

## 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

As For Me And My House

Pastoral Prayer

The King In All His Beauty (Hymn 211)

Not To Us (One Name Forever Shall Be Praised)

Sermon: Acts 4:23-31

His Mercy Is More (Hymn 123)

Doxology

Call to Worship

Receive the Word of the Lord from Psalm 68:19:

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

O Lord, you have mercy upon all - take away from us our sins, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from us the heart of stone, and give us a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen. - Ambrose

## Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from John 3:16:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.



## As For Me And My House

Keith & Kristyn Getty  
Cochren & Co.

### Verse 1

Oh choose you this day  
whom you will serve  
The kingdom of heaven or  
the powers of earth  
Has He not spoken  
have you not heard  
There is but one true God

### Verse 2

The God of our fathers set us free  
His Son paid the price  
for our covenant peace  
Through generations  
His mercy speaks  
We trust in one true God

### Chorus

As for me and my house  
We will serve serve the Lord  
As for me and my house  
We will serve the Lord our God

### Verse 3

This house is the Lord's  
and all within  
May it be pleasing and holy to Him  
Joined by His Spirit His people sing  
Great is the one true God  
Oh great is the living God

### Bridge

Oh praise the Father  
praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit now in us  
Let every heart and every tongue  
Praise the one true God

## 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

### Ending

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to His courts  
Bring wisdom power blessing  
For endless ages we'll adore  
The King in all His beauty

## Not To Us

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

### Verse 1

Not to us oh Lord  
not to us oh Lord  
But unto Your name be the glory  
From the dawn of time  
to its setting sun  
The name of the Lord  
shall be praised

### Chorus 1

One song will ring  
through the ages  
One throne will ever remain  
This world will pass  
and its glories fade  
One name forever shall be praised

### Verse 2

While the nations rage  
trusting idols vain  
Our God stands alone  
in the heavens  
Robed in majesty  
hail the highest King  
The name of the Lord  
shall be praised

### Chorus 2

One song will ring through the ages  
One throne will ever remain  
This world will pass  
and its glories fade  
One name forever shall be praised  
One name forever shall be praised

### Verse 3

May Your face be set  
may Your blessing rest  
Upon us Your people beloved  
Mark us by Your grace  
that the world would say  
The name of the Lord  
shall be praised

### Chorus 3

One song will ring through the ages  
One throne will ever remain  
This world will pass  
and its glories fade  
One name forever shall be praised  
One name forever shall be praised  
One name forever shall be praised

## His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

### Verse 1

What love could remember  
no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing  
He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea  
without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more

### Chorus

Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
new every morn  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more

### Verse 2

What patience would wait  
as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender  
is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest  
the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more

### Chorus

Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
new every morn  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more

### Verse 3

What riches of kindness  
He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment  
His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt  
we could never afford  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more

### Chorus

## 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

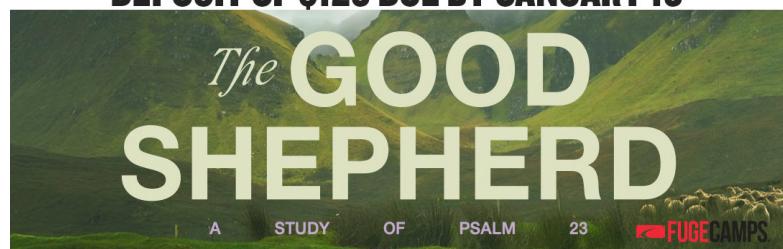
ALL THAT WE DO AT FBC CORDELE IS INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED  
TO HELP YOU GROW IN CHRIST WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS  
AND TO HELP YOU BEHOLD THE GLORY OF CHRIST!



<b>Sunday School</b>	We desire to help you grow in knowledge of the Word of God by applying it to daily life. <b>Quad:</b> <a href="#">New Testament</a> <b>Classroom A:</b> <a href="#">Church History</a> <b>Classroom B:</b> <a href="#">Membership Matters</a>
<b>Worship Gathering</b>	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.
<b>Life Groups</b>	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>
<b>Midweek Bible Study</b>	Discussion around the Word, learn to read the Bible, consider context of Biblical texts, application to daily life:
<b>FBC Students</b>	In January, students are in a Sunday School series titled <a href="#">Full Circle</a> that challenges students to live a life of evangelism. Our annual <a href="#">CentriFuge</a> trip is <a href="#">June 29th-July 3rd!</a> Deposits are <a href="#">\$125</a> and are due on <a href="#">January 15</a> .
<b>FBC Kids</b>	Each Sunday School class is led by wonderful teachers who love the Lord. Nursery and childcare is available for kids <a href="#">birth-Pre-K</a> during the 10am Worship Gathering.

## FBC STUDENT CAMP

JUNE 29 - JULY 3 @ BERRY COLLEGE  
DEPOSIT OF \$125 DUE BY JANUARY 15



## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 4:23-31

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 4:23-31?

What does this text teach us about responding to persecution or rejection? What do you find peculiar about the early church's reaction to persecution? Do you think if you were in their same position you would have responded the way that they did? Would your prayer look as theirs did? Explain.

Read Acts 2:22-24 alongside this text. What do these texts together teach us about God's sovereignty?

Why is God's sovereignty fundamentally good news for the Christian? How does the way the early church grounded what they did in their theology of God's sovereignty inform what they do and how they pray?

What can we learn from this?

How can we be intentional about growing in a right theology of God and His providence? Discuss how God's sovereignty is encouraging and good news to you.

How does what we've seen so far in Acts prove that opposing God's plan is futile?

How does what we've seen so far in Acts prove that opposing God's church is futile?

How does this comfort and encourage you?

React to this from John Piper: "God's eternal plan includes everything—from the most insignificant bird fall (Matt. 10:29), to the movement of stars (Isa. 40:26), to the murder of his Son (Acts 4:27–28)...Whether God planned to permit something or planned to be more directly involved, nothing comes to pass but what God planned as part of the process of pursuing his ultimate goal. Therefore, the extent of his providence is total. Nothing is independent of it. Nothing happens but by 'the counsel of his will'—the infinite wisdom of his plan."

Is this your understanding of sovereignty and providence?

How does the church show their dependence on God in this text? The early church did not pray for an end to their persecution but boldness to proclaim the Word in the face of it.

What lessons do you glean from that?

Why must we pray for boldness? What boldness do we need in our lives? Talk about areas where you might be timid or tempted to compromise/soften the message. Pray together for boldness and divine enablement. Encourage one another to hold fast to the gospel, even when it is difficult. The church offers three petitions grounded in God's sovereignty: (1) consider the persecutors' threats; (2) enable boldness; (3) stretch out your hand.

How can this help shape our own prayers?

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



**Lord's Day Gathering**  
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Come  
Behold  
the  
Glory  
of Christ

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