

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.'

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

Jonathan 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.

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Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Luke 1:30–33:

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before you, on account of the coldness and insensibility of our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives, and the prevalence of worldly affections within us. Too often have we indulged the tempers which we ought to have subdued. O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son Jesus Christ’s sake. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in that Savior who has died for our sins, and risen again for our justification.Amen. - Henry Thornton

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Romans 5:6-8:

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die, but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



Emmanuel
(Glory In The Highest)

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

The Light of Life descended
to the world He made
The ageless Rock of Ages
in a manger laid
Behold the Word that
bore our flesh
The heart of God
inside an infant’s chest

Verse 2

The Infinite incarnate
in a virgin’s hands
The radiance of the Father
in the Son of Man
Behold the peace
that pierced the night
The hope of nations
in a baby’s cry

Chorus 1

Emmanuel
glory in the highest
Emmanuel

Heaven here beside us
God Himself with us now
to dwell Emmanuel

Verse 3

The sinless King of Heaven
Crowned with guilt and shame
The Cornerstone was
fastened to a wooden frame
Behold the Lamb
that crushed our curse
And died to pay the
price of our rebirth

Bridge

Light in darkness
might for meekness
All the glory be to Jesus
Love has sought us
grace has reached us
All the glory be to Jesus

How Rich A Treasure
We Possess
(Hymn 209)

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

Verse 1

How rich a treasure we possess
In Jesus Christ our Lord
His blood our ransom
and defense
His glory our reward
The sum of all created things
Are worthless in compare
For our inheritance is Him
Whose praise angels declare

Verse 2

How free and costly
was the love
Displayed upon the cross
While we were dead
in untold sin
The Sov’reign purchased us
The will of God theFather
Demonstrated through the Son
The Spirit seals
the greatest work

The work which Christ has done

Verse 3

How vast and
measureless the flood
Of mercy unrestrained
The penalty was paid in full
The spotless Lamb was slain
Salvation what a priceless gift
Received by grace through faith
We stand in robes
of righteousness
We stand in Jesus’ Name

Ending

For Yours is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory
Yours is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory
Yours is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory
Amen

O Come O Come
Emmanuel

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 2

O come, Thou, Dayspring
from on high
And cause Thy light on us to rise
Disperse the gloomy
clouds of night
And death’s dark shadow
put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 3

O come, O come,
true prophet of the Lord
And turn the key to heaven’s door
Be Thou our comforter and guide
And lead us to the Father’s side
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall by His Word
our darkness dispel

Verse 4

O come, our great High Priest,
and intercede
Thy sacrifice, our only plea
The judgment we no longer fear
Thy precious blood
has brought us near
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Has banished every fear of hell

Verse 5

O Come, Thou King
of nations, bring
An end to all our suffering
Bid every pain and sorrow cease
And reign now as our
Prince of Peace
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come again
with us to dwell

Adore

Martin Chalk

Verse 1

You stepped down from heaven
Humbly You came
God of all creation
Here with us
In a starlit manger Emmanuel
Light of the world here to save

Chorus

Adore, come let us adore
O come let us adore Him
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore

Verse 2

Wise men bring their treasures
Shepherds bow low
Angel voices sing
Of peace on earth
What have I to offer
to heaven’s King
I will bring my life my love my all

Chorus

Adore, come let us adore
O come let us adore Him
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore

Bridge

Angels sing praises ring
To the newborn King
Peace on earth here with us
Joy awakening
At Your feet we fall

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Hark The Herald
Angels Sing
(Hymn 779)

Charles Wesley

Verse 1

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 2

Christ by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th’incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 3

Hail the heaven born
Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris’n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING	6PM: NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES 6PM: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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: <i>Midweek Activities will resume on January 7.</i>
FBC Students	On Wednesday nights the students are studying through the book of Genesis. The students are in a Sunday School series called <i>Good News, Great Joy, All People.</i>
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>Midweek Activities will resume on January 7 at 6pm.</i>



SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY (QUAD)
CHURCH HISTORY (CR A)
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS (CR B)

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON
DECEMBER 28 @ 9AM

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Hebrews 10:1-18
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Hebrews 10:1-18?

Over the last several weeks in our study through Acts we've mentioned the importance of theology, for doctrine drives how one lives. What are the most foundational theological truths of Christmas? What truths must we get right that have gospel consequences?

This Christmas week, do you have time set aside to sit, consider, and dwell on the earth-shattering truths that God took on flesh? If not, how might you do this? Share ideas with the group and discuss why it's important to be intentional about focusing on the incarnation of Christ.

What is being implied by the fact that
“Christ came into the world” (10:5)?
Why did it matter that Jesus has “a body” (10:5c)?

How does this text show us that the incarnation and death of Christ (along with His ascension and exaltation) were God’s plan all along? How does this text show man’s utter inability to effect his own salvation? How does Christmas on the whole remind us of that? What is man’s greatest need? How does this text remind us of that need?

According to the text, how is the sacrifice of Christ different from the sacrifices offered at the temple? Why is Jesus’ sacrifice greater? Jesus says to the Father, “I have come to do your will” (10:7). How did He do this? How did the way Jesus pursued the will of God differ from how we do? How does Jesus’ perfect fulfillment of the will of God enable us to pursue the will of God? What does that look like? Jesus says that what He came to do was “written of me in the scroll of the book.” How does the Old Testament point to Jesus? How can we read our Old Testament through the lens of Jesus, with the awareness that it is all about Him? How should that change how we read the Bible?

Consider this text alongside last week’s text, Acts 4. How are we being shown that even the best of religious deeds are non-saving? How does Christmas profoundly announce our need for outside rescue? How does this text encourage us and show the love of our Triune God?

React to this from Dan Dewitt as he considered CS Lewis’ thoughts on Christmas: “For Lewis, the Incarnation was not something to be merely stamped on a card, drearily sung about in exchange for donations, or symbolized in a well-balanced exchange of gifts. It was an event that was either true or false. If false, it meant nothing; if true, it changed everything. There could be no middle ground. The birth of Christ was a light illuminating the entirety of human history—and one far too brilliant to be confined to a retail holiday.”

What is the proper response to the astounding truths of Christmas? How ought these truths truly internalized alter how one lives? How they think of themselves? How they think of the world?

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

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Lord’s Day Gathering
December 21, 2025

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THE
GLORY
OF CHRIST

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