

**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

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name (Hymn 6)

Pastoral Prayer (Chuck Hollingsworth)

Standing On The Promises (Hymn 142)

Abide

Sermon: Acts 9:26-31

Holy Holy Holy (Hymn 4)

Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from 1 Peter 1:8–12:

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

O Lord, let not your law be a curse to our consciences, but rather give us grace under this extreme and heavy burden of sin, to be fully persuaded, that by your death you have taken away all our sins, and fulfilled the law for us, and by this have delivered us from the curse of the law and paid our ransom; and then we, being fully persuaded, may have quiet settled hearts, and a free conscience, and glad desiring wills to forsake this wicked world. Amen. - Henry Smith

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Ezekiel 36:25–27:

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

**Standing On
The Promises
(Hymn 142)**

Russell Kelso Carter

Verse 1

Standing on the promises
of Christ my King
Through eternal ages
let His praises ring
Glory in the highest
I will shout and sing

Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Standing standing
Standing on the promises
of God my Savior
Standing standing
I'm standing on the
promises of God

Verse 2

Standing on the promises
that cannot fail
When the howling storms
of doubt and fear assail
By the living Word of God
I shall prevail

Standing on the promises of God

Verse 3

Standing on the promises
of Christ the Lord
Bound to Him eternally
by love's strong cord
Overcoming daily with
the Spirit's Sword

Standing on the promises of God

Verse 5

Standing on the promises
I cannot fall
List'ning ev'ry moment
to the Spirit's call

Resting in my Savior as my All in All
Standing on the promises of God

**All Hail The Power
of Jesus' Name
(Hymn 6)**

Elisha Albright Hoffman

Verse 1

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves
you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves
you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 4

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 5

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

Abide

Aaron Williams

Verse 1

For my waking breath
for my daily bread
I depend on You, I depend on You
For the sun to rise
for my sleep at night
I depend on You, I depend on You

Chorus 1

You're the way
the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch
and You are the vine
Draw me close
and teach me to abide

Verse 2

Where the Spirit leads
as I'm following
I depend on You, I depend on You
For the victories
still in front of me
I depend on You, I depend on You

Chorus 2

You're the way
the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch
and You are the vine
Draw me close
and teach me to abide

Verse 3

Be my strength
my song in the night
Be my all, my treasure, my prize
I am Yours forever You're mine
Draw me close
and teach me to abide

Verse 3

When I pass through death
as I enter rest
I depend on You, I depend on You
For eternal life
to be raised with Christ
I depend on You, I depend on You

Chorus 2 (2x)

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Hymn 4)

John Bacchus Dykes

Verse 1

Holy Holy Holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our
song shall rise to Thee
Holy Holy Holy
merciful and mighty
God in three Persons
blessed Trinity

Verse 2

Holy Holy Holy
all the saints adore Thee
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee
Who wert and art and
evermore shall be

Verse 3

Holy Holy Holy
though the darkness hide Thee
though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in
love and purity

Verse 4

Holy Holy Holy
Lord God Almighty
all Thy works shall
praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea
Holy Holy Holy
merciful and mighty
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Ending

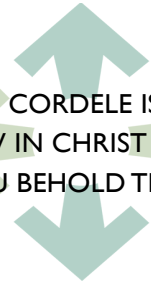
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THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING	5-7PM: FBC Students

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: 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>Beginning on May 31, all Life Groups will meet together at the church at 5pm. Not in a Life Group yet? You still have a chance to jump in, get connected, and see what it's all about!</i>
Midweek Bible Study	No Midweek Activities until the Fall. If anything changes, we will let everyone know. FBC Students will continue to meet throughout the Summer.
FBC Students	On Sundays, the students are continuing their series, <i>A Global Gospel</i> . On <i>May 27 at 1pm</i> , we will kick off summer by heading to <i>Skyzone</i> in Warner Robins. See Pastor 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. Registration for VBS is open at fbccordele.com .

LIFEGROUPS
WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

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JUNE 8-12 • FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DINNER PROVIDED EACH NIGHT

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

2026 VBS
ILLUMINATION STATION
JOHN 8-12

6PM - 8PM
REGISTRATION IS OPEN! • [FBCCORDELE.COM](http://fbccordele.com)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 9:26-31
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 9:26-31?

What does this passage teach about Jesus?

Go back to the beginning of the book of Acts. Skim through the first six chapters. Spot how the church is involved throughout and share your observations. What does this teach us about the importance of the church in God's mission to reach the world?

How important is the church to you? If you had to list the top 5 priorities in your life, where would the church rank? Where should it rank?

The church in Jerusalem is understandably afraid of Saul, yet Barnabas took Saul "under his wing" and advocated for the genuineness of his inclusion. How can we learn from Barnabas' posture of encouragement? How can you be an encourager in your church family? How can you seek out and be hospitable to new comers and guests to FBC? On Sundays, do you tend to seek out people you already know really well or do you make a point of speaking to people you don't know or who are guests? How can you be more intentional?

Say you have a friend, family member, fellow student, or co-worker who is "dechurching" and does not see the church as essential for their lives. What would you say to them?

Do you see yourself as someone who has been "sent" by your church to reach people in your sphere of influence? Explain.

If you don't often see yourself as sent to proclaim Jesus, how can you intentionally change how you see your role?

Read verses 20, 22, and 28. How is what Saul did described?

What is the simple message that we are called to convey to the unbelievers that we know?

In what ways do you 'build up' your brothers and sisters in the church? Do you see one of your roles in the church body as building up others? How do you think you could use your spiritual gifts and be intentional about building up others?

What does proper fear of the Lord look like?

Why is fear of the Lord a good thing?

In what ways do you think we can tend to fear man more than God?

How can we properly order our fears?

How might that change the way we live?

What about Jesus's commission of Saul most resonates with you?

What can we learn from Saul's trials?

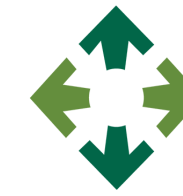
Do you expect the unexpected from God? What difference does that make (or would that make) to your life?

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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First Baptist Church

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LOVE GOD • LOVE HIS CHURCH • LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Lord's Day Gathering
May 17, 2026

Come
Behold
the
Glory
of Christ

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