

†Please stand, as you are able.

We are glad to have Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Nance-Coker, Coordinator of CBF South Carolina, as a speaker today. Elizabeth is a cradle Baptist, raised in a mission-minded home, and is the former senior pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church, a CBF congregation in Camden, SC. Elizabeth earned the Doctor of Worship Studies from the Webber Institute, with a theological focus upon the Psalms of Lament as well as a Master of Music from the University of Texas at San Antonio and an undergraduate degree in Secondary Music Education with minors in English, History, Speech Communication and Elementary Education from St. Mary's University. As a military family for 22 years, Elizabeth and her husband Dennis enjoyed living throughout the United States and overseas. Now making their home in Columbia, they are the proud parents of three grown children and two teenagers. Welcome Elizabeth!

**CHILDREN'S EXTENDED SESSION**

9/22 - Meghanne McDaniels 9/29 - Cedric Starr 10/6 - Cindy Thomas  
10/13 - Diane Blackburn 10/20 - Peggy Beard 10/27 - Amy Said

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**UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION**

**In-person Book Group - Tues., Sept. 24th @ 10AM**, reading "This Tender Land" (W. K. Krueger).

**Special Piano/Organ concert of duets and solos on Sun., Sept. 29th at 4PM** presented by our Music Associates, Rebecca Turner and Marcia Harris. Simon Mishler (our tenor scholarship recipient) will also perform. This special concert will be presented in support of our Music Ministry with an opportunity for you to contribute to a third student scholarship for the Sanctuary Choir. Our goal is \$2400, the annual cost of one scholarship, and we are very fortunate to have had an anonymous donor that will match each donation up to our targeted goal. I hope you will put this special event on your calendars and plan to support our Music Associates and the Music Ministry of Fernwood!

**INTERIM PASTOR MEET & GREET** - Join us for coffee and doughnuts on **Sunday, Oct. 6th** in the concourse from **9:15AM-9:45AM** and get the opportunity to meet, greet our new interim pastor, **Rev. Michael Tutterow**.

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

**WEDNESDAYS** - 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: 9/25 - Just what is religion?, 10/2 - All religions are not the same!, 10/9 Musical Program (TBA).



**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

**Eighteenth 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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- Mrs. Lee Anne Bailie.....Director of Family and Communication Ministries
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- Mr. Seth Johnson.....Nursery Attendant
- Rev. Dean Newkirk.....Office Administrator
- Mrs. Rebecca Turner.....Music Associate
- Dr. Stafford Turner.....Director of Music Ministries
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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 22, 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.**

The Preparation for Worship William Bradbury arr. Cindy Berry  
*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 285 CWM RHONDDA  
*God of Grace and God of Glory*

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

4. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
armored with all Christlike graces, in the fight to set all free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor thee, that we fail not man nor thee!

The Psalm Reading Cindy Thomas  
Psalm 54 NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 454)  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Hymn of Adoration, No. 31 ANCIENT WORDS  
*Ancient Words*

1. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;  
in this world where'er we roam God's ancient words will guide us home

*Refrain: Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you;  
we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,  
came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart. *Refrain*

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Nance-Coker

The Anthem John Purifoy

*Here Am I, Send Me*  
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Here am I, send me. Here am I, Lord, send me. Unto thee, willingly, yielded I come.  
Show the path that I must walk, compel me then to go,  
and if I stray, bring back the light of day for here am I, send me, I pray.

Send me to be what's created in me. Formed in your image I stand.  
Turn my weakness into your power, power to be at last all I'm able to be.

Here am I, send me. Here am I, Lord, send me. Precious Holy Spirit, come, fill me anew.  
Give me wisdom, give me strength. Grant that I may be  
a mirror of your never ending love, for here am I, send me, I pray.

The Epistle Reading Elizabeth Nance-Coker  
James 3:13-4:10 NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 982)

One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Elizabeth Nance-Coker  
*Wisdom from Above*

†The Hymn of Response, No. 482 HERE I AM, LORD  
*Here I Am, Lord*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Clarence Batts

†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 Elizabeth Nance-Coker

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.