

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
Everlasting God
Pastoral Prayer (Eli Mixon)
How Long O Lord
Hallalujah What A Savior (Hymn 226)
Sermon: Acts 13:4-12
Onward
Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Psalm 16:
Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Confession of Sin
Let us confess our sin to God:
You have given me a whole life to serve you, and to advance my hopes of heaven; and this precious time I have thrown away upon my sins and vanities, being thoughtless of my time, and of my talent, and of your grace and my own advantages, resisting your Spirit and quenching him. I have been a great lover of myself, and yet used many ways to destroy myself. I have pursued my temporal ends with greediness. I have been revengeful and unthankful, forgetting benefits, but not so soon forgetting injuries; curious and murmuring, a great breaker of promise. I have not loved my neighbor's good, nor advanced it in all things where I could. I have been unlike you in many things. I am unmerciful and unjust, a foolish admirer of lesser things, and careless of heaven and the ways that lead there. But for your name's sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for it is great. - Jeremy Taylor

Assurance of Pardon
Receive these words of comfort from Psalm 106:7-8:
Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power.

Everlasting God
Brenton Brown
Verse
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
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We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Pre-Chorus
Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv’rer
Chorus
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won’t grow weary
You’re the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles
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How Long O Lord
Sovereign Grace
Verse 1
Every valley will be lifted high
And the weak will be the strong
When You come like lightning in the sky
How long O Lord how long
Verse 2
Kings on earth will scatter when they hear
Thundering sounds of angel songs
Hearts will tremble filled with holy fear
How long O Lord how long
Chorus
All our hopes are fixed on You
That Your promises are true
And one day You will return
All our treasures here will fade
So we long to see Your face
Until then our hearts will burn
How long O Lord
Verse 3
You will conquer every evil thing
Every sorrow pain and wrong
They will cease with Your return our King
How long O Lord how long
Chorus
All our hopes are fixed on You
That Your promises are true
And one day You will return
All our treasures here will fade
So we long to see Your face
Until then our hearts will burn
How long O Lord
Bridge
How long O Lord
How long O Lord
How long O Lord
Chorus

Hallelujah
What A Savior
(Hymn 226)
Philip Paul Bliss
Verse 1
Man of sorrows what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah what a Savior
Verse 2
Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah what a Savior
Chorus
Hallelujah what a Savior
Hallelujah what a Savior
Verse 3
Guilty vile and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement can it be
Hallelujah what a Savior
Verse 4
Lifted up was He to die
It is finished was His cry
Now in heaven exalted high
Hallelujah what a Savior
Chorus
Hallelujah what a Savior
Hallelujah what a Savior
Verse 5
When He comes our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we’ll sing
Hallelujah what a Savior
Chorus (2X)
Hallelujah what a Savior
Hallelujah what a Savior

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)

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 are in their new Sunday School series, The Lord's Prayer . 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. Our students will continue their study of Joseph in their Wednesday night study, Prisoner to Prince 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.



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 13:4-12
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 13:4-12?

How does hearing stories of missionaries like William Carey encourage and challenge you?

React to this from Colin Marshall and Tony Payne: “At the most basic level, the Bible says that Jesus doesn’t have two classes of disciple: those who abandon their lives to his service and those who don’t. The call to discipleship is the same for all.”

Would someone observing your life from the outside say: ‘Look: there is someone who has abandoned his [or her] life to Jesus Christ and his mission?’ Explain.

Do you see yourself as a sent ambassador of Christ every time you leave the worship gathering and go into the normal rhythms of daily life? If not, why not? If so, what does being an ambassador for the kingdom entail?

Would you say that you are someone who follows the Holy Spirit’s leading? What does that look like in your everyday life? Do you see yourself as someone who must “proclaim the Word of God” and the gospel to people that you know or come in contact with? Explain. How often do you pray that God would put people in your life that you could have gospel conversations with? How can we be more intentional about cultivating relationship which eventually lead to gospel conversations?

Why should we expect opposition when we live Christianly? Why should we not be surprised when people reject the gospel when it is presented to them?

What are some cultural idols that Christians should confront when they see or experience them? What are some of the favorite ‘gods’ in our community that the Christian ethic should confront? How can we be bold in holding to Biblical truth when it is unpopular or costly?

How does this passage remind us that our enemies in the world are not people but spiritual forces of this present darkness? Why should we remind ourselves that the battles we fight are against Satan and his kingdom?

Why is it important to remind ourselves that people are not our enemy?

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
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SUNDAY

9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL; 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING

5PM: LIFE GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

6PM: MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES



Lord’s Day Gathering
August 23, 2026

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Behold
the
Glory
of Christ

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