

**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
- How Firm A Foundation (Hymn 294)*
- Pastoral Prayer
- How Long O Lord*
- The King In All His Beauty (Hymn 211)*
- Sermon: Acts 4:32-35
- Give Me Jesus*
- Doxology*

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from John 14:6:

Jesus said to him, " I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Cleanse us from our secret faults, O Lord, and forgive our offenses towards others. We contend not in judgement with you, who are truth; We fear deceiving ourselves, lest our sin should make us think that we are not sinful. Therefore, we contend not in judgement with you; for if you, Lord, should mark iniquities, who shall stand? Amen - Augustine

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Psalm 34:8:

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

**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 dross 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



How Long O Lord

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

Every valley will be lifted high
And the weak will be the strong
When You come
like lightning in the sky
How long O Lord how long

Verse 2

Kings on earth
will scatter when they hear
Thundering sounds of angel songs
Hearts will tremble
filled with holy fear
How long O Lord how long

Chorus

All our hopes are fixed on You
That Your promises are true
And one day You will return
All our treasures here will fade
So we long to see Your face
Until then our hearts will burn
How long O Lord

Verse 3

You will conquer every evil thing
Every sorrow pain and wrong
They will cease
with Your return our King
How long O Lord how long

Chorus

All our hopes are fixed on You
That Your promises are true
And one day You will return
All our treasures here will fade
So we long to see Your face
Until then our hearts will burn
How long O Lord

Bridge

How long O Lord
How long O Lord
How long O Lord
(Chorus)

**The King
In All His Beauty**

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Verse 1

O lift your eyes to Heaven see
The Holy One eternal
Behold the Lord of Majesty
Exalted in His temple
As symphonies of angels' praise
Now strain to sound His glory
Come worship fall
before His grace
The King in all His beauty

Chorus

How worthy how worthy
How worthy
The King in all His beauty

Verse 2

Now see the King
who wears a crown
One made of shame and splinters
The sacrifice for ruined man
The substitute for sinners
As Earth is stained
with royal blood
And quakes with love and fury
He breathes His last
and bows His head
The King in all His beauty

Verse 3

Now see the Savior lifted up
The Lamb who reigns in splendor
The hope of every
tribe and tongue
His kingdom is forever
Bring praise and honor
to His courts
Bring wisdom power blessing
For endless ages we'll adore
The King in all His beauty

Give Me Jesus

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

Take the world
but give me Jesus
All its joys are but a name
But His love abides forever
Through eternal years the same

Verse 2

Take the world
but give me Jesus
Sweetest comfort of my soul
With my Savior
watching o'er me
I can sing though billows roll

Chorus 1

Oh the height and
depth of mercy
Oh the length and
breadth of love

Oh the fullness of redemption
Pledge of endless life above
Take this world
my God's enough

Verse 3

Take the world
but give me Jesus
In His cross my trust shall be
Till with clearer brighter vision
Face to face my Lord I see

Bridge

Take this world
and give me Jesus
In His cross my trust shall be
Take this world
and give me Jesus
Till that day my Lord I see

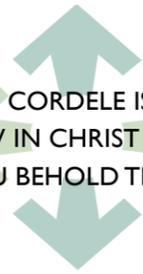
THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

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!



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 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:
FBC Students	Throughout January, the students are in a Sunday School series titled <i>Full Circle</i> that challenges students to live a life of evangelism.
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.

BIG GAME

LIFE GROUP FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY, FEB. 8 @ 5PM

don't miss out don't miss out don't miss out

AWANA VALENTINE'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

~ FEBRUARY 11 @ 6PM ~

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME HAVE ICE CREAM AND BROWNIES. THERE WILL BE GAMES AND CRAFTS FOR THE KIDS. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 4:32-35

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 4:32-35?

Verse 32 says that "those who believed" gathered together.

Why is what we believe important?

If you were to summarize what the basics of belief necessary to biblical, gospel belief are, what would you include?

Why is it important for a church to summarize what it believes in a confession of faith? Why is it important that those who would like to join a local church know where the church stands on various theological subjects?

The resurrection of Jesus (4:33) - and the apostles' and early church's insistence on it - has featured prominently in Acts so far. Why is this doctrine so important? Why must we constantly insist on Jesus' resurrection? What implications does Jesus' resurrection have on the life of the church?

How should the church be both inclusive and exclusive?

How important is unity in the church?

React to this from Tony Merida: *Maintaining unity is not easy, but it's not complicated either.*

What is it that we should unite on in the church above all else? How is this a unifying principle that trumps everything else that might divide us?

React to this statement: a divided church is no church at all.

How seriously do you think Jesus takes unity in the church?

"Real unity is visible." How do we make unity visible?

Our world is full of much division, hatred, and selfishness. How can the church stand as a beacon of light in a world like ours?

Often, Christians fail to distinguish themselves from unbelievers in the way they speak. What sort of dehumanizing language do you find prevalent in our culture? How can we distinguish ourselves in the way we talk about others?

The early church has been shown multiple times as being radical in the way they cared for others. Read Acts 2:42-47 with this text. What do you observe about the early church that made it stand out? How can we be more like the early church in the marks that Luke gives us?

The early Christians were clearly oriented toward others - in the way they cared, liquidated assets, and through self-giving - why is this posture strange in a world like ours? Why is this posture so difficult? How can we be more other-oriented and selfless in the church?

React to this from Ben Witherington: "The last major thought in v. 32 indicates that 'no one called private/personal anything that belonged to him. Everything was (shared) in common.' What this suggests is a picture of no one claiming owner's rights, no one exhibiting selfishness or possessiveness. It is a picture of sharing without thought of reciprocity, something which would be very surprising in a world where almost all relationships involving property were assumed to operate on the basis of some sort of reciprocity."

Why is thought of reciprocity damaging to a church?

How damaging is selfishness in general to a church?

Luke says there were no needy people in the church.

React to this statement in light of that: *needy people in a church community is a sign that the church is failing to do as it ought.*

List some of the needs of members in your church. How can you contribute some of what God has given you to help those who are less fortunate? Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What does that passage teach us about wealth?

What sets apart gospel community from other forms of community expressed in our culture? How is your community in your church distinctive from other communities in your context? How do you hope your community will grow to distinguish itself in the future?

Take some time to confess and pray together using this text as a guide.



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Lord's Day Gathering
January 18, 2026

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Behold
the
Glory
of Christ

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