

**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
- Rejoice The Lord Is King (Hymn 858)**
- Pastoral Prayer
- Only Jesus**
- All Praise To Him (Hymn 43)**
- Sermon: Acts 7:51-8:3
- The Lord's Supper
- All Glory Be To Christ (Hymn 217)**
- Doxology (Hymn 384)**

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from 1 Peter 2:24-25:

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

O merciful Father, regard not what we have done against you, but what our blessed Savior has done for us. May Christ be to every one of our souls, wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption! That his precious blood may cleanse us from all our sins; and that your Holy Spirit may renew and sanctify our souls. May he crucify our flesh with its affections and lusts, and mortify all our members which are upon the earth. Let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey in the lusts of the flesh, but being made free from sin, let us be the servants of righteousness. Amen. - John Wesley

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Psalm 130:7-8:

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.



Rejoice The Lord Is King (Hymn 858)

Charles Wesley
Norton Hall Band

Verse 1

Rejoice the Lord is King
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore
Lift up your heart
Lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice

Verse 2

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love
When He has purged our stains
He took his seat above
Lift up your heart
Lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice

Verse 3

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n
Lift up your heart
Lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice

Verse 4

Rejoice in glorious hope
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home
Lift up your heart
Lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice

Only Jesus

Vintage Worship

Verse 1

This is our creed this is our cry
He is the way the truth and life
Jesus our King and cornerstone
The only rock we're standing on

Chorus

One Christ one Name
and one confession
One Cross one grave
one resurrection
One Church one faith
Praise the name of Jesus
only Jesus

Verse 2

This is our God the Great I Am
All things are held within His hands
Faithful and True His Word remains
Our hope our song
our saving grace

Chorus

One Christ one Name
and one confession
One Cross one grave
one resurrection
One Church one faith
Praise the name of Jesus
only Jesus

Bridge 1

Who is the risen Messiah
Christ alone
Whose name is Holy and higher
Christ alone

The only way to the Father
Is Christ and Christ alone
Christ and Christ alone

Chorus

One Christ one Name
and one confession
One Cross one grave
one resurrection
One Church one faith
Praise the name of Jesus
only Jesus

All Praise To Him (Hymn 43)

Sovereign Grace

Verse 1

All praise to Him
the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him
Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar
All praise to Him
Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r
and tender care

Verse 2

All praise to Him whose
love is seen
In Christ the Son the
servant King
Who left behind His
glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own
All praise to Him
who humbly came
To bear our sorrow sin and shame
who lived to die
who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice

Verse 3

All praise to Him
whose pow'r imparts
The love of God
within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of
joy and holiness
To Father Son and Spirit now
Our souls we lift our wills we bow
To You the Triune God we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise

All Glory Be To Christ (Hymn 217)

Dustin Kensrue

Verse 1

Should nothing
of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord
does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who
boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

Verse 2

His will be done
His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

Verse 3

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who
was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING MEMBERS' MEETING	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	• HOSTING A LIFE GROUP
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: Evangelism Classroom A: Systematic Theology 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	Beginning March 29th, students will begin a new Sunday School series called <i>A Global Gospel</i> . They will learn what various religions believe, how the Gospel compares, and how we can share the Gospel with people of differing beliefs. <i>Secret Church</i> is April 17th! We will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 1 AM. See Jack for pricing information!
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.

Easter
APRIL 5, 2026
CHRIST HAS RISEN INDEED!
SCHEDULE
BREAKFAST @ 8:45 - POTLUCK*
WORSHIP @ 10:00
EGG HUNT (FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)
*MEAT, EGGS, & DRINKS PROVIDED BY CHURCH

ELIJAH **SECRET CHURCH**
FBC STUDENTS
APRIL 17 @ 5:30PM
COME JOIN US!
RADICAL

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 7:51-8:3

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 7:51-8:3?

Why is the centrality of Christ in the narrative of the Bible so important? How often do you think about Jesus when reading your Old Testament? How can we ensure that He is on our minds as we read every part of our Bibles? Why is it so important to see the glory, beauty, and greatness of Jesus? How often do you think about Jesus and His centrality in your daily life? How can you do so more often? How might your life change if you consciously dwelt on Christ's greatness, glory, and love every single day?

React to this from Michael Reeves: "So many Christians have a background virus in their understanding of the gospel. It's not easy to spot, but it eats away at all their confidence in Christ. It's this: the sneaking suspicion that while Jesus is a savior, he's not really the Creator of all. They sing of his love on a Sunday – and there it is true – but walking home through the streets, past the people and places where Real Life goes on, they don't feel it is Christ's world... Jesus is reduced to being little more than a comforting nibble of spiritual chocolate, and imaginary friend who 'saves souls' but not much else. The Bible knows nothing of such a 'piffing and laughable Christ.'"

How does Stephen show that one cannot know God if they do not know Jesus?

What does it look like in our context for someone to be 'stiff-necked... uncircumcised in heart and ears, always resisting the Holy Spirit'?

How can we guard against a Christianity that is outward only? How can we keep our hearts genuinely close to God? Can one be a faithful church attender, follow the rules, be very moral, and a good citizen and still be a spiritual pagan? Explain. What would be the missing 'ingredient' for such a person?

Was Stephen too confrontational in his indictment of his audience? How can we know how confrontational to be when we present the gospel to someone?

What is your reaction to Stephen's willingness to forgive his murderers? Do you need to forgive some people in your life? What advice would Stephen give you?

How does God display his sovereignty in persecution?

How does the vision of Christ's standing at the right hand of the Father encourage you?

What about Saul's involvement in these matters most resonates with you?

Should every believer be "radical" for Jesus? How can we shake off the lethargy of worldliness and be fully committed to Christ?

How does it comfort you to know that Christ is pictured as a welcoming vindicator to His people as well as a righteous judge to those who opposed Him?

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.

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LOVE GOD • LOVE HIS CHURCH • LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Lord's Day Gathering
March 29, 2026

Come
Behold
the
Glory
of Christ

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