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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**. There are several ways to sign up for the meals - call 864-582-7467 or email [office@fernwoodchurch.org](mailto: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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- Rev. Dr. P. Randall Wright ----- Pastor Emeritus

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

- May 24 – Karen Parker
- May 31 – Meghanne McDaniels
- June 7 – Moriah Starr

**BOOK CLUB**

The next book club selection is "**Under the Tulip Tree**" by Michelle Shocklee. It is a historical fiction novel about a young white journalist in the Great Depression who interviews a former slave, leading to a powerful friendship. We will meet on **Tuesdays May 26th and June 16th at 10:00.**

**OPERATION: WARM HUGS - COAT DRIVE**

This is a reminder that we collect coats throughout the year. It's a good time to clean out closets or check yard sales or thrift shops for inexpensive coats in good condition. There will be a fashion show during the service on **May 24<sup>th</sup>** to highlight this worthy cause.  
**Michelle Mathews 864-567-8001**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

Meals are from Peach Blossom Diner. Church members have again offered to cover the \$2 difference per person through **May 20<sup>th</sup> (last for the season)**. It is imperative that we have an accurate meal count before noon on Monday.



***The Lord's Day | Sunday, May 17, 2026  
Seventh 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 William G. Fischer  
arr. Tedd Smith  
*I Love to Tell the Story*  
Rebecca Turner, piano
- The Call to Worship Stafford Turner  
You have heard what was written about Jesus in Scripture—  
**how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day;**  
how the same power that raised Jesus from the dead raised Him to heaven and seated Him at the right hand of God,  
**where he now lives to intercede on our behalf.**  
So let us come before God with confidence, through our risen Lord, Jesus Christ!  
**Let us sing praise to God together, for our God is sovereign over all the earth!**

†The Hymn of Praise and Offering, No. 219

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

LLANFAIR

1. Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia! to His throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia! enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

2. There for Him high triumph waits, Alleluia! lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!  
He hath conquered death and sin. Alleluia! Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

3. See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! yet He loves the earth He leaves, Alleluia!  
though returning to His throne, Alleluia! still He calls the world His own. Alleluia!

4. See! He lifts His hands above! Alleluia! See! He shows the prints of love! Alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! blessings on His Church below. Alleluia!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Nathan Erps

†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 93 NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 478)

John Coleman

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

The Hymn of Adoration, No. 581

*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
*Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

2. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story; for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *Refrain*

3. I love to tell the story; for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Kelli Kirksey

The Anthem

*Ye Shall Be Witnesses*  
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Jerry Kirk

Ye shall receive pow'r when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,  
and ye shall be my witnesses unto the ends of the earth.  
Jerusalem! Judea! Samaria, and the ends of the earth!  
Amen!

The Second Reading

Acts 1:1-11 NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 884)

Kelli Kirksey

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

The Sermon

*Living Between Ascension and Pentecost*

Kelli Kirksey

†The Hymn of Response, No. 435

*Share His Love*

SULLIVAN

1. The Love of God is broader than earth's vast expanse, 'tis deeper and wider than the sea.  
Love reaches out to all to bring abundant life, for God so loved the world His only Son He gave.  
*Refrain: Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you, share His love by sharing of your faith,  
and show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you every moment, every day.*

2. All those who have trusted in God's only Son, and hold this precious treasure in their hearts,  
seek ways to make it known to all who need to know that God so loved the world His only Son He gave. *Refrain*

The Pastoral Benediction

Kelli Kirksey

The Reflection of Worship

Robert Williams  
arr. Cindy Berry

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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