OPTIONS TO GIVE EASILY AND SECURELY

- 1) Offering envelopes during service or by mail.
- 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.

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 pastor following the Worship service, email office@fernwoodchurch.org or call the office at 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.



August 24 – Lee Anne Bailie August 31 – Cedric Starr September 7 - Lauren Barker

CHILDREN'S EXTENDED SESSION

FLOWERS IN SANCTUARY

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Mike Plemmon's 75th Birthday on August 20.

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

Center for Healthy Churches has contracted with Fernwood to pre-screen and provide at least six candidates' names that match our church and pastor profiles. The Center hopes to have those six candidates' resumes ready for the search team soon. We will continue to keep you updated as we progress through this process.

NEW CHAPTERS DANCE PERFORMANCE

Sponsored by Uplift and ArtsUp Friday, August 22 at 7:30 pm in Sanctuary. Suggested ticket price \$25 per person.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will resume in September.

Our Vision is to be Christ to each other and our community doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with our God.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:00am - 9:45am - Choir Rehearsal 9:45am - Sunday School (in-person and online) **10:55am – Worship** (in-person and online)

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The Lord's Day | Sunday, August 17, 2025 The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Welcome & Announcements

Lee Anne Bailie

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The Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Preparation for Worship

William M. Runyan arr. John F. Wilson

Great Is Thy Faithfulness Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

The Call to Worship Michael Tutterow

Our God is a God of pilgrims; Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Israel; Jesus and "the people of the way."

We follow them today, walking the trail called faith.

We travel wide open roads where the way is easy;

Sometimes the journey is harder as we walk through valleys of dark shadows;

Wherever we go, our God is with us:

No matter the path, God guides and watches over us.

So let us remember those who went before us; like them, let us look up in hope;

Let us open our eyes to the wonders of the God who loves us and leads us!

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 567

SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints (vs. 1, 3, 5)

- 1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine, yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

The New Testament Reading Marijane Rhinebold

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 NRSV (Pew Bible, page 978)

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

The Congregational Response

ANCIENT WORDS

Ancient Words

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

The Hymn of Adoration

NETTLETON

- Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness
- 1. Look, you saints, the cloud of witness gathered 'round this sacred place; rise as one to cheer us onward, all who choose to run the race. Sound the trumpets! We will journey swift of foot and brave of soul. Let us run the race before us with our God, as those of old.
- 2. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus Christ, the author of our faith. Set aside the sin that strangles, persevere and run the race. Hallelujah! Pressing forward, "Patience now, the end's in sight!" shout those saints who long before us safely reached the heavenly light.
- 3. Though the journey seems unending, full of mystery, joy, and pain, Jesus' open arms receive us evermore with Him to reign.

 Praise to God, the crown of honor waits for all. The Victor cries, "Join those saints, the cloud of witness; God's redeemed shall claim the prize!"

The Pastoral Prayer Michael Tutterow

The Special Music

Henry Alford Michael D. Costello

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words, draw near, 0 Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight. The Gospel Reading Michael Tutterow

Luke 12:49-56 NRSV (Pew Bible, page 848)

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

The Sermon Michael Tutterow

The Balcony People

†The Hymn of Assurance, No. 48

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

- 1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
- 2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Jean Pruett

†The Doxology OLD 100th

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

The Pastoral Benediction Michael Tutterow

The Reflection of Worship

Ludwig van Beethoven arr. Richard H. Brown

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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