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

[1]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 Earngey (Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2018), 2, 21.

Worship Liturgy

Call to Worship

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Only Jesus Christ

Pastoral Prayer (Ricky Stevens)

I Stand Amazed (Hymn 187)

The Matchless Name Of Jesus

Sermon: Acts 16:6-10

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery (Hymn 180)

Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from 1 Timothy 6:13–16:

I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

O Lord, in whose hands are life and death, by whose power we are sustained, and by whose mercy we are spared; look down upon us with pity. Forgive us because we have until now so much neglected the task which you have assigned to us, and suffered the days and hours of which we must give account to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish your will. Make us to remember, O God, that every day is a gift, and ought to be used according to your command. We repent of our negligence and ask for mercy, that we may be diligent to use the time that you give us in obeying your commands. - Samuel Johnson

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Exodus 34:6–7:

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Only Jesus Christ

Citizens

Verse 1

Who is the Way
the Truth the Life
Who is the
Holy Word of light
Who is the
vision to our eyes
Who is the
love that will abide

Chorus

Only Jesus only Jesus
Who is truest life
Only Jesus Christ
Only Jesus only Jesus
Who is lifted high
Only Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Who is the
purpose of our days
Who is our hope
that doesn't fade
Who is our courage
and our strength
Who is the
fullness of our faith

Bridge

You are the Way
the Truth and the Life
You are the Blood
the Water the Vine
You are the Word
and You are the Light
Only Jesus only Jesus

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

I Stand Amazed (Hymn 187)

Norton Hall Band

Verse 1

I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how
He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus

How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me

Verse 2

For me it was in the garden
He prayed not My will but Thine
He had no tears for His own griefs
But sweat drops of blood for mine

Chorus

How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me

Verse 3

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

Chorus

How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me

Verse 4

When with the
ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
Will be my joy through the ages
to sing of His love for me

(Chorus 2x)

The Matchless Name Of Jesus

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Verse 1

Praise to the
matchless name of Jesus
Sing of His grace forevermore
Raise now an endless hallelujah
To the matchless name of Jesus
Christ the Lord

Chorus

We sing the name
the matchless name of Jesus
We hymn the name
the angels long adore
From age to age
one chorus rings forevermore
To the matchless name of Jesus
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Come to the
fountain of forgiveness
Run to the light of His great love
Join in the joy of this salvation
Now that echoes through the
endless realms above

Chorus

Verse 3

Go to the corners of creation
Christ be the name
that we proclaim
Go 'til His glory fills the nations
And the heavens with
His everlasting praise

Chorus

Ending

All blessing and honor
And praise be to the Lamb
All glory forever more
Amen amen amen

Chorus

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery (Hymn 180)

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Verse 1

Come behold
the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme
of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the lighst of life has come
Look to Christ
who condescended
took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2

Come behold
the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save
the hell-bound man
Christ the great
and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Verse 3

Come behold
the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured
love untold



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:** Fear of Man **Classroom A:** Systematic Theology II **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. ***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!***
Midweek Bible Study	Discussion around the Word, learn to read the Bible, consider context of Biblical texts, application to daily life: ***Adult Bible Study, FBC Students, FBC Kids (AWANA)*** We are in a verse-by-verse walk through the epistle to the church at Rome! We start at 6pm in the worship center. If you are out of the habit of attending our Midweek Bible Study, now would be a great time to dive back in. It's a rich time to read, grow, ask questions, and wrestle through Scripture together.
FBC Students	As part of our annual ***"Friendsgiving"*** trip, we will be heading to ***Xtreme Air*** in ***Warner Robins*** on ***November 23***. More details soon! This ***Wednesday*** the students will continue their study through the ***Gospel of John***. John's gospel shows us that Jesus really is the Son of God and the Savior of the world.
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***.

Use your phone's camera to scan this QR Code to get more information and to sign up for our 2026 Thanksgiving Basket Donations.

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MEAL DONATIONS
November 22 • Following the Service
It's time to begin collecting Thanksgiving baskets! These will bless families in our community who otherwise would not be able to afford a Thanksgiving meal.
Please sign up as soon as possible!

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 16:6-10

Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 16:6-10?

What is your understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in the Christian life? Read Galatians 5:16-26. According to this passage, what does "walking in the Spirit" look like? What role does the Holy Spirit play in the mission of the church? What are some ways that the Spirit might direct and lead us? What part does Scripture play in living according to the Spirit? Why is it significant that Paul shared his vision with his companions and that they collectively concluded God was calling them to Macedonia? What can we learn about discerning God's direction in community?

J. I. Packer: "Apart from [the Spirit], not only will there be no lively believers and no lively congregations, there will be no believers and no congregations at all. But in fact the church continues to live and grow, for the Spirit's ministry has not failed, nor ever will, with the passage of time."

Would you say that you currently pursue obedience to the Great Commission? Explain. What are some ways you could be more intentional about participating in the mission of God near and far?

The Macedonian man was pleading for help. Why do you think Luke describes the appeal in such urgent terms? What does this communicate about the spiritual needs of people who have not heard the gospel? The Macedonians were looked down upon by the Greeks, yet God directed Paul toward them. What does this reveal about how God views people whom society might overlook, avoid, or consider inferior?

If someone observed the way you spend your time, money, and energy, would they conclude that you are burdened for people who don't know Christ? Why or why not? What tends to make your heart callous toward the needs of others? Comfort? Busyness? Fear? Political differences? Past experiences? Something else? How can political rhetoric, stereotypes, and fear gradually shape the way Christians view people who are different from them? What are some practical ways to guard our hearts against this? If you began looking at the people around you through "gospel-colored lenses" rather than filtering everything through your own comfort and preferences, what might change?

What does it look like to recognize the image of God in someone whose worldview, lifestyle, ethnicity, nationality, or political convictions are very different from yours? Is it possible to stand firmly for biblical truth while genuinely loving people with whom we strongly disagree? What might that look like in practice?

Paul and his companions obeyed at once, playing a part in the Spirit's mission to reach the world. Is there something delaying your obedience to the Great Commission? What prevents you from being more sacrificial with your life and time for the cause of Christ? Pray for the Spirit's empowering to obey at once.

Take time to think through what some of your fellow church members are going through right now. Pray for both those burdens you are aware of and those unknown to you, but known to God.

Pray for the Lord to show you how best to support your church in evangelism and church planting.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

8:30AM: LADIES PRAYER TIME **9AM:** SUNDAY SCHOOL **10AM:** WORSHIP GATHERING
5PM: LIFE GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

6PM: MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

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