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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**. There are several ways to sign up for the meals - call 864-582-7467 or email office@fernwoodchurch.org by noon on Mondays. There is also a **yellow registration form** on the information table, which can be left there or placed in the offering plate. \$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 will be 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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NURSERY SCHEDULE

April 26 - Jennifer Bogan

"SLICE OF FERNWOOD"

The Connections Ministry Team will host a "Slice of Fernwood" event on **April 26th**.

BOOK CLUB

The next book club selection is "Still Me" by Jojo Moyes. It is the last book in the "Me Before You" trilogy. The novel is a story of finding the courage to follow your heart and finding your true self in a new adventure. We will meet on **Tuesday, May 12th at 10:00.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Peach Blossom Diner is providing our suppers on Wednesday nights. Prices are noted to the left. **Church members have again offered to cover the \$2 difference per person through May 20th (last for the season).** **It is imperative that we have an accurate supper count before noon each Monday.**



***The Lord's Day | Sunday, April 19, 2026
 Third Sunday of Easter***

The Welcome & Announcements	Stafford Turner
The Passing of the Peace May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.	Stafford Turner
The Preparation for Worship	William H. Monk arr. Marilyn Ham
	<i>Abide with Me</i> Rebecca Turner, piano
The Call to Worship	Stafford Turner

We gather today as people who spent the week inundated with information, worry, and stress. **Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.** We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again. **Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.** We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ. **Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.** God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news. **May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God!**

†The Hymn of Praise and Offering, No. 205

Christ Is Alive
(vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

TRURO

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now and touching every place and time.

4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

The First Reading

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 491)

Susan Plemmons

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

The Hymn of Adoration

Open Our Eyes

OPEN OUR EYES

1. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

2. Open our hearts, Lord, to give You the glory, and make us disciples to tell of Your story.
Open our minds, Lord, to learn of your wisdom, and give us Your blessing to be more like Jesus.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Kelli Kirksey

The Anthem

Susan Palo Cherwien
Carl Schalk

Day of Arising
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

The Second Reading

Luke 24:13-35 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 860)

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

The Sermon

Risky Conversations

Kelli Kirksey

Kelli Kirksey

†The Hymn of Response, No. 543

Abide with Me
(VS. 1, 3, 4)

EVENTIDE

1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me!

3. I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!

4. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee. In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jason Patterson

†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

Kelli Kirksey

The Reflection of Worship

Traditional Scottish Melody
arr. Melody Bober

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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