

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.

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 _____	

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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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.

CHILDREN'S EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Oct. 22 – Lauren Barker Oct. 29 – Kathy Hensley
Nov. 5 – Clarence Batts Nov. 12 – Scarlet Batts

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Reservation deadline is Monday at Noon.

You can call 864-582-7467, email the office@fernwoodchurch.org or fill out the registration form on the information table in the concourse and place it in the basket.

JOIN US FOR UPSTATE PRIDE SC

Upstate Pride SC is on Saturday, October 28th in downtown Spartanburg and Kelsey Carithers is heading up Fernwood's tent this year. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the day from 10AM to 5PM, including set-up and take down. You may sign-up online (using your Facebook or Google account) or at the table outside of the sanctuary on Sunday. If you need additional information, please contact Kelsey directly at (704) 689-6708 or kcarithers001@converse.edu.

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

Invite your friends & family.

Candy donations now through 10-29-23
(Place in boxes in concourse.)

We need adults to pass out candy at their car trunks.

Contact Lee Anne at communications@fernwoodchurch.org

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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
Mr. Dean Newkirk.....Office Administrator
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 22, 2023
Twenty-first 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 Lord's Day

October 22, 2023

The Welcome & Announcements Lee Anne Bailie

The Passing of the Peace Lee Anne Bailie

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Acknowledging the Presence of God & Celebrating the Love of Christ

Scripture Reading Stafford Turner

Matthew 11:28-29
(Pew Bible, page 792)

Musical Reflection Dan Forrest

Come to Me
Rebecca Turner, piano

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Jean Pruett

The Discipline of Silence

One: Shhh... Can you hear it?

All: Hear what?

One: The silence. Listen...It is a symbol of the presence of God.

All: Yes! We hear it, and we are even beginning to feel God's presence.

One: Then let's celebrate together the presence of God and the love of Christ.

†Hymn, No. 437 FESTAL SONG

How Wide the Love of Christ

1. How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race but holds our one humanity within its broad embrace.

2. How long the love of Christ! Its patience will not cease until this broken world is bound in everlasting peace.

3. How high the love of Christ! Beyond all thought it soars, and yet upon our passing lives unmeasured mercy pours.

4. How deep the love of Christ, descending to a cross! He bears within his wounded hands all human pain and loss.

5. All praise to you, O Christ, for love whose depth and height, whose length and breadth fill time and space with endless life and light!

A Time for Praying

Breath as Prayer
adapted from a prayer by Jennifer Tucker
led by Barbara Jean Callaway

Inhale

Be still my soul.

Exhale

And know that you are God.

Psalm 46:10

God's Presence
by Heather C. King
read by Kelsey Carithers

The Love of Christ
adapted from a prayer by Rachel Wojo
read by Mike Ethridge

A Prayer for God's Presence
adapted from a prayer by Mary Beth Thomas
read by Pat Bell

Musical Reflection

Ken Medema
arr. Jack Schrader

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
Sanctuary Choir

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

A Time for Listening—A Guided Meditation Jean Pruett

Musical Reflection

Francesca Battistelli
Clint Lagerberg

Time in Between
Kari Mason, mezzo-soprano; Rebecca Turner, piano

You were there when your Father said, "Let there be light."
You obeyed when he whispered, "Son, you have to leave tonight
to spend nine months in a mother's womb, three days in a borrowed tomb."

But it's the time in between that brings me to my knees;
knowing you came for me, and all that I can't be.
I'm amazed, so amazed, and I thank you for the time in between.

Don't take much for this crazy world to rob me of my peace.
And the enemy of my soul says you're holding out on me.
So I stand here lifting empty hands for you to fill me up again.

But it's the time in between that I fall down to my knees;
waiting on what you'll bring, and the things that I can't see.
I know my song's incomplete, still I'll sing in the time in between.

So many ways your love has saved the day, and I'm grateful for them all.
But it's the time in between, the middle of two thieves,
that says everything. It's the reason I believe.
I'm amazed, so amazed, and I thank you for the time in between.

Scripture Reading Clarence Batts

1 John 4:7-10
(Pew Bible, page 991)

Musical Reflection arr. L. Eugene Oldham

What Wondrous Love Is This
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

What wondrous love is this, o my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreaded curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM—
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be;
and through eternity, I'll sing on!

A Time for Responding—A Guided Reflection Jean Pruett

†Hymn, No. 435 SULLIVAN

Share His Love

1. The love of God is broader than earth's vast expanse,
'tis deeper and wider than the sea.
Love reaches out to all to bring abundant life,
for God so loved the world his only Son he gave.
*Refrain: Share his love by telling what the Lord has done for you,
share his love by sharing of your faith,
and show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you
every moment, every day.*

2. All those who have trusted in God's only Son,
and hold this precious treasure in their hearts,
seek ways to make it known to all who need to know
that God so loved the world his only Son he gave. *Refrain*

3. We show the love of God each day we live,
reveal Christ's presence in our lives;
and how the Holy Spirit guides us day by day,
for God so loved the world his only Son he gave. *Refrain*

Parting Blessing Jean Pruett

One: I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

All: Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Musical Reflection Carlisle Floyd

For I Am Persuaded
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate me from the love of God.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and give you peace.

†Please stand, as you are able.



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