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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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Mrs. Rebecca Turner.....Music Associate
Dr. Stafford Turner.....Director of Music Ministries
Rev. Michael Tutterow.....Interim Pastor
Mrs. Mary Helen Wessinger.....Financial Administrator
Rev. Dr. P. Randall Wright.....Pastor Emeritus

CHILDREN'S EXTENDED SESSION

September 7 – Lauren Barker
September 14 – Jennifer Bogan

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. We will continue to keep you updated.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will resume on **Tuesday, September 9th at 10am** - 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 31, 2025
The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

The Welcome & Announcements Lee Anne Bailie

The Passing of the Peace Lee Anne Bailie
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The Preparation for Worship *The Sacred Harp*, 1844
arr. Barry Braman

Come, All Christians, Be Committed
Rebecca Turner, piano

The Call to Worship Michael Tutterow
Come everybody, gather to worship!
All are welcome in God's house! God is here to meet us!
Come with your joys and celebrations; your questions or doubts;
All are welcome in God's house! God is here to meet us!
Come if you're weary or hungry or thirsty; come and find rest and renewal for your soul.
All are welcome in God's house! God is here to meet us!
Let everyone come, for God has been preparing this place just for us today.
And even now, God is here to meet us so that all those who seek shall find.

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 263		WEBB
<i>To Worship, Work, and Witness</i>		
1. To worship, work, and witness, the Good News spread abroad, we magnify Your mission, Church of the living God; the Father’s new creation through Jesus Christ His Son, the Spirit has empowered to do as Christ has done.		
2. Be yours the Master’s purpose to seek and save the lost, to ransom those in bondage, to dare nor count the cost; to love and lift the lowly, to heed the prisoner’s groan, to take up other’s burdens and bear them as your own.		
3. As members of Christ’s body, hold fast to Christ your Head; become Christ’s open letter, by others to be read; bear witness as Christ’s temple, Himself the cornerstone, and be Christ’s living altar whereon His love is shown.		
The Old Testament Reading	Proverbs 25:6-12 NRSV (Pew Bible, page 530)	Susan Plemmons
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
The Hymn of Adoration	<i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service</i>	BEACH SPRING
1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed; we, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to Your purpose every gift that You impart.		
2. As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love’s revealing light in its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving Your abundant life to share.		
3. Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that Your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know, and live.		
The Pastoral Prayer		Michael Tutterow
The Special Music	<i>Make Me a Servant</i> Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano	SERVANT
Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: make me a servant today.		
Invite the crippled, the poor and lame, even the blind ones, all who remain; and you’ll be blessed by the Lord in the end: make me a servant to them.		
The Gospel Reading	Luke 14:1-14 NRSV (Pew Bible, page 849)	Michael Tutterow
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		

The Sermon	<i>Table Manners</i>	Michael Tutterow
†The Hymn of Commitment, No. 520		AZMON
<i>The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve</i>		
1. The Spirit send us forth to serve; we go in Jesus’ name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God’s favor to proclaim.		
2. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.		
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.		
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God’s Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus’ name.		
The Prayer of Thanksgiving		Sara Gardner
†The Doxology		OLD 100 th
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	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i> Rebecca Turner, piano	George J. Webb arr. Cindy Berry

†Please stand, as you are able.

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The Deacons unanimously recommend the following changes to the Constitution.

XII. Pastor Relations Team
The Pastor Relations Team shall be charged to support and provide non-financial resources for the pastor and family as well as to foster communication between the congregation and pastor to promote healthy relationships.

The Deacons also recommend that Pastor Search Committee and Pastor Relations Committee be changed from Committee to Team.

Voting will begin on Sunday, September 21 and end on Tuesday, September 30.