

**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
- Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel (Hymn 727)*
- Pastoral Prayer
- Come And Worship*
- Adore*
- Sermon: Acts 4:1-4
- All Glory Be To Christ (Hymn 217)*
- Doxology*

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 12:1-2:

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Almighty, eternal God! Forgive us our sin and lead us to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. - Huldrych Zwingli

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Luke 24:44-47:

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

**Sing We The Song
Of Emmanuel
(Hymn 727)**

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

Verse 1

Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ
who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn
now our eyes behold

Chorus 1

God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices
and now proclaim
Great and glorious
Love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of
heaven

Verse 2

Come we to welcome Emmanuel
King who came with
no crown or throne
Helpless He lay the Invincible
Maker of Mary now Mary's son

Chorus 2

O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds sages before Him fall
Grace and majesty what humility
Come on bended knee
adore Him

Verse 3

Go spread the news of Emmanuel
Joy and peace
for the weary heart
Lift up your heads
for your King has come
Sing for the Light
overwhelms the dark

Chorus 3

Glory shining for all to see
Hope alive let the gospel ring
God has made a way
He will have the praise
Tell the world His name is Jesus



Come and Worship

Bebo Norman

Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er the Earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim the
Messiah's birth

Chorus

Come and worship
Come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ
the newborn King

Verse 2

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your
flocks by night

God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light

Chorus

Come and worship
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Verse 3

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear

Adore

Martin Chalk

Verse 1

You stepped down from heaven
Humbly You came
God of all creation
Here with us

In a starlit manger Emmanuel
Light of the world here to save

Chorus

Adore, come let us adore
O come let us adore Him
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore

Verse 2

Wise men bring their treasures
Shepherds bow low
Angel voices sing
Of peace on earth
What have I to offer
to heaven's King

I will bring my life my love my all

Chorus

Adore, come let us adore
O come let us adore Him
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore

Bridge (2X)

Angels sing praises ring
To the newborn King
Peace on earth here with us
Joy awakening
At Your feet we fall

Chorus

Adore, come let us adore
O come let us adore Him
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore

**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

WEDNESDAY	SUNDAY
6PM: KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY STUDENT PROGRESSIVE SUPPER (LEAVING FBC @ 5PM)	8:30AM: BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING

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: New Testament Classroom A: Church History 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 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	Our Student Christmas Progressive Super will be on Wednesday, December 17. We will leave the church at 5pm. On Wednesday nights the students are studying through the book of Genesis. The students are in a Sunday School series called <i>Good News, Great Joy, All People.</i>
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. <i>AWANA</i> is every Wednesday at 6pm.

MERRY CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 21 @ 10AM
COME BEHOLD THE GLORY OF CHRIST
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP @ 8:30AM
FBC WILL BE PROVIDING THE EGGS, MEAT, AND DRINKS
WE ARE ASKING OUR MEMBERS TO BRING BREAKFAST SIDES

DECEMBER DATES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
FBC STUDENT CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE SUPPER LEAVING FBC @ 5PM
FBC KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY @ 6PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
WOMEN'S ORNAMENT EXCHANGE @ 6:30PM AT AMY SMITH'S HOUSE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**
8:30AM - BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP 6PM - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
10AM - WORSHIP GATHERING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**
LORD'S SUPPER NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 4:1-4
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 4:1-4?

Christians have been persecuted for their allegiance to Jesus from Acts until today. Why would allegiance to Jesus evoke such a strong response from the world? How often do you think about Christians who have been persecuted in the last 2000 years? How might studying the faithfulness of saints past inform and encourage you? How often do you think of fellow Christians who are persecuted throughout the world today? How might you be more connected to them? How can you be intentional about praying for them?

By and large, Christians in America do not experience wholesale persecution. Why do you think that is? Do you think the way in which Christians live out their faith today is biblically faithful enough to evoke the sort of response we see in Acts 4 and throughout history? Explain. In 2 Timothy, Paul said, "Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." What did he mean by that?

How does biblical Christianity offer an alternate vision for the world? What is it about the Christian ethic that is out of step with the larger culture? List some things that the culture values and says one must pursue - or possess - in order to live a life of wholeness. Now list what Jesus and the apostles say one should value and pursue in order to live a life of wholeness. How do those lists compare?

Why is the resurrection so important to the gospel message? What are the consequences for a resurrection-less Christianity? How ought the resurrection inform how we live on earth?

Would you say you live a "resurrection life"? Does the resurrection of Christ - and the future resurrection that He promises - inform how you live and what you value? Explain.

Who is the supreme authority in your life? What would a life submitting to Christ's authority look like practically? How would it look different than an unbeliever? Later in the chapter, Peter tells the religious leaders that they must obey God rather than man. How does fear of man often drive what we do? How can we cultivate a life that obeys God over man, regardless of what it might cost us?

Over and over again we see the Word of God - and its proclamation - doing the work to change and multiply the early church. How does the Word do this? How important is our individual and collective devotion to the Word? Do you trust that as the Bible is made central in the church that God will do a work through it? Explain. How can you more practically be devoted to growing in the Scriptures?

No one should either desire, nor seek, persecution. Yet, if what Jesus and the rest of the New Testament is true, persecution will result from a life devoted to Jesus and submitting to His authority as captain of our lives. Take a few moments to consider your life. Is fear of what people might think of you (or treat you) holding you back from radical devotion or proclamation of the gospel?

Pray for courage and confidence in the resurrection.

Take some time to confess and pray together using this text as a guide.



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Lord's Day Gathering
December 14, 2025

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