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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

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**. **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 or email office@fernwoodchurch.org by **noon on Mondays**. \$9.00 for 12 yr. old and older, \$5.00 for 4 yr. – 11 yr. old, 3 & under FREE. **Please remember, if you sign up for a meal and don't notify the office that you will be out, you're responsible for payment.**

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 – Fernwood Ringers**
- 9:45am – Sunday School** *(in-person and online)*
- 10:55am – Worship** *(in-person and online)*

Wednesday

- 5:30pm – Wednesday Night Supper**
- 6:15pm – Prayer & Bible Study for Adults**
- 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
- Mrs. Mary Helen Wessinger.....Financial Administrator
- Rev. Dr. P. Randall Wright.....Pastor Emeritus

CHILDREN'S EXTENDED SESSION

January 18 – Cedric Starr

January 25 – Laura Hicks

Special Prayer for Rev. Dr. Kelli Kirksey from Michael Tutterow

Please be in prayer for the Inman First Baptist Church family. For the past 7 years they have been friends and companions on the journey of faith with Kelli providing leadership and care. They have not only shared ministry but have shared life with one another. Join together in praying that God will give this faith family grace and strength during this time of transition. And pray for Kelli as she begins the bittersweet process of leave-taking from Inman and as she now prepares to lead Fernwood.

BOOK CLUB

The book club will only meet on the last **Tuesday, January 27th**. We will discuss "Christy" by Catherine Marshall. This year is the 50th anniversary of this national bestseller. It is an historical fiction and a testament to Catherine Marshall's mother's faith journey as she teaches children of the Appalachian Mountains.



***The Lord's Day | Sunday, January 11, 2026
First Sunday after Epiphany***

- 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 arr. Cindy Berry
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Rebecca Turner, piano

- Call to Worship** Stafford Turner
Come, let us gather and honor the Lord, whose voice echoes in majesty and strength.
Let us give glory to God's name and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
May God's voice fill this place and God's presence bring peace.
For the voice of the Lord is powerful.
The voice of the Lord is majestic.
Let us lift our hearts and voices to the one true God, whose glory thunders over all creation.

†The Hymn of Worship, No. 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

1. Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our pray'r attend!
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success: Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3. Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

4 To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be, hence evermore;
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

The New Testament Reading

Acts 8:14-17 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 892)

Peggy Beard

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Hymn of Epiphany, No. 152

When Jesus Came to Jordan

COMPLAINER

1. When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, He did not come for pardon, but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

2. He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss, for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on Him, the Son of Man, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; this very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most; to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Jean Pruett

The Anthem

Marian Wood Chaplin

Come, Holy Spirit
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Come, Holy Spirit, come; I have need of Your healing grace.
Come, make me pure within; all my sins erase.
Let them, like bonds set free, nevermore my captors be.
Humbly to You I bow; come, Holy Spirit, now.

Come, gentle Jesus, come; I have need of Your perfect peace.
May calm repose begin; all my fears release.
Let them on wings take flight, nevermore to cloud my sight.
Not only for this day, come, gentle Jesus, stay.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 834)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Epiphany: A Meaningful Revelation

Jean Pruett

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The Service of Holy Communion

Jean Pruett

†The Hymn of Response, No. 452

Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine

MARYTON

1. Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine, on these baptismal waters shine,
and teach our hearts in highest strain, to praise the Lamb for sinners slain.

2. We love your name, we love your laws, and joyfully embrace your cause;
we love your cross, the shame, the pain, O Lamb of God, for sinners slain.

3. We sink beneath the water's face, and thank you for your saving grace;
we die to sin and seek a grave with you, beneath the yielding wave.

4. And as we rise with you to live, O let the Holy Spirit give
the sealing blessing from above, the joy of life, the fire of love.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sara Gardner

†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

Jean Pruett

The Reflection of Worship

Felice de Giardini
arr. Victor Labenske

Come, Thou Almighty King
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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