

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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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 - 5:30PM

Reserve by Noon on Monday.

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - 6:15PM

- Can we learn to grow closer to God through the whole journey of our lives? Come join us on Wednesday evenings as we learn spiritual practices and disciplines that can help us deepen our spiritual walk. Be ready to use your senses, have your heart opened wider, and feel the nudge of the Holy Spirit in your daily life and in worship.

May 1

*Walking a Labyrinth as a Spiritual Practice
Led by Andy Crosland from Central UMC*

May 15

*Art as a Spiritual Practice
Led by Nancy Kay*

May 8

*Study as a Spiritual Practice
Led by Matt Johnson*

May 22

Celebration as a Spiritual Practice

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Blessed Be the Name; Words 1739 Charles Wesley (half stanzas), 1887 Ralph E.

Hudson (refrain); Music 1887 Ralph E. Hudson

Jesus Is All the World to Me; Words and Music 1904 Will L. Thompson

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Day by Day; Words 1866 Karolina W. Sandell-Berg, trans. 1921 A. L. Skoog;

Music 1872 Oscar Ahnfelt

Old 100th 1551 Genevan Psalter

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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

Rev. 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 WrightPastor Emeritus



Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday

9:00am – Fernwood Ringers

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 April 28, 2024

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

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

The Processional William J. Kirkpatrick
arr. Ed Good
"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 350 BLESSED NAME
Blessed Be the Name

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing, blessed be the name of the Lord!
The glories of my God and King, blessed be the name of the Lord!
*Refrain: Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
blessed be the name of the Lord!*

2. Jesus, the name that calms my fears, blessed be the name of the Lord!
"Tis music in the sinner's ears, blessed be the name of the Lord!
Refrain

3. He breaks the power of canceled sin, blessed be the name of the Lord!
His blood can make the foulest clean, blessed be the name of the Lord!
Refrain

4. I never shall forget that day, blessed be the name of the Lord!
When Jesus washed my sins away, blessed be the name of the Lord!
Refrain

The Epistle Reading Marijane Rhinebold
1 John 5:1-6; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 991)
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 612 ELIZABETH
Jesus Is All the World to Me

1. Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall:
when I am sad, to him I go; no other one can cheer me so;
when I am sad, he makes me glad; he's my friend.

2. Jesus is all the world to me, my friend in trials sore;
I go to him for blessings, and he gives them o'er and o'er:
he sends the sunshine and the rain, he sends the harvest's golden grain;
sunshine and rain, harvest of grain; he's my friend.

3. Jesus is all the world to me, and true to him I'll be;
oh, how could I this friend deny, when he's so true to me?
Following him, I know I'm right, he watches o'er me day and night;
following him, by day and night; he's my friend.

4. Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend;
I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's fleeting days shall end:
beautiful life with such a friend; beautiful life that has no end;
eternal life, eternal joy; he's my friend.

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem Robert Lau
I Am the Vine
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

When Jesus walked the earth among us, long ago and far away,
he brought the people hope of salvation.
They heard him teach. They heard him say:

"I am the Vine, you are the branches; if you believe you will be free.
You are my sheep, I am your Shepherd.
You will bear fruit, come follow me."

If we believe he still walks among us day by day and year by year,
will we know he brings us salvation? Will we see? Will we hear?

Holy, holy, holy Lord. Teach us today, show us the way.

The Gospel Reading Matt Johnson
John 15:1-8; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 878)
One: The Good News offered for all.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Matt Johnson
Abiding Growth
†The Hymn of Response, No. 72 BLOTT EN DAG
Day by Day

1. Day by day and with each passing moment,
strength I find to meet my trials here;
trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
gives unto each day what he deems best—
lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
mingling toil with peace and rest.

2. Every day the Lord himself is near me
with a special mercy for each hour;
all my cares he gladly bears and cheers me,
he whose name is Counselor and Power.
The protection of his child and treasure
is a charge that on himself he laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"
this the pledge to me he made.

3. Help me then in every tribulation
so to trust your promises, O Lord,
that I lose not faith's sweet consolation
offered me within your holy Word.

Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
e'er to take, as from a father's hand,
one by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
till I reach the promised land.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Lonnie Myers

†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 Charles H. Gabriel
arr. David Danner
I Stand Amazed in the Presence
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

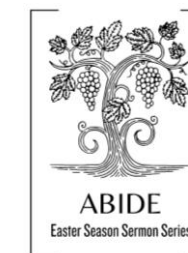
CHILDREN'S EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

April 28 - Wendy Case **May 5** - Jennifer Bogan **May 12** - Amy Said
May 19 - Scarlet Batts **May 26** - Lauren Barker **June 2** - Clarence Batts

A Slice of Fernwood - If you are new to Fernwood, take the next step and join us **TODAY** in the dining room **following our worship service**. This will be an opportunity for you to get to ask questions you might have and get to know some people better in a relaxed setting over a pizza lunch. The whole family is welcome!



ABIDE Easter Season Sermon Series



April 28 **May 5 - Communion**
Abiding Growth *Abiding Love*
John 15:1-8 John 15:9-17

UPCOMING EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

May 1st - May 8th – Deacon Nominations submitted electronically.
Friday, May 3rd - 5:00PM – Simon Mishler (Tenor) is one of our scholarship students that assists with choir. He has his Senior Recital at Converse University in Daniel Recital Hall. Congratulations, Simon!
Sunday, May 5th – 3PM - 5PM – Beer & Hymns at Blue Moon Bodega with music by Dean Newkirk. \$10 per person with proceeds to benefit Total Ministries. Contact Mike Ethridge for more information.
Friday, May 10th – 5:30PM - 8:30PM* – *Kids and Youth (5 yr. old and up) - Parents' Night Out / Movie Night - Pizza, movie and games
Wednesday, May 29th, 10AM – 3PM* – Wacky Wednesday #1 - Shipwreck Cove - We'll meet at the church and head over to Shipwreck Cove for a day in the water and fun in the sun with a picnic lunch.
Friday - Sunday, June 7th-9th – Family Trip Opportunity-Virginia Creeper Trail - Join other adventure seeking Fernwood family as we inhabit the Jubilee Retreat Center for the weekend in Abingdon, VA. Ride bikes, hike, shop and take in a show at the theater. Fun for all.