

**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
- Only Jesus
- Pastoral Prayer
- O Worship The King (Hymn 9)
- God Our Rescuer
- Sermon: Acts 8:4-25
- Great Are You Lord
- Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Matthew 22:37-40:

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone things we ought to have done, and we have done things we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare us, O God, who confess our faults. Restore us who are repentant, according to your promises in Christ Jesus our Lord. Help us to live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. - Book of Common Prayer (1552)

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from 1 John 1:8-10:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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



O Worship The King

Johann Michael Haydn

Verse 1

O worship the King
all glorious above
And gratefully sing
His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender
the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise

Verse 2

O tell of His might
O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light
whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form
And dark is His path
on the wings of the storm

Verse 3

Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust
nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender
how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender
Redeemer and Friend

Verse 4

O measureless might
ineffable love
While angels delight
to worship Thee above
The humbler creation
though feeble their lays
With true adoration
shall all sing Thy praise

God Our Rescuer

Michael Bleecker

Verse 1

Righteousness, as filthy rags
Still you sought us,
mercy bought us
From our shame
and from our chains
Grace has freed us
truth will lead us

Chorus

God our Rescuer
Redeemer of the world
Prodigal Chaser Miracle Maker
Strong enough to save
You pulled us from the grave
Yours is the glory,
O God our Rescuer
Oh, Oh God our Rescuer

Verse 2

You came in love,
you walked our dust
Healed the blind eyes,
gave the dead life
In our midst and in our mess
You're our Helper,
You are Healer

Chorus

God our Rescuer
Redeemer of the world
Prodigal Chaser Miracle Maker
Strong enough to save
You pulled us from the grave
Yours is the glory,
O God our Rescuer
Oh, Oh God our Rescuer

Bridge

This seems impossible
oh what a selfless love
That reaches far beyond
and stretches high above
He made it possible
by sending us His Son, Jesus

Great Are You Lord

David Leonard and Leslie Jordan

Verse

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
so we pour out our praise
we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
so we pour out
our praise to You only

Verse

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus (2x)

It's Your breath in our lungs
so we pour out our praise
we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
so we pour out
our praise to You only

Bridge (3x)

And all the earth
will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

Chorus (2x)

It's Your breath in our lungs
so we pour out our praise
we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
so we pour out
our praise to You only

Ending

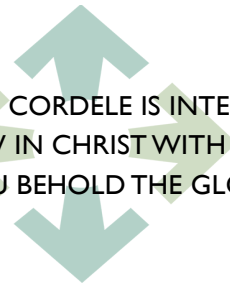
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THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING	6PM: MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

WAYS TO SERVE/WHO TO CONTACT:	
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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	On Sundays the students are in 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.

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

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 8:4-25
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 8:4-25?

What goes through your heart and mind when you hear stories of ordinary Christians who go to unreached places and give their lives away to reach the lost? When you hear those stories, do you consider that God might be calling you to do that as well or do you assume that He isn't? Explain.

When considering stories of ordinary Christians using their lives to reach the unreached, what reason do you give (whether in your mind or to others) as to why you couldn't go and do likewise?

Why is Acts 8:4-25 a good illustration of Matthew 28:18-20? v. 4 tells us that ordinary Christians (who were not in vocational ministry as we think of it) went about "preaching the Word." How does this remind us that every Christian is called to proclaim the news of Jesus?

How often do you think of yourself in this way? What excuses do we typically give for why we can't share the gospel with people in our spheres of influence? How can we overcome these excuses and pursue faithfulness?

Pause to pray for opportunities to share the gospel this week. List three specific actions you can take to convey the good news of salvation through Christ to others.

The Westminster Catechism says that "the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Is this how you understand man's purpose in the world? Explain. How often do you think about your purpose - as a person and a Christian - being to glorify God in all that you do?

If someone observed your life over the course of the last week or month, who would they say you are living for? Explain. If at the end of your life, it could be shown that you were successful according to the metrics of the world, but that you hadn't lived for God's glory, would you be OK with that? Explain.

What is following Christ costing you? Should following Christ cost us? In light of the resurrection, why would costs for Christ's sake be worth it in the end?

In what ways does Philip serve as an example to us?
In what ways does Simon the magician serve as a warning to us?

Do you find yourself more thankful for the things God gives you or for knowing Christ?

How does Simon show us that short-term excitement does not mean one is genuinely converted? Can you think of other texts in the Gospels that attest to this?

Recall how Peter sharply called Simon to repentance. Why is repentance important?

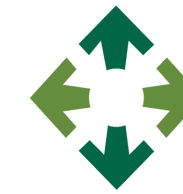
Compare Luke 9:52-54 with Acts 8:14-25 and consider the change in the apostle John. How was his opinion of the Samaritans changed? How can you cultivate love for the unlovable?

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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Lord's Day Gathering
April 12, 2026

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Behold
the
Glory
of Christ

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