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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 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 for more information.



WEDNESDAYS - RESUMING SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

Join us for supper and Bible study each week. Supper starts at **5:30 pm** followed by prayer time and Bible study at **6:15 pm**. Email **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 Mondays**. \$8.50 for 12 yr. old and older, \$5.00 for 4 yr. – 11 yr. old, Children 3 & under FREE.

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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CHILDREN’S EXTENDED SESSION

August 31 – Cedric Starr
September 7 – Lauren Barker

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.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will resume on **Tuesday, September 9th at 10am** in the Bride’s Room. Our first selection is “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt. It tells the story of Tova Sullivan, a 70-year-old widow who keeps busy working at night cleaning the local aquarium and befriending her favorite charge, Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus. Hope to see you on the 9th.

GRIEF GROUP

The Discipleship Team is considering creating a grief support group this fall . If you are interested in being a part of such a group, please let the church office know.



The Lord’s Day | Sunday, August 24, 2025
The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

The Welcome & Announcements Stafford Turner

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

The Preparation for Worship Traditional Spiritual
arr. Mark Hayes

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
George Small, bass-baritone; Rebecca Turner, piano

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls come tumblin’ down.
You may talk about your man of Gideon, you may talk about your man of Saul.
There’s none like good ol’ Joshua at the battle of Jericho.
Up to the walls of Jericho he marched with a spear in hand,
“Go blow them rams’ horns,” Joshua cried, “cause the battle is in my hand.”
Then the lamb ram sheep horns begin to blow, the trumpets begin to sound.
Joshua commanded the children to shout, and the walls come tumblin’ down.

The Call to Worship Michael Tutterow
Why have you come to this place today?
We have come to praise the LORD; we have come to worship God with gladness and joyful singing!
What, then, shall we offer God that would be pleasing to the LORD?
We will offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving as we declare God’s wonderful works!
Let us first offer our bodies as living sacrifices; let us give ourselves to God and our neighbors.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 33

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar hold me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside:
bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan’s side;
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Living Bible

Jason Patterson

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

The Hymn of Adoration

WYE VALLEY

When the Church of Jesus

1. When the church of Jesus shuts its outer door, lest the roar of traffic drown the voice of prayer:
may our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more aware that the world we banish is our Christian care.

2. If our hearts are lifted where devotion soars high above this hungry suffering world of ours:
lest our hymns should drug us to forget its needs, forge our Christian worship into Christian deeds.

3. Lest the gifts we offer, money, talents, time, serve to salve our conscience to our secret shame:
Lord, reprove, inspire us by the way You give; teach us, dying Savior, how true Christians live.

The Pastoral Prayer

Michael Tutterow

The Special Music

Thomas Keesecker

Good Trouble
Sanctuary Choir; Simon Mishler, tenor;
Lori League, soprano; Rebecca Turner, piano
Nathan Erps, percussion

This day has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.
When the world seems lost and torn, more than we can bear, we find strength to carry on, turning from despair.
We shall never be afraid, fear and lies will cease, as we struggle day by day, we seek love and peace.

Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.
Marching forth and bound with love, walk this way of life, joined together, we have come to banish hate and strife.
Make some noise and spread the word: change is on the way. Hope is here, we’re challenged now, night has turned to day!

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The Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 848)

Michael Tutterow

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

The Sermon

Good Trouble

Michael Tutterow

†The Hymn of Commitment

GALILEE

Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult

1. Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild restless sea;
day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me!”

2. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

3. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease;
still He calls in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”

4. Jesus calls us by Your mercies, Savior, may we hear Your call,
give our hearts to full obedience, serve and love You best of all.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mike Ethridge

†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

CWM RHONDDA
arr. Marianne Kim

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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