

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.*

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 _____

Crusaders' Hymn; © 1977 Broadman Press
We Love Our Church, O God; Words 2021 Stafford Turner; Music 1883 Arthur H. Messiter
For the Beauty of the Earth; Words 1864 Folliett S. Pierpoint; Music 1838 Conrad Kocher; adapt. 1861 William Henry Monk
Fairest Lord Jesus; Words Anonymous trans. (st. 1-3), 1873 trans. (st. 4) Joseph August Seiss; Music 1842, arr. 1850 Richard Storrs Willis
We All Are One in Mission; text © 1986 Hope Publishing Co.; music © 1992 Augsburg Fortress
The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound; Words 2005 Adam M. L. Tice © 2005 GIA Publications, Inc.; Music 1820 Carl G. Gläser, arr. 1839 Lowell Mason
I'd Rather Have Jesus; Words Rhea F. Miller © 1922, ren. 1950; Music George Beverly Shea © 1939, ren. 1966, Chancel Music, Inc.
Old 100th 1551 Genevan Psalter
O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing © 2003 Alfred Music Publishing Co.
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All Members of Fernwood Baptist Church, Ministers

Mrs. Marcia Harris..... Music Associate
 Rev. Matthew K. Johnson..... Senior Pastor
 Mrs. Angie M. Quinn..... Administrative Assistant
 Mrs. Rebecca Turner..... Music Associate
 Dr. Stafford Turner..... Director of Music Ministries
 Mrs. Mary Helen Wessinger..... Financial Administrator



Sunday, September 26, 2021

Eighteenth 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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The Worship of God

The Lord's Day September 26, 2021

The Ministry of Music Schleische Volkslieder 1842
arr. Don Phillips

Crusaders' Hymn
Rebecca Turner, piano

The Call to Worship MARION

We Love Our Church, O God!
Sanctuary Choir

We love our Church, O God!
A place where we can serve;
We work together, side by side,
Your mission to preserve.
We love our Church, O God!

The Passing of the Peace

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 341 DIX
For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love, which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For thyself, best gift divine! to our world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

The Psalm Reading Ansley Boggs

Psalm 15; NRSV
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 159 CRUSADERS' HYMN (ST. ELIZABETH)
Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of
spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight and all the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Spotlight on Serving Clarence Batts

Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

Special Music NYLAND
text Rusty Edwards
arr. Joel Martinson

We All Are One in Mission
Sanctuary Choir

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called to service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

The Epistle Reading Matt Johnson

James 1:17-27; NRSV
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Matt Johnson

Love Where You Serve

†The Hymn of Response, No. 249 AZMON
The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1. The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

2. True faith will open up the door and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

3. True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

4. If what we have, we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

The Offertory Prayer Kathy Hensley

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music Rhea F. Miller
George Beverly Shea

I'd Rather Have Jesus
Stafford Turner, bass
Rebecca Turner, organ

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold,
I'd rather be his than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I'd rather be led by his nail-pierced hands.

Refrain: Than to be the king of a vast domain
or be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom,
he's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
he's all that my hungering spirit needs,
I'd rather have Jesus and let him lead. *Refrain*

†The Doxology OLD 100^a

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 Carl G. Gläser
arr. Jan Sanborn

O For A Thousand Tongues 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.

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.