

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are honored to worship God with you today. If you would like to become a member of Fernwood Baptist Church, you are invited to speak with the minister following the worship service or by emailing matt@fernwoodchurch.org. If you need pastoral care, please call 864-582-7467.

Our Vision

*is to be Christ to each other and our community –
doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly
with our God.*

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Sunday, September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday: Sunday School in-person and online **9:45 a.m.**

Worship in-person and online **11:00 a.m.**

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Guest Information

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Best Time to Call: Morning Afternoon Night

Email Address _____

Your Age Group:

13-18 19-29 30-39 40-49

50-59 60-69 70 & Older

Children:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Please check the applicable:

First time guest Returning guest

Would like information about the church

New to the area Would like a visit

Would like to know more about becoming a Christian

I am a guest of _____

Prayer Request _____

The Worship of God

The Lord's Day September 19, 2021

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music Dan Forrest

Come to Me
Rebecca Turner, piano

Reflection on Matthew 11:28-29

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

The Call to Worship MARION

We Love Our Church, O God!
Sanctuary Choir

We love our Church, O God!
A place where we belong;
Your Word's a guide to light our way,
And through you we are strong.
We love our Church, O God!

The Passing of the Peace

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 241 MANNA

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
when we shall leave this place.

The Hebrew Bible Reading Kathy Hensley

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

†The Hymn of Adoration HYFRYDOL

Christian Hearts, In Love United

1. Christian hearts, in love united, seek alone in Jesus rest;
has he not your love excited? Then let love inspire each breast.
Members on our Head depending, lights reflecting him, our Sun,
Christians, his commands attending, we in him, our Lord, are one.

2. Come, then, come, O flock of Jesus, covenant with him anew;
unto him who conquered for us, pledge we love and service true;
and should our love's union holy firmly linked no more remain
wait ye at his footstool lowly, till he draw it close again.

3. Grant, Lord, that with thy direction, “Love each other,” we comply,
aiming with unfeigned affection thy love to exemplify;
let our mutual love be glowing so that all will plainly see
that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in thee.

4. O that such may be our union as thine with the Father is,
and not one of our communion e'er forsake the path of bliss;
may our light shine forth with brightness, from thy light reflected, shine;
thus the world will bear us witness, that we, Lord, are truly thine.

Spotlight on Belonging Cinda Ginn

F-E-R-N-W-O-O-D Living Acronym

Special Music Jay Althouse

We Are a Church
Sanctuary Choir

We are a church. We are a congregation,
a community of souls who come to worship and pray.
We are a church. We are a congregation.
We have come to honor Christ, our Lord, today.

We are a church. We are a congregation,
and we know the Lord, our God, who gave his only Son.
We are a church. We are a congregation,
and we come together here to join as one.

O Lord, we praise you with our voices and with song.
O Lord, we praise you in this house, handsome and strong.

We are a church. We are a congregation,
and within this house of God, we feel his mercy and grace.
We are a church. We are a congregation,
and we meet to worship in this beautiful and holy place.

We are a church, and we have come to worship God today.
We are a church. We are a congregation,
and we come to worship Christ, our Lord, today.

The New Testament Reading Matt Johnson

Acts 2:42-47; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Matt Johnson

Love Where You Belong

†The Hymn of Response, No. 255 SYMPHONY

We Are God's People

1. We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

3. We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

4. We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
we die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:
yet, joined in one, the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

The Offertory Prayer Wendy Case

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music Harry D. Clark
arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

Into My Heart
Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Doxology OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Pastoral Benediction Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music Traditional Spanish Melody
arr. Jan Sanborn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Masks are required, even if you have been vaccinated. Due to the recent number of new Covid cases, we are taking all precautions to protect everyone. There are masks provided at each entrance of the Sanctuary lobby.

MESSAGE FROM THE AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM

If you are interested in being trained to assist our Audio/Visual Team in broadcasting and recording our Sunday Morning Worship Service, please contact Alan Lyles at 864-216-2303.

Ministry Team Opportunities Sign-Up List

The Ministry team sign-up list are located out on the table in the concourse. Each of our Ministry Teams has a facilitator who coordinates the activities of the team. You do not have to be a church member to be on a ministry team. You can be on multiple ministry teams, and you can choose your level of involvement on each team. You choose the teams where you feel called to serve.

If you have questions about a particular Ministry Team, please contact the appropriate team facilitator.