

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
How Rich A Treasure We Possess (Hymn 209)
Pastoral Prayer (Chuck Hollingsworth)
Onward
His Mercy Is More (Hymn 123)
Sermon: Acts 12
Your Words Are Wonderful (Hymn 572)
Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Revelation 11:15–17:

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

O Lord, we are the inheritors of your kingdom, the sheep of your pasture, and the members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Deal with us according to your mercies, that all nations, tribes, and languages may celebrate your praises in the restoring of your ruined church to perfection again; for it is your work, O Lord, and not man's.All dominion and power belong to you, now in our days and forevermore.Amen. - John Bradford

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Hebrews 4:14–16:

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

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

Onward

Luke Hill Music

Verse 1

Onward Christian soldiers
marching as to war
With the cross of Jesus
going on before
Christ the royal Master
leads against the foe
Forward into battle
see His banners go

Chorus

Onward, onward
Onward we shall go
Onward, onward
Onward we shall go

Verse 2

Like a mighty army
moves the church of God
Pilgrims we are treading
where the saints have trod
We are not divided
all one body we
One in hope and doctrine
one in charity

Chorus

Onward, onward
Onward we shall go
Onward, onward
Onward we shall go

Verse 3

Crowns and thrones may perish
kingdoms rise and wane
But the church of Jesus
constant will remain
Gates of hell can never
against the church prevail
We have Christ's own promise
and that cannot fail

Chorus

Onward, onward
Onward we shall go
Onward, onward
Onward we shall go

Tag

Onward then ye people
join our happy throng
Blend with ours your voices
in the triumph song

Chorus (2x)

His Mercy Is More (Hymn 123)

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Chorus

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

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

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

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

Your Words Are Wonderful (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

LIFEGROUPS

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

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!

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
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	Students will begin their new Sunday School series, The Lord's Prayer , next Sunday! Through this series, we hope to guide our students through the Lord's Prayer that they may learn how to live in daily fellowship with their Heavenly Father. Students will resume their Relentless Grace study on Wednesday, August 12 at 6PM.
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. On Wednesdays our kids participate in AWANA @ 6PM.



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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 12
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 12?

Consider the stories of James and Peter. What does this tell us about God's sovereign plan for those who follow him?

"Herod was not God." In what ways are you tempted to treat the powers of this world as though they could affect or prevent the outworking of God's plan?

In what ways is the Christian way of living according to Jesus different (even opposed) to the way of the world?
What specific ways are we especially tempted to adopt the ways of the world?

Do you think that we don't pursue the ethic of Christ at times because of the costliness of it and what it might entail? Explain.
What are some ways we can grow together to more and more reflect the ways of Christ even when they cost?

How has Acts 1–12 given you a greater gratitude to God for sending his Son to die for you, and his Spirit to open your eyes and bring you into the membership of his people?

How has Acts 1–12 given you a greater understanding of and excitement about God's purposes for you in this life?
How is that affecting the way you live each day?

Why should Christians expect opposition when seeking to advance the gospel?

How does God use martyrdom to advance the kingdom?

How does this passage illustrate God's inscrutable (impossible to understand fully) sovereignty?

How does this passage illustrate the importance of prayer?

How do these verses encourage you to pray boldly?

How do these verses encourage you to watch for answered prayer?

What does it mean to be a self-exalter?
How can we fight against the temptation to be one?

How does Herod's death highlight the centrality of the glory of God?

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.

THIS WEEK
@ FBC CORDELE

SUNDAY

9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL; 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING

5PM: LIFE GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

6PM: MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES



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