

**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
- Only Jesus
- Pastoral Prayer
- The Praise Is Yours
- You Are God Alone (Not A God)
- Sermon: Acts 8:26-40
- Be Thou My Vision (Hymn 434)
- Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from 2 Corinthians 4:5-6:

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

O most great, most just and gracious God; you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. This morning we confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt uncharitably with our neighbors and have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread. But you have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have too often run into temptation and the sin that we should have hated. Have mercy on us. We confess this morning that you alone are our hope and our salvation. - Richard Baxter

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Isaiah 1:18:

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Only Jesus

Vintage Worship

Verse 1

This is our creed this is our cry
He is the way the truth and life
Jesus our King and cornerstone
The only rock we're standing on

Chorus

One Christ one Name
and one confession
One Cross one grave
one resurrection
One Church one faith
Praise the name of Jesus
only Jesus

Verse 2

This is our God the Great I Am
All things are held within His hands
Faithful and True His Word remains

Our hope our song
our saving grace

Chorus

One Christ one Name
and one confession
One Cross one grave
one resurrection
One Church one faith
Praise the name of Jesus
only Jesus

Bridge 1

Who is the risen Messiah
Christ alone
Whose name is Holy and higher
Christ alone

The only way to the Father
Is Christ and Christ alone
Christ and Christ alone

Chorus

One Christ one Name
and one confession
One Cross one grave
one resurrection
One Church one faith
Praise the name of Jesus
only Jesus



The Praise Is Yours

Matt Redman

Verse 1

Infinite self-existent
Beyond the end before beginning
Eternal One Creator God
You made the world
and it was good

Verse 2

All in all self-sufficient
So high above but never distant
Made for Your love
fashioned from dust
You gave us breath
and it was good

Chorus

All the glory and honor
Blessing and power
Because Your name
alone is worthy
Worthy forever
The praise is Yours

Verse 3

We hid our face separated
Betrayed Your heart
our glory faded
Went our own way
gave up on love
But You would not
for You are good

Verse 4

You sent Your Son
for our forgiveness
You ran to us
You kept Your promise
Light of the World
there on a cross
You drank the cup
for You are good

**You Are God Alone
(Not A God)**

Billy and Cindy Foote

Verse 1

You are not a god created
By human hands
You are not a god dependent
On any mortal man
You are not a god in need of
Anything we can give
By Your plan
That's just the way it is

Chorus

You are God alone
from before time began
You were on Your throne
You are God alone
And right now
in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne
You are God alone

Verse 2

You're the only God
whose power
None can contend
You're the only God
whose name and
Praise will never end
You're the only God
who's worthy
Of ev'rything we can give
You are God

That's just the way it is

Bridge

You're unchangeable
You're unshakable
You're unstoppable
that's who You are
You're unchangeable
You're unshakable
You're unstoppable
that's who You are

**Be Thou My Vision
(Hymn 434)**

Eleanor Hull

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Verse 3

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

Verse 4

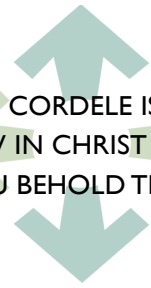
High King of heaven
My vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

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

WAYS TO SERVE/WHO TO CONTACT:	
PASTOR VON	• HOSPITALITY
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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: Evangelism 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. <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	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. Information about pricing coming soon!
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. Registration for VBS is open at fbccordele.com .

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 8:26-40

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 8:26-40?

Why is Acts 8:26-40 a good illustration of Matthew 28:18-20?

What goes through your heart and mind when you hear stories of ordinary Christians like Philip who go to give their lives away to reach the lost? When you hear those stories, do you consider that God might be calling you to do that as well or do you assume that He isn't? Explain. When considering stories of ordinary Christians using their lives to reach the unreached, what reason do you give (whether in your mind or to others) as to why you couldn't go and do likewise?

In our text, God calls Philip away from a thriving ministry situation in Samaria to the middle of the desert. With this story and the Great Commission in mind, answer this question: could God be calling you to go elsewhere for the sake of the gospel? Explain why you answered the way you did. Do you think we often assume God is not calling us? Why?

What does it mean to be led by the Holy Spirit? How often do you ask the Holy Spirit to direct you? How often would you say you consciously rely on the Holy Spirit? We often talk of discerning "God's will for us." Is that something the Bible encourages us to do? Explain. Does the Bible talk more of "seeking God's will" or active obedience? Explain. What might this teach us?

What reasons could Philip have come up with for not preaching the gospel at various points through chapter 8? What would he have missed out on if he had given up?

Do you view yourself as having a responsibility to evangelize people in your sphere of influence? Explain. What are some excuses you might give as to why you can't share the gospel? Do you act on those excuses or allow them to continue without attempting to overcome them? How can we overcome these excuses and pursue faithfulness?

How does this story highlight God's passion for the nations?

What does this story teach about the need to explain the Bible to others?

Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12. What does this text teach about Jesus?

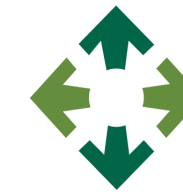
"Our temptation is to wish for supernatural displays of power. But God delights in using his written word to convert the lost and expand his kingdom." Why is this good news for us? How does it remove our excuses for avoiding sharing our faith?

Pray for opportunities to share the gospel this week. List three specific actions you can take to convey the good news of salvation through Christ to others. 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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Lord's Day Gathering
April 19, 2026

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Behold
the
Glory
of Christ

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