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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

- May 10 - Laura Hicks
- May 17 - Cedric Starr
- May 24 - Karen Parker

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, May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter***

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 Silesian Melody
Arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad
Fairest Lord Jesus
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

The Call to Worship Stafford Turner
In the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:
I am the way, the truth, and the life.
In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:
I am the way, the truth, and the life.
In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:
I am the way, the truth, and the life.
In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:
I am the way, the truth, and the life.
Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.
Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God!

†The Hymn of Praise and Offering, No. 246 AURELIA
The Church's One Foundation
(vs. 1, 4, 5)

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation, by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride,
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
4. 'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and Christ's great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Clarence Batts

†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 First Reading Psalm 119:10-12 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 493) Sienna Simonetti

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

The Hymn of Adoration, No. 590 SOLID ROCK
The Solid Rock

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Kelli Kirksey

The Anthem Jay Althouse
We Are a Church
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

We are a church. We are a congregation, a community of souls who come to worship and pray.
We are a church. We are a congregation. We have come to honor Christ, our Lord, today.

We are a church. We are a congregation, and we know the Lord, our God, who gave his only Son.
We are a church. We are a congregation, and we come together here to join as one.

O Lord, we praise you with our voices and with song.
O Lord, we praise you in this house, handsome and strong.

We are a church. We are a congregation, and within this house of God, we feel his mercy and grace.
We are a church. We are a true foundation, and we meet to worship in this place,
in this beautiful and holy place, we are a church, and we have come to worship God today.

The Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 984) Kelli Kirksey

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

The Sermon *Living Stones* Kelli Kirksey

The Service of Holy Communion Kelli Kirksey

†The Hymn of Response, No. 72 *Day by Day* BLOTT EN DAG

1. Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here;
trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what he deems best—
lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.

2. Every day the Lord himself is near me with a special mercy for each hour;
all my cares he gladly bears and cheers me, he whose name is Counselor and Power.
The protection of his child and treasure is a charge that on himself he laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure," this the pledge to me he made.

3. Help me then in every tribulation so to trust your promises, O Lord,
that I lose not faith's sweet consolation offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, e'er to take, as from a father's hand,
one by one, the days, the moments fleeting, till I reach the promised land.

The Pastoral Benediction Kelli Kirksey

The Reflection of Worship Samuel S. Wesley
arr. Lani Smith

The Church's One Foundation
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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