

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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3. On our website www.fernwoodchurch.org
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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 8

*Study as a Spiritual Practice
Led by Matt Johnson*

May 15

*Art as a Spiritual Practice
Led by Nancy Kay*

May 22

Celebration as a Spiritual Practice

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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 Wright Pastor Emeritus



Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth 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 May 5, 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 Charles C. Converse
arr. Carol McMillen
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 457 REGENT SQUARE
Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed

1. Come and feast, for all are welcomed at God's table spread with love.
Come proclaim God's grace and goodness in, around us, and above.
Come and feast, for all are welcomed at God's table spread with love.

2. Here we nurture and encourage as we share this common meal,
while we foster deep communion and our inner selves reveal.
Here we nurture and encourage as we share this common meal.

3. See the chalice lifted upward; smell the fragrant, broken bread;
taste the gifts from field and vineyard; hear the words that Jesus said:
"Eat and drink, and in remembrance touch your souls with wine and bread."

4. With the Spirit-blessed communion, "Go and serve this meal to all,"
take its love and peaceful vision into every banquet hall.
Go and serve as nourished people, gladly feeding one and all!

The Epistle Reading Mike Ethridge
1 John 4:7-21; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 991)
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Special Music Ennio Morricone
arr. Mark McGurty
Gabriel's Oboe
from *THE MISSION*
Kelly Vaneman, oboe; Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 409 CONVERSE
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

The Prayer of Confession Matt Johnson

The Anthem William F. Sherwin
arr. Louis Harris
adapt. Mark Edwards
Break Thou the Bread of Life
Sanctuary Choir; Kelly Vaneman, oboe
Rebecca Turner, piano

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;
give me to eat and live with thee above;
teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
that he may touch mine eyes and make me see:
show me the truth concealed within thy Word,
and in thy Book revealed I see thee, Lord.

The Gospel Reading Matt Johnson
John 15:9-17; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 878)
One: The Good News offered for all.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Matt Johnson
Abiding Love

The Service of Holy Communion

†The Hymn of Response, No. 77 NYLAND
In Heavenly Love Abiding

1. In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar about me; my heart may low be laid;
but God is all around me, and can I be dismayed?

2. Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom is forever, his sight is never dim;
his will forms each endeavor, and I will walk with him.

3. Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me, where the dark clouds have been:
my life I cannot measure, the path of life is free;
my Savior has my treasure, and he will walk with me.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Nathan Erps

†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 Congregational Benediction Raquel & André Hyde
**All: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face
to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up
the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.**

The Recessional EVENTIDE
arr. Anne Krentz Organ
Abide with Me
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

GUEST MUSICIAN - We are thrilled to have Dr. Kelly Vaneman as a
guest musician in today's service. Dr. Vaneman is the Mary Reynolds
Babcock Professor of Music and Chair of Musicology and Composition
in the Petrie School of Music at Converse University, where she teaches
oboe lessons and music history & culture classes. She earned the
Bachelor of Music degree from Baylor University and the Master of
Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from Yale University. In
addition to her academic work, Kelly is a very active performer, serving
as oboist with both the Spartanburg Philharmonic and the
Hendersonville Symphony. She is also a member of the Ensemble
Radiouse, a group committed to expanding the repertoire and engaging
directly with the audience. Welcome to Fernwood, Kelly!

CHILDREN'S EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

May 5 - Jennifer Bogan **May 12** - Amy Said
May 19 - Scarlet Batts **May 26** - Lauren Barker
June 2 - Clarence Batts **June 9** - Meghanne McDaniels

UPCOMING EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

May 1st - May 8th – Deacon Nominations submitted electronically.

TODAY 3PM - 5PM – Beer & Hymns at **Blue Moon Bodega** - 220 E.
Daniel Morgan Ave., with music by Dean Newkirk. \$10 per person and
proceeds to benefit **Total Ministries**. Contact Mike Ethridge for details.

Friday, May 10th – 5:30PM - 8:30PM* – *Kids and Youth (5 yr. old
and up) - Parents' Night Out / Movie Night - Pizza, movie and games.

May's In-Person Book Group will meet at the church at **10AM** on
Tuesday, May 14th and **May 28th**. The May book is: "Night" by Elie
Wiesel. Anyone is welcome. Contact Mary Phillips for more info.

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.