

**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](mailto:matt@fernwoodchurch.org). If you need pastoral care, please call 864-582-7467.

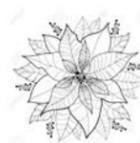
**Our Vision**

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

**DOING MISSIONS IN OUR OWN BACKYARD!**

If you can help this afternoon distribute candy, please be at the church by 4:30pm.

**Drive Thru Trick or Treat – Sunday, October 31 from 5 until 6pm**  
Contact Sabrina Myers 864-621-3610 if you can help this afternoon.



**POINSETTIA TIME AGAIN**

It is that time of year that you can help celebrate the Advent season by purchasing poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary.

Cost: \$15.00. They will be **RED**.

**Deadline – (No Exceptions) – Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021**

**No orders will be taken over the phone!!!**

**Order forms available in the church lobby.**

Money must accompany order form. *Cash or check only. Payments are NOT available through our online button.* Remember to put **Poinsettia** on your memo line. Money and orders must be in the church office by Thursday, Nov. 11. So, order today and help beautify our sanctuary.

**MISSIONS NEWS**

A Mission right here in our own backyard. You can help Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg do that very thing. The house being built is in Spartanburg and workday is on Saturday, November 20, from 8:30 until 12:30. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby on the information table. For more information contact Russ Blackburn – 864-621-6095.

**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.

**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, October 31, 2021*

*Reformation Sunday*

**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 October 31, 2021

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music Martin Luther  
arr. Harold DeCou  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
Marcia Harris, organ

The Passing of the Peace

†The Hymn of Praise No. 364 I LOVE THEE  
*I Love Thee*

1. I love thee, I love thee, I love thee, my Lord;  
I love thee, my Savior, I love thee, my God:  
I love thee, I love thee, and that thou dost know;  
but how much I love thee, my actions will show.

2. I’m happy, I’m happy, oh, wondrous account!  
my joys are immortal, I stand on the mount:  
I gaze on my treasure and long to be there,  
with Jesus and angels and kindred so dear.

3. O Jesus, my Savior, with thee I am blest,  
my life and salvation, my joy and my rest:  
Thy name be my theme, and thy love be my song;  
thy grace shall inspire both my heart and my tongue.

4. Oh, who’s like my Savior? He’s Salem’s bright King,  
He smiles and he loves me and helps me to sing:  
I’ll praise him, I’ll praise him with notes loud and clear,  
while rivers of pleasure my spirit shall cheer.

The Hebrew Bible Reading Susan Plemmons  
Deuteronomy 6:1-9; NRSV  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

†The Hymn of Adoration No. 264 RESIGNATION  
*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.  
With grateful love and holy fear true charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

2. Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.  
Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;  
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem Timothy Shaw  
*Teach Me Your Way*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Marcia Harris, piano

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.  
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; thank and praise you.  
Your mercy abounds, O Lord.

The Gospel Lesson Matt Johnson  
Mark 12:28-34; NRSV  
One: The Good News offered for all.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Matt Johnson  
*Teaching in Reverse*

†The Hymn of Response, No. 272 ST. BRENDAN’S  
*They’ll Know We Are Christians*

1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side.  
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.  
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

The Offertory Prayer James Bell

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music words by Frances R. Havergal  
music by Mark Hayes  
*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*  
Michaela Lineberry, mezzo-soprano  
Marcia Harris, piano

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

†The Doxology OLD 100<sup>a</sup>

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 Adoniram Gordon  
arr. Todd Billingsley  
*My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
Marcia Harris, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

We are pleased to have **Michaela Lineberry** as our new Sanctuary Choir Student Scholarship recipient! Michaela is from Greenville, South Carolina and is a student at Converse University where she is studying Music Therapy. She was an active member of the Mauldin High School choir and theatre department. She also volunteered as a student director at Mauldin Middle School where she assisted students as they learned the fundamentals of music and theatre. In addition to her theatrical and choral experience, Michaela studied vocal performance at Greenville County School District’s Fine Arts Center. Her goal is to use music to inspire growth and healing in the world around her.  
***Welcome to Fernwood, Michaela!***

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