

**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.

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

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 _____			
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**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](http://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.

**CHILDREN'S EXTENDED SESSION WORKER'S**

Oct. 8 – Cindy Thomas      Oct. 15 – Jennifer Bogan  
Oct. 22 – Lauren Barker      Oct. 29 – Kathy Hensley

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS SUPPER**

**Reservation deadline is Monday at Noon.**

You can call 864-582-7467, email the [office@fernwoodchurch.org](mailto:office@fernwoodchurch.org) or fill out the registration form on the information table in the concourse and place it in the basket. Remember to let the office know if you will be on the permanent list or not. *This is a self-sustaining fund which means, if you are signed up and do not come, you will still need to pay.*

**Wednesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Matt**

*Sabbath As Resistance: Saying NO to the Culture of Now*  
by Walter Brueggemann

Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:00pm  
through October 11 in the Dining Room



*Let Us Break Bread Together*, African-American spiritual, arr. 2023 Terry Rhinebold  
*From Every Race, from Every Clime*; Words 1973 Thomas Bruce McDormand © 1973 Thomas  
Bruce McDormand and Canadian Baptist Ministries; Music 1836 Alexander R. Reinagle,  
harm. 2008 Michael Evers © 2010 Celebrating Grace, Inc.  
*For the Fruit of All Creation*; Words 1970 Fred Pratt Green, © 1970 Hope Publishing Co.;  
Music Traditional Welsh melody, harm. 1906 Luther O. Emerson  
*Christ Is With Us* © 2006 Make Way Music; *Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine*, Graham Kendrick  
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*We Love Our Church, O God!*; Words 2021 Stafford Turner; Music 1770 Aaron Williams  
*Old 100*- 1551 Genevan Psalter  
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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 Bailie .....Director of Family and Communication Ministries  
Mrs. Marcia Harris .....Assistant Music Associate  
Rev. Matthew K. Johnson .....Senior Pastor  
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, October 1, 2023*  
*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sunday**

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

**Wednesday**

5:30pm – Wednesday Night Supper  
6:15pm – Bible Study for Adults (in-person and online)  
6:15pm – Children’s Missions, Music & More  
7:15pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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# The Worship of God

The Lord's Day October 1, 2023

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Passing of the Peace Matt Johnson  
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

The Processional arr. Terry Rhinebold  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
Fernwood Ringers  
Terry Rhinebold, director

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 463 ST. PETER  
*From Every Race, from Every Clime*

1. From every race, from every clime your people gathered 'round  
the emblems of your grace sublime with gratitude abound.

2. Partaking of the bread, we know our strength from you derives,  
and as we take the cup, we go to witness with our lives.

3. Throughout the world your table's set, dear Lord, our Savior, Guide,  
in hope we know that we shall yet in fellowship abide.

4. From north to south, from east to west we gather to recall  
in reverent memory your blest redemptive love for all.

The Epistle Reading Michelle Mathews  
2 Corinthians 9:6-11; NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 942)  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 376 AD HYD Y NOS  
*For the Fruit of All Creation*

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In the world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem arr. Benjamin Harlan

*Christ Is With Us*  
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Here is bread, here is wine: Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine: Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace: Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace: Feast on Jesus here.

In this bread there is healing; in this cup there's life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one: Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove,  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

In this bread there is healing; in this cup there's life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

The Gospel Reading Matt Johnson  
Matthew 25:14-30; NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 807)  
One: The Good News offered for all.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Matt Johnson  
*The Commitments: Invest*

The Service of Holy Communion

†The Hymn of Response ST. THOMAS  
*We Love Our Church, O God!*

1. We love our Church, O God!  
We worship and adore;  
together we lift up your name  
in praise forevermore.

2. 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.

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

4. We love our Church, O God!  
We will in her invest;  
our time and tithe we offer up,  
we give to you our best.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Russ Blackburn

†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 Recessional arr. Melody Bober  
*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

**Quarterly Luncheon**  
**following the worship service today in the dining room.**

### **SIDEWALK HOPE FOR CHILDREN MINISTRY**

Items Needed: Children's coats size 7 to 16 ONLY. (No adult sizes)  
Gloves and socks are also needed.

The first distribution will be on October 17th. Please place your  
items in the coat room which is located in the Adult SS Hall Rm.  
218. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Thomas.



**New Sermon Series**  
will begin Sunday, October 8:  
**Letter to Young Churches**

### **CONCERT AT FERNWOOD**

Please join us for a special concert Sunday, October 8th at 7:00 pm  
presented by the Concert Choir of Gardner-Webb University. A love  
offering will be taken to go toward the cost of the international trip.  
Put it on your calendar!

### **SOUP KITCHEN**

Sunday, October 15 from 9am until 12:45pm  
Sign-up sheet on the information table in the concourse.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Trunk or Treat / Sunday, October 29 from 4-6pm**

***Invite your friends & family.***

**Ways You Can Help our Trunk or Treat A Success!**

Candy donations now through 10-29-23

*(Place in boxes in concourse.)*

Adults to pass out candy at their car trunks.

Contact Lee Anne at communications@fernwoodchurch.org