

The Choral Response

GALILEE

May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus  
Sanctuary Choir

May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God,  
the communion of the Spirit, richly bless and keep you all.

The Reflection of Worship

John H. Stockton, arr. Crystal Davis Clay

Only Trust Him  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

We are glad to have our own **Cedric Dujuan Starr** as a speaker today. Cedric was born and raised in Gastonia, NC. He was born to Shelia Marie Adams and Kenneth Ray Starr. He graduated from Gardner-Webb University with a BA in Religious Studies and Classical Languages in 2012 and a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Studies in 2017. He served as Youth Minister at Green Bethel Baptist Church in Boiling Springs, NC for seven years (2017-2023). He is married to Moriah Gail Starr and they have lived in Spartanburg since 2019. Their son Isaiah Paul Starr is almost 2 years old.

**SAVE THE DATE!** There will be a **special Piano/Organ concert of duets and solos** on **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM** in the sanctuary presented by our Music Associates, Rebecca Turner and Marcia Harris with special performances by our present choir scholarship recipients, Simon Mishler and Kaylyn Good. This special concert will be presented with an opportunity for you to contribute to a third scholarship, and our goal is \$2400, which is the annual cost of one scholarship. We hope you will be able to attend!

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**WELCOME!** We are honored to worship God with you today! If you would like to become a member of Fernwood Baptist Church or if you need pastoral care, we invite you to speak with the minister/speaker following the worship service, email [office@fernwoodchurch.org](mailto:office@fernwoodchurch.org), or call 864-582-7467.



**IF YOU'RE A GUEST** - We invite you to visit our Welcome Center for a free gift. You may also scan the QR code with your mobile device or text "hello" to 864-501-0585 to get more information.

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**EXTENDED SESSION - SEPTEMBER**

15 - Jennifer Bogan 22 - Meghanne McDaniels  
29 - Cedric Starr

**UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION**

**FLOWERS** - The beautiful flowers are placed today by Karen, Bruce and Lori League to celebrate the upcoming 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of their mother, Margaret League (Sept 16<sup>th</sup>). Join us in wishing her a wonderful 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**Out & About Fernwood** - Sat, Sep 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00PM. Meet @ Rigby's - 176 Liberty Street.

**NEW INTERIM PASTOR** - Micheal Tutterow starts on **Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**Wednesday Night Info** - Supper starts at 5:30PM followed by prayer time and bible study at 6:15PM. Email [office@fernwoodchurch.org](mailto:office@fernwoodchurch.org) or fill out the registration form on the information table and place it in the basket to **reserve your Wednesday night meals**. You can also call 864-582-7467 by Noon on Monday's. **\$8.50 for 12 yr. old and older / \$5.00 for 4 yr. - 11 yr. old / Children 3 & under FREE**. Upcoming bible study topics led by Warren Kay are: 9/18 - All Bibles are not equal! Translations of the Christian Bible, 9/25 - Just what is religion?, and 10/2 - All religions are not the same!

**LUNCHEON** - Sun., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> will be our next Quarterly Luncheon, a covered dish potluck-style meal immediately following worship.



**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**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 – Prayer & Bible Study for Adults** (in-person and online)

**6:15pm – Children's Missions, Music & More**

**7:15pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

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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.**

The Lord's Day September 15, 2024

The Welcome & Announcements Dr. Stafford Turner

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

The Preparation for Worship arr. Anne Krentz Organ  
*Healer of Our Every Ill*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Hymn of Praise LAUDA ANIMA  
*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come with all your loving kindness, hear your people as they pray;  
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

3. Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;  
what they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain;  
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

4. Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,  
praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

The Psalm Reading Moriah Starr  
Psalm 37:1-11 NRSV (Pew Bible, page 443-444)  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Special Music Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, arr. Mark Hayes  
*Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
Marijane Rhinebold, soprano; Rebecca Turner, piano

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as Creator, family all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

The Hymn of Adoration, No. 509 TRUST AND OBEY  
*Trust and Obey*

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a glory he sheds on our way!  
Let us do his good will; he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.  
*Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he does richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain*

3. But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows and the joy he bestows are for those who will trust and obey. *Refrain*

4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

The Pastoral Prayer Cederic Dujan Starr

The Special Music Pamela Martin and Craig Courtney  
*Father, Forgive Us*  
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Father, forgive us each time we close our eyes to the bruised and wounded world, the shattered, broken lives,  
empty ones who die alone, forsaken in their shame. Every time we turn away, we crucify again.

Father, forgive us each time that we disown mothers who have lost their sons, the children with no home,  
thousands crying out in thirst, the prisoners in pain. Every time we turn away, we crucify again.

Father, forgive us, our hearts remain unmoved by suffering and poverty, we know not what we do.  
When we fail to hear the voice of Christ in every cry, when we do not recognize the Savior in their eyes,  
we crucify again.

The Gospel Reading Cedric Starr  
Matthew 5:21-26 NRSV (Pew Bible, page 786)  
One: The Good News offered for all.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Cedric Starr  
*The Kingdom demands Reconciliation, not Retaliation*

†The Hymn of Response, No. 686 ST. DENIO  
*God Made from One Blood*

1. God made from one blood all the families of earth, the circles of nurture that raised us from birth,  
companions who join us to walk through each stage of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.

2. We learn through our families how closeness and trust increase when our actions are loving and just.  
Yet families have also distorted their roles, mistreating their members and bruising their souls.

3. Now give to each family in conflict and storm a sense of your wisdom and grace that transform  
sharp anger to insight which strengthens the heart and makes clear the place where rebuilding can start.

4. Then widen that wisdom and grace to include the races and viewpoints our families exclude  
till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Jim Pruett

†The Doxology OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

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

The Pastoral Benediction Cedric Starr