

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.

SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE! Text "hello" to (864) 501-0585, for more information and to let us contact you.

Our Vision

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

Choose How You Give

*"All must give as they are able, according to the blessings
given to them by the Lord your God"*

Deuteronomy 16:17

Give easily and securely...

1. Offering envelopes during the service or by mail.
2. Set up *bill pay* straight from your bank.
3. On our Website www.fernwoodchurch.org
4. Directly through our online giving <http://onrealm.org/FernwoodBaptist/give/now>
5. Text from your phone: 73256 then keyword "fernwood" and dollar amount and follow the instructions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

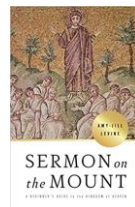
*For reservations call 864-582-7467, or email Angie@fernwoodchurch.org
or fill out the reservation forms that are available on the information table
in the lobby. Deadline for reservations are Mondays at NOON.*

*This is a self-sustaining fund which means
if you are signed up and do not come you will need to pay.*

**Cost: \$7.50 12 years old and older | \$4.00 Children 4-11 years old
Children under 3 are FREE**

Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Sermon on the Mount study continues on Wednesday nights at 6:15pm and will conclude on May 31. Don't miss this study led by Pastor Matt. You can participate in the study from home by joining the Zoom session sent in a reminder each Wednesday afternoon.



Extended Care Workers

May 21 – Meghanne McDaniels

May 28 – Norma Powell June 4 - Cherie Hannon

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*Masks are not required while in the building. For those who wish to continue wearing a mask
while in the sanctuary, there is a designated place on the side nearest the baptistery. There are
signs on the pews.*

All Members of Fernwood Baptist Church, Ministers

Mrs. Lee Anne BailieDirector of Family and Communication Ministries
Mrs. Marcia HarrisAssistant Music Associate
Rev. Matthew K. JohnsonSenior 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
Mr. Don Williams..... Custodian
Rev. Dr. P. Randall Wright Pastor Emeritus



*Sunday, May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday*

Sunday

9:45am - Sunday School in-person and online
11:00am - Worship in-person and online

Wednesday

5:30pm - Wednesday Night Supper – Dining Room (reservations required)
6:15pm - Bible Study for Adults – Dining Room in-person and online
6:15pm - Children's Missions, Music & More – Children's Hall
7:00pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Music Suite

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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 May 21, 2023

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music Jean Sibelius and William Bradbury
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

When Memory Fades
Rebecca Turner, piano

The Passing of the Peace Matt Johnson

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 219 LLANFAIR

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

2. There for him high triumph waits, Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
he hath conquered death and sin. Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

3. See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

4. See! he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

The Psalm Reading Penny Ginn

Psalm 47; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 450)
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 653 BEECHER

Lord, You Give the Great Commission
(verses 1, 2, 4, and 5)

1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the Word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

5. Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem Jerry Kirk

Ye Shall Be Witnesses
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Ye shall receive pow'r when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and ye shall be my witnesses unto the ends of the earth.
Jerusalem! Judea! Samaria, and the ends of the earth!
Amen!

The Gospel Reading Matt Johnson

Luke 24:44-53; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 861)

One: The Good News offered for all.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Matt Johnson

You Are Witnesses

†The Hymn of Response, No. 387 GALILEE

God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us

1. God who made us, Christ who calls us, breath who guides us in the way,
hear the humble words we whisper as we dare to bow and pray:

2. "Live your Light within and through us, dawn in us eternal day.
Tell us, as we brave the darkness, when to speak and what to say.

3. Give us courage, humble courage. Give us faith that will not fail.
Give us love with no exceptions. Through us let your peace prevail."

4. God who made us, Christ who calls us,
breath who guides from deep within,
may our lives of mumbled praying end with Heaven's clear "Amen."

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Cinda Ginn

†The Doxology OLD 100th

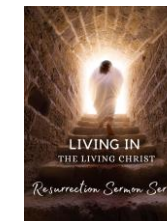
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Pastoral Benediction Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music Robert Williams
arr. Cindy Berry

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.



Sermon Series Easter 2023
Living in the Living Christ

May 28 *Coming Full Circle*

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 2 - Sunday, June 4
2023 Virginia Creeper Trail Trip

There still a couple of rooms available for the Virginia Creeper Trail trip June 2-4. Please email Penny at pennyginn13@gmail.com or call 864-923-0232, ASAP if you would like to go or have questions!

FernGold Outing | Supper at CaroMi
Wednesday, June 7

We are leaving (Carpooling)
at 4pm and returning around 7:45pm
Sign-up sheet on information table.

Saturday, June 10 | Habitat Work Day
8:15am – 12 Noon or 12:15pm until 4:00pm
Sign-Up sheet on information table.
29 Britton Street, Spartanburg, SC

Sunday, June 18 | Soup Kitchen
9am until 1:00pm

Friday, July 21 | Greenville Drive Game
Tickets will be \$5 each. Check or Cash only.
Not available to pay online. Make all checks payable to Fernwood and write "Baseball" on the memo line.
Deadline to sign-up and pay is Sunday, July 2.
A sign-up sheet is located on the information table.
We will not be purchasing food vouchers.