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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](mailto: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**

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](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 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	Wednesday
9:00am – Fernwood Ringers	5:30pm – Wednesday Night Supper
9:45am – Sunday School <i>(in-person and online)</i>	6:15pm – Prayer & Bible Study for Adults <i>(in-person and online)</i>
10:55am – Worship <i>(in-person and online)</i>	7:00pm – 8pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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

Mrs. Lee Anne Bailie.....	Director of Communication Ministries
Ms. Caroline Creel.....	Nursery Attendant
Mrs. Sunny Hall.....	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Marcia Harris.....	Assistant Music Associate
Mr. Seth Johnson.....	Nursery Attendant
Mr. Tom Tarkington.....	Custodian
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 14** – Jennifer Bogan  
**September 21** – Meghanne McDaniels

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

A new Grief Support Group will start on Thursday, September 25, at 5:30 in the back of the chapel. Randy Perrenoud, a Spartanburg Regional chaplain and member of Fernwood, will be leading the group. The monthly sessions will last around two hours. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining.



***The Lord’s Day | Sunday, September 7, 2025***  
***The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost***

The Welcome & Announcements	Lee Anne Bailie
The Passing of the Peace May the peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>	Lee Anne Bailie
The Preparation for Worship  <i>The Love of Jesus Medley</i> Rebecca Turner, piano	arr. Mark Hayes
The Call to Worship God of prophets and poets, who responded to God’s voice; <b>God of disciples past and present who answered Christ’s call;</b> In love and with joy, God has called us together today. <b>In this place, God calls us to live as sisters and brothers in Christ.</b> Speak again to us, O God, so we might hear anew Your call to follow Your way of love and peace; <b>In this place, call us again and inspire us anew to be the people You send to the world You love.</b>	Michael Tutterow

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 312MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart  
(vs. 1, 3, 5)

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing  
beneath the standard of your God, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.
3. Yes, on through life’s long path, still singing as ye go; from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in  
woe.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.
5. Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom ye adore, the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God  
forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

The New Testament ReadingJohn Coleman, as Paul  
Tim “Smitty” Smith, as scribe, Timothy

Philemon 1-21, Living Bible

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

- The Hymn of Adoration, No. 264RESIGNATION
- Where Charity and Love Prevail
1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.  
With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.
2. Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.  
Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;  
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

The Pastoral PrayerMichael Tutterow

The AnthemCarl P. Daw, Jr.  
K. Lee Scott

As We Gather at Your Table  
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your Word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it for our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love’s vict’ry known.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us, nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join the saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33 NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 850)

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

The Sermon

Losing to Win

Michael Tutterow

The Service of Holy Communion

Michael Tutterow

†The Hymn of Commitment, No. 505MAITLAND

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone  
(vs. 1-3, 5)

1. Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free?  
No, there’s a cross for everyone, and there’s a cross for me.

2. How happy are the saints above, who once went sorrowing here!  
But now they taste unmingled love, and joy without a tear.

3. The consecrated cross I’ll bear till death shall set me free;  
and then go home my crown to wear, for there’s a crown for me.

5. O precious cross! O glorious crown! O resurrection day!  
When Christ the Lord from heaven comes down and bears my soul away.

The Prayer of ThanksgivingCaleb McDaniels

†The DoxologyOLD 100<sup>th</sup>

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 BenedictionMichael Tutterow

The Reflection of WorshipLouis Bourgeois  
arr. Victor Labenske

Doxology  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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