

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 (I Tim 4:13; Col 4:15-16), pray the Word (Col 4:2-4; I Tim 2:1), preach the Word (Acts 4:24; I Tim 4:13), and see the Word (Matt 28:19; I 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 (I 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 Earney (Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2018), 2, 21.

Worship Liturgy

Call to Worship
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Here We Stand
Pastoral Prayer

The King In All His Beauty (Hymn 211)
Your Words Are Wonderful (Hymn 572)

Sermon: Acts 4:32-5:11

The Lord's Supper

There Is A Fountain (Hymn 419)
Doxology

Call to Worship

Receive the Word of the Lord from Psalm 40:1-5:

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Our God and our Father, we poor, miserable sinners confess that from our childhood until this very hour that we have sinned against your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy to be called your children, nor lift our eyes up to heaven. O God, we wish that we had never provoked you to anger. In your mercy and for the sake of your glory, we ask you to receive us into your grace by the forgiveness of our sins. Amen. - John Oecolampadius

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Romans 5:1-5:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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

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



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

Your Words Are Wonderful (Psalm 119)

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
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
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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

There Is A Fountain

Norton Hall Band

Verse 1

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in His day

Verse 2

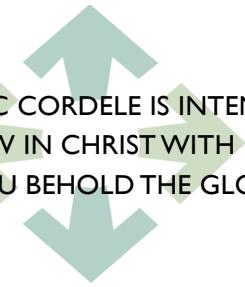
And there have I though vile as he Washed all my sins away
Washed all my sins away
Washed all my sins away
And there have I though vile as he Washed all my sins away
Verse 3

Dear dying Lamb
Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more

Verse 4

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

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.



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 4:32-5:11

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 4:32-5:11?

Describe the characteristics you see of Barnabas in this short account.

Describe the characteristics you see of Ananias and Sapphira.

Now compare them. What makes Barnabas such an exemplary example?

What makes Ananias a serious warning? When looking at Barnabas and

Ananias, which do you see more of yourself in? Explain.

How does the story of Ananias and Sapphira challenge you?

Why do you think Barnabas did what he did?

Why ought we live like Barnabas?

What are ways that we can leverage every aspect of our lives for the glory of God, the church, and our neighbors? React to this statement: "your life was not given to you primarily for your own benefit." How ought the gospel change how we think - and approach - everything?

React to this from Tim Keller: "It is one or the other. You either serve God, or you become open to slavery to Mammon. Nowhere is this slavery more evident than in the blindness of greedy people to their own materialism...even though it is clear that the world is filled with greed and materialism, almost no one thinks it is true of them. They are in denial."

What motive did Ananias and Sapphira have for what they did?

What makes their duplicity strange based on Peter's questions to Ananias? Do you feel within yourself a desire for people to think you are more pious or generous than you really are? Explain.

Why is it that we live more often for the praise of people than for God?

In what ways do we fear man over God?

What is the fear within us that keeps us from living like Barnabas and others who sacrificed much for the kingdom?

How is it both freeing and liberating to know that we are called simply to be faithful, leaving the results to God?

React to this from Tertullian: "Even what seems to be our own belongs to another, for nothing is our own, since all things belong to God to whom, we, too, belong. Therefore, if we feel impatient when we suffer some loss, we show that we entertain a love for money, since we grieve for the loss of what is not our own."

What does this text teach us about how serious sin is?

What does this text teach us about God's desire for the church to be holy? Luke is honest that the early church wasn't perfect, yet holiness in the church clearly matters to the Holy Spirit. How can the church balance both the fact that no one in the church is perfect, while also caring about - and guarding - its purity and holiness?

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



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Come
Behold
the
Glory
of Christ



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