

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
- Blessed Be Your Name*
- Pastoral Prayer
- Give Us Clean Hands*
- Your Words Are Wonderful (Hymn 572)*
- Sermon: Acts 6:7
- O Father You Are Sovereign (Hymn 92)*
- Doxology (Hymn 384)*

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 55:1-3:

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

O Lord my God, light of the blind, and strength of the weak; yes, also light of those that see, and strength of the strong. Hear my cry from the depths. Woe is me! Lord, help us turn and seek you; we have often forsaken you, but you have never forsaken us. Let us turn and seek you, for we know you are here in our heart, when we confess to you, when we cast ourselves upon you and when we are broken over our sinfulness. You feel us with joy because you have made us and you remake and comfort us. Amen. - Augustine

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from 1 Timothy 1:15-17:

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



Blessed Be Your Name

Matt Redman

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams
of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk
through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining
down on me
When the world's all
as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Give Us Clean Hands

Charlie Hall

Verse

We bow our hearts
we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes
from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Chorus

Give us clean hands
give us pure hearts
Let us not lift
our souls to another
Give us clean hands
give us pure hearts
Let us not lift
our souls to another

(Repeat)

Bridge

Oh God let us be
a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face
oh God of Jacob
Oh God let us be
a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face
oh God of Jacob

(Chorus-Bridge)

Chorus

Give us clean hands
give us pure hearts
Let us not lift
our souls to another
Give us clean hands
give us pure hearts
Let us not lift
our souls to another

Your Words Are Wonderful (Psalm 119) (Hymn 572)

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
Help us in our doubt and unbelief
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief

O Father You Are Sovereign (Hymn 92)

Margaret Clarkson

Verse 1

O Father You are sovereign
In all the worlds You made
Your mighty Word was spoken
And light and life obeyed
Your voice commands the seasons
And bounds the ocean's shore
Set stars within their courses
And stills the tempest's roar

Verse 2

O Father You are sovereign
In all affairs of man
No powers of death or darkness
Can thwart Your perfect plan
All chance and change transcending
Supreme in time and space
You hold Your trusting children
Secure in Your embrace

Verse 3

O Father You are sovereign
The Lord of human pain
Transmuting earthly sorrows
To gold of heav'nly gain
All evil overruling
As none but conq'r or could
Your love pursues its purpose
Our souls' eternal good

Verse 4

O Father You are sovereign
We see You dimly now
But soon before Your triumph
Earth's every knee shall bow
With this glad hope before us
Our faith springs up anew
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior
We trust and worship You

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!



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 6:7
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 6:7?

Read Luke 8:4-15.

How might this text inform Luke's language in our passage?
What observations do you have from Jesus' parable as well as His explanation of it?

When you hear the words "disciple" and "discipleship," what do you think of? Strictly speaking, a "disciple" is a follower and a learner after a teacher who strives to become more like their teacher. In other words, to be a disciple of Jesus is to strive to be more like Jesus.
How can we do this? What does this look like?
List some characteristics that we see in Scripture of Jesus that we ought to emulate. What are characteristics you particularly struggle with?

To be a disciple is to be rooted in Jesus. What are some things that people tend to be rooted in to give them meaning, purpose, and value?
What are some things that you tend to trust in to make you happy, whole, or "acceptable"?
How can you grow in trusting Jesus as your only root?

What are some things given to us by God to help us grow in Christ?
How intentional are you in pursuing growth in Christ?
How high of a priority is it for you?
How crucial is it for the Christian to be committed to lifelong growth?
What part does the church play in the maturation of Christians?
What do you think are marks of Christian maturity?

React to this from JT English: "A scheme of the devil is to get people to renounce their faith in Christ, but another scheme of the devil is for people to simply grow bored with Christ."

David Peterson writes that "In Scripture, 'the word of God' is viewed as a vital force, reaching into people's lives and transforming situations according to God's will" and offers some examples: Isa 2:3; 55:10-13; Jer 23:28-29; Rom 1:16; 10:17-18; 1 Thess 2:13; Heb 4:12-13; 1 Pet 1:23-25. Look at some of the examples he lists. What do we learn about the Bible from these?

React to this from Sinclair Ferguson: "What do you need to do to slow down and go backwards in the Christian life? 'Nothing. Drifting is the easiest thing in the world. It is swimming against the tide that requires effort. And the Christian life is against the tide all the way. Spiritual weariness, being 'sluggish', is one of our great enemies... We constantly need to be encouraged to keep going."

Luke tells us that a "great many priests became obedient to the faith."
Why is obedience important?
How can we hold in tension the fact that growing Christians are obedient Christians without slipping into a 'works righteousness'?
What would you say to a professing Christian that said obedience didn't matter? What is our motive for striving toward obedience?

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.

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 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	Our March Sunday School series is called <i>Golgotha!</i> Our students will look at the different characters in the crucifixion and resurrection story. We will be hosting a <i>Taco Night</i> full of games and a taco bar on <i>March 18th at 6PM!</i> Parents, please see Jack to sign up to bring items for the meal. <i>Secret Church</i> is on <i>Friday, April 17th!</i> Students only need to pay \$12 to receive the workbook for the event.
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.



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Lord's Day Gathering
March 8, 2026

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Behold
the
Glory
of Christ



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