
Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly
In love may dwell with Thee

**Your Words Are
Wonderful
(Hymn 572)**

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

Your words are wonderful
unfolding like the dawn
A wellspring and
the rock we rest upon
We trust Your promises
that keep our hope alive
They steady us throughout
life's weary climb

Chorus

Where else can we go
Where else can we go
You have the words of life
the words of life

Verse 2

Come write Your holy truth
upon our longing hearts
And strengthen us
to shine against the dark
Lord, guard us from the lies
the enemy will speak
No guilt remains for those
You have redeemed

Chorus 2

Where else can we go
Where else can we go
You have the words of life
the words of life
Make Your glory known
make Your glory known
Through all Your words of life
Your words of life

Bridge

Give us ears to hear
and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief
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and eyes to see
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THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING	5-7PM: FBC STUDENTS

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: Neighboring 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. During the summer, 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!
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, we are continuing a series through the Apostles' Creed and seeing how its ancient truths change our heads, hearts, and hands. Pray for our students as they prepare for FUGE Camp June 29-July 3 . We anticipate this being a wonderful week of studying the Scriptures and building relationships.
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. AWANA will start back up in the fall.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 11:1-18
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 11:1-18?

How does the story of Cornelius' salvation reveal that God is impartial? Read James 2:1-9. How do the words of James and Cornelius' conversion challenge our tendency to show favoritism? What are some practical steps you can take to resist favoritism? What are some practical steps we as a church family can take to resist favoritism?

Peter and Cornelius are the main "actors" in this story. Yet God's sovereignty is seen all over Acts 10 and 11. What parts of this story did Peter and Cornelius have zero control over? How does God's sovereignty encourage us to evangelize rather than discourage us?

Read Genesis 12:3 and Isaiah 49:6. In light of these verses (and other prophecies/promises like it), why is the inclusion of the Gentiles such a big moment in salvation history? What specific promise is being fulfilled here? What does this teach us about God's character? What does it teach us about God's timeline when it comes to fulfilling His promises?

The Spirit testified to the Gentiles' conversion by giving them the gift of speaking in tongues. Paul makes it clear in 1 Corinthians 12:30 that not every believer receives the gift of tongues. However, all believers receive the Spirit. What evidence does the Spirit produce in believers today that shows true conversion has occurred? How do we distinguish between genuine conversion and mere religious activity?

There is a debate among some that Cornelius was already converted before Peter's arrival. What evidence is there in the text to show that this was not the case? What did Cornelius have to hear and believe in before true conversion took place? What did Peter have to preach for conversion to take place? Is salvation possible without ever hearing the Gospel? Why or why not?

The church in Jerusalem believed what Peter said once it was clear that what he experienced was consistent with what God had spoken in His Word. What is the danger in forming views of God based on our experiences and apart from His Word? What should we do if we hear someone speak about God in a way that is inconsistent with His Word?

Take time praying to God, asking Him to remove any prejudices or biases you hold in your heart that might keep you from sharing the Gospel with those around you. Pray for opportunities this week to share the Gospel with those, like Cornelius, who God is preparing for salvation.

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Come Behold the Glory of Christ

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