

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

Spring Of Life

Pastoral Prayer

Here We Stand

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Sermon: 1 Samuel 17:1-30

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Doxology

Call to Worship

Hear God call you to worship through His Word:

I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.
- 1 Timothy 6:13-16

Confession of Sin

Confess your sins to God:

O Lord, in whose hands are life and death, by whose power I am sustained, and by whose mercy I am spared — look down upon me with pity. Forgive me that I have until now so much neglected the duty which you have assigned to me, and suffered the days and hours of which I must give account to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish your will. Make me to remember, O God, that every day is your gift, and ought to be used according to your command. Grant me, therefore, so to repent of my negligence, that I may obtain mercy from you, and pass the time which you shall yet allow me in diligent performance of your commands, through Jesus Christ. Amen. - Samuel Johnson

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from God:

The Lord, the Lord, [is] 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. - Exodus 34:6-7



Spring Of Life

Kristian Stanfill

Verse 1

In this life we will find
We will be yearning
In this life we will find
The world won't satisfy
In this life we will find
That we will be empty
Without you

Chorus 1

Jesus you're the well
That won't run dry
Jesus you're the drink
that satisfies
Living water spring of life
Jesus you're the well
That won't run dry

Verse 2

In this life we will find
We will be searching
In this life we will find
The world won't satisfy
In this life we will find
That we will be hopeless
Without you

Bridge

We will thirst no more
When we drink from you
We will search no more
When we drink from you

Here We Stand

EMU Music

Verse 1

Here we stand
the church of the redeemed
Ransomed by the
blood that sets us free
From the darkness
brought into the light
Enemies of God now his delight
From the depths
called to highest heights
Here we stand
the church of the redeemed
We are his precious in his sight
Here we stand
the church of the redeemed

Verse 2

Here we stand
contending for the faith
Standing for the truth in every age
We are weak
but Jesus he is strong
In the Spirit's power we labour on
And we know victory will be won
Here we stand
contending for the faith
And we know truth will overcome
Here we stand
the church of the redeemed

Verse 3

Here we stand
but here we don't belong
Journeying toward
our lasting home
Now we weep
with weary saints who mourn
Telling all the world
the hope of dawn
Christ will come
all will be restored
Here we stand
but here we don't belong
We will wait ready for our Lord
Here we stand
the church of the redeemed
Every heart overflows with praise
When at last
we stand before the throne
With our King
evermore we'll reign
Here we stand
the church of the redeemed

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Julia Johnston and Daniel Towner

Verse 1

Marvellous grace
of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds
our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's
mount out poured
There where the
blood of the Lamb was spilt

Chorus 1

Grace grace God's grace
Grace that will pardon
and cleanse within
Grace grace God's grace
Grace that is greater
than all our sin

Verse 2

Sin and despair
like the sea waves cold
Threaten the soul
with infinite loss
Grace that is greater
yes grace untold
Points to the refuge
the Mighty Cross

Verse 3

Dark is the stain
that we cannot hide
What can avail to wash it away
Look there is flowing
a crimson tide
Whiter than snow
you may be today

Verse 4

Marvellous infinite
matchless grace
Freely bestowed
on all who believe
You that are longing
to see His face
Will you this moment
His grace receive

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Liturgy of St. James, 5th Century

Verse 1

Let all mortal flesh
keep silence
And with fear and
trembling stand
Ponder nothing
earthly minded
For with blessing
in His hand
Christ our God
To earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand

Verse 2

King of kings
yet born of Mary
As of old on
earth He stood
Lord of lords
in human vesture
In the body
and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food

Verse 3

Rank on rank
the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard
on the way
As the Light of light
descendeth
From the realms
of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away

Verse 4

At His feet the
six winged seraph
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces
to the Presence
As with ceaseless
voice they cry
Alleluia alleluia alleluia
Lord Most High

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	• 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
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>If you would like more information about how to join a Lifegroup and where they are located, contact Pastor Chuck.</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, AWANA</i>
FBC Students	FBC Students will be participating in <i>Secret Church '25</i> , an annual livestream event hosted by David Platt on <i>April 11th</i> . See Pastor Jack for details! There are still spots open for our trip to <i>Centrifuge</i> on <i>July 7-11</i> . Please contact Pastor Jack for more information.
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. <i>AWANA</i> is every Wednesday at 6pm.



SERMON NOTES
Read 1 Samuel 17:1-30
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from 1 Samuel 17:1-30?

What does the posture of the Israelite army and the posture of Saul tell us about their theology? How can we differentiate between right fear and wrong fear?

React to this from Michael Reeves: "We do not love [God] aright if our love is not a trembling, overwhelmed, and fearful love. In a sense, then, the trembling 'fear of God' is a way of speaking about the intensity of the saints' love for and enjoyment of all that God is."
Do you think love of God and fear of God should go together? Can one love God without fearing Him?

In what ways does this story highlight the character of David versus the character of Saul?

What do we continue to learn in 1 Samuel 17:12-30 about David's godly and courageous character? What seems to excite his anger the most? How does his older brother respond to him—and in what way does this continue chapter 16's theme of how man looks on the "outward appearance" while God looks according to the "heart"?

'Theocentric thinking' should be the normal for Christians but often proves to be rare. Is it the normal way that you think?

If you were being honest, what would you say occupies a majority of your thoughts, concerns, and daydreaming? If all of life is theological, how should our lives look? If you viewed everything through the lenses of your allegiance to Jesus, how would your life look noticeably different? Why don't we view the world through the lenses of biblical theology more often?

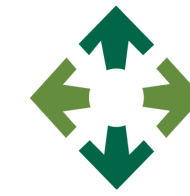
David faced opposition from his brothers. Jesus also faced continual opposition from His earthly family. Should Christians expect to face opposition from their family for the gospel as well? We expect opposition from the world, but why is opposition from those close to us on a different level? Do you think it is more tempting to compromise when the opposition is from 'within'? Explain.

This coming week is what is called 'Holy Week,' which leads to Easter Sunday. How do you plan to recognize the work of the King of Glory this week? How can you help your family behold the glory of Christ this Easter?

FBC KIDS FIELD TRIP



ON APRIL 26 OUR KIDS MINISTRY IS GOING TO CALHOUN PRODUCE.
COST: \$20 PER CHILD (\$12 TICKET - \$8 LUNCH)
LET CHRISTY SAYLOR KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND.



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Lord's Day Gathering
April 13, 2025

Come
Behold
the
Glory
of Christ

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