

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

William Croft, arr. Cindy Berry

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

**Mike Ethridge** majored in Philosophy and Religious Studies at Mississippi College, where he graduated in 1982. Following his graduation, Mike was ordained into the ministry at Northside Drive Baptist Church in Clinton, Mississippi, where he served as Minister of Youth. Mike received an M. Div. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1985, and while in Kentucky served as pastor of the Gravel Switch Baptist Church. After leaving Kentucky, Mike attended law school at the University of Georgia, earning his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1988. Since 1988 Mike has been engaged in the full-time practice of law. Mike currently splits his time between Charleston and Spartanburg and is a teacher in Fernwood's GAP class.

**SAVE THE DATE!** There will be a special Piano/Organ concert of duets and solos on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 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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- 1) Offering envelopes during service or by mail.
- 2) Set up *Bill Pay* straight from your bank.
- 3) On our website [www.fernwoodchurch.org](http://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.

**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**

8 - Lauren Barker    15 - Jennifer Bogan  
22 - Meghanne McDaniels    29 - Cedric Starr

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**IN-PERSON BOOK GROUP** - The in-person book group will be meeting this **Tuesday, Sept. 10th @ 10AM** in the bridal room to discuss, "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger. Contact Martha Rentz for more info.

**NEW INTERIM** - The Fernwood Diaconate & Interim Working Group are excited to announce that **Micheal Tutterow** will join Fernwood as our **Interim Pastor** beginning, **Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**Wednesday Night Programming** has resumed. 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 in the concourse 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.**

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

**NEXT POTLUCK LUNCHEON - Sun, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.**



**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**Sixteenth 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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**All Members of Fernwood Baptist Church, Ministers**

Mrs. Lee Anne Bailie.....	Director of Family and Communication Ministries
Mrs. Marcia Harris.....	Assistant Music Associate
Mr. Seth Johnson.....	Nursery Attendant
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

***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 8, 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 Oscar Ahnfelt, arr. Jay Turner  
*Day by Day*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 335 ST. ANNE  
*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

2. Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears mortals all away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home!

The Epistle Reading Sarah Frederickson  
2 Corinthians 4:7-12 NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 939)  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Special Music BUNESSAN, arr. Cathy Moglebust  
*Morning Has Broken*  
Nancy Kay, bells; Rebecca Turner, piano

The Hymn of Adoration, No. 592 ENDLESS SONG  
*How Can I Keep from Singing*

1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;  
it finds an echo in my soul—how can I keep from singing?

2. What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living.  
What though the shadows gather 'round? A new song Christ is giving.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging;  
since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

3. I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;  
and day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;  
all things are mine since I am His—how can I keep from singing?

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael Ethridge

The Special Music Allen Pote  
*Prayer for Guidance*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Rebecca Turner, piano

Teach me your ways, make them known to me. Teach me to live according to your truth.  
Because you are my Savior—all day long I trust in you.  
O remember your kindness and constant love which you have shown from long ago.  
Forgive the sins and errors of my youth. Remember me, O Lord.

The Hebrew Bible Reading Mike Ethridge  
Genesis 9:18-23 NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 7)  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Mike Ethridge  
*The Hand on Your Back—Heavenly Treasure in Earthen Vessels*

†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 Mason Harris

†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 Mike Ethridge