

**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
Baptism

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It (Hymn 429)

Pastoral Prayer

House Of The Lord

O Father You Are Sovereign (Hymn 92)

Sermon: Acts 6:1-6

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery (Hymn 180)

Doxology (Hymn 384)

Call to Worship

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Acts 2:23–26:

This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.'

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin to God:

Our God and our Father, we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption; prone to what is evil, incapable of any good because of our depravity. We transgress your holy commandments. In your just judgement, we deserve ruin and damnation. O Lord, we are displeased with ourselves for having offended you and we condemn ourselves and our vices with true repentance, longing for your grace to relieve our distress. Have mercy upon us in the name of your Son and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Extend and increase the graces of your Holy Spirit to us day by day and help us mortify our sins that we may produce fruits of righteousness and please you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. - John Calvin

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words of comfort from Psalm 103:8–12:

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

SING THE WORD

**Redeemed How I Love
To Proclaim It
(Hymn 429)**

Fanny J. Crosby

Verse 1

Redeemed how I
love to proclaim it
Redeemed by the
blood of the Lamb

Redeemed thru His infinite mercy
His child and forever I am

Chorus

Redeemed redeemed
Redeemed by the
blood of the Lamb
Redeemed redeemed
His child and forever I am

Verse 2

Redeemed and so happy in Jesus
No language my rapture can tell
I know that the
light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell

Verse 3

I think of my
blessed Redeemer
I think of Him all the day long
I sing for I cannot be silent
His love is the
theme of my song

Verse 4

I know I shall see in His beauty
The King in whose
law I delight
Who lovingly
guardeth my footsteps
And giveth me
songs in the night

House Of The Lord

Phil Wickham

Verse 1

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God
who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

Chorus 1

There's joy
in the house of the Lord
There's joy
in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

There's joy
in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God
who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Bridge

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house
of the Lord sing praise

**O Father
You Are Sovereign
(Hymn 92)**

Margaret Clarkson

Verse 1

O Father You are sovereign
In all the worlds You made
Your mighty Word was spoken
And light and life obeyed
Your voice commands the seasons
And bounds the ocean's shore
Set stars within their courses
And stills the tempest's roar

Verse 2

O Father You are sovereign
In all affairs of man
No powers of death or darkness
Can thwart Your perfect plan
All chance and change transcending
Supreme in time and space
You hold Your trusting children
Secure in Your embrace

Verse 3

O Father You are sovereign
The Lord of human pain
Transmuting earthly sorrows
To gold of heav'nly gain
All evil overruling
As none but conq'ror could
Your love pursues its purpose
Our souls' eternal good

Verse 4

O Father You are sovereign
We see You dimly now
But soon before Your triumph
Earth's every knee shall bow
With this glad hope before us
Our faith springs up anew
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior
We trust and worship You

**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 lighth 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

Verse 3

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

THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE

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

WAYS TO SERVE/WHO TO CONTACT:

PASTOR VON	• HOSPITALITY
PASTOR JACK	• DISCIPLESHIP • STUDENT MINISTRY
PASTOR DANIEL	• AUDIO/VIDEO • INSTRUMENTALISTS/VOCALISTS
PASTOR CHUCK	• LIFE GROUPS
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 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: Adult Bible Study, FBC Students, FBC Kids (AWANA)
FBC Students	Our March Sunday School series is called <i>Golgotha!</i> Our students will look at the different characters in the crucifixion and resurrection story. We will be hosting a <i>Taco Night</i> full of games and a taco bar on March 18th at 6PM! Parents, please see Jack to sign up to bring items for the meal. <i>Secret Church</i> is on Friday, April 17th! Students only need to pay \$12 to receive the workbook for the event.
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.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 6:1-6
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 6:1-6?

What are some threats we have seen to the church so far in Acts?
Why must we not be repelled by the church's imperfections?
How can we encourage people in our lives who have cast off the church due to hurt, failures, or imperfections that they have seen or experienced? Why is it so important that we endure with the church despite her many faults?
How did Jesus model enduring patiently with imperfect people?
Can you think of specific examples from the Gospels?

The apostles said that it was "not right" for them to give up preaching and prayer to serve tables. Why was it so important that they prioritize the preaching of the Word and prayer?
Why is the Bible being central to the church so crucial?
What are the dangers of displacing the Word in the church and in our lives? What are some temptations we might have to decenter the Word? Can the church be a 'healthy church' if the Word is not the informer of faith and practice? Explain.

We see in this text that, although the Word was elevated and central, that the physical needs of the people were also seen as important enough to create this new church office. Why is it important that the church cares about the physical needs of people?
How can the two - the Word and physical needs - be prioritized without trading in one for the sake of the other? How did Jesus love people holistically (body and soul)? Can you think of examples from the Gospels when this was evident?

How did these seven men assist the apostles? How was their role similar to that of deacons today? In the first few centuries of the church, this passage was largely regarded as the creation of the office of deacon. What aspects of the ministry do we see here that ought to also be present in the modern deaconate? What qualifications do you see for the 'seven' here? Why do the apostles focus on character rather than skill? How can that be instructive for the church today as it selects and maintains the deacon ministry?

Why is diversity in the local church important?
If the church was full of people who were similar, what would that be telling the world about the church? Conversely, what would a diverse church be communicating to the world about the gospel? This text shows us a church who worked to maintain unity. Why is unity so important? What does a divided church say about what we believe?
Pause and pray for the unity of your local church, asking God to advance the gospel through it.

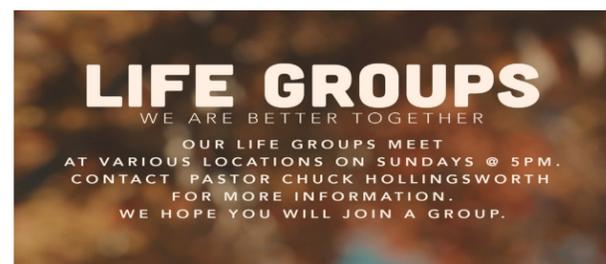
Take a moment to pray for the persecuted church around the world. Take some time to confess and pray together using this text as a guide.



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Lord's Day Gathering
March 1, 2026

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Behold
the
Glory
of Christ



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