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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.



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

- Summer Break – Wednesday Night Supper
- Summer Break – Prayer & Bible Study for Adults
- No rehearsal 5/27 – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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- Rev. Dr. P. Randall Wright ----- Pastor Emeritus

BOBBY JO VALENTINE IN CONCERT

Please join the church in welcoming **Bobby Jo Valentine** for a Heart-opening folk pop concert. **Sunday, May 24th at 5pm.** Free to the Public.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

- May 31 – Meghanne McDaniels
- June 7 – Moriah Starr
- June 14 – Jennifer Bogan

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 10:00am.**

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.

Michelle Mathews 864-567-8001



***The Lord's Day | Sunday, May 24, 2026
The Day of Pentecost***

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. Mitchell Eithum and Sandra Eithum

Be Thou My Vision
Fernwood Ringers, Terry Rhinebold, director
Rebecca Turner, piano

The Call to Worship Stafford Turner

Holy Spirit, sweep through us like a rushing, mighty wind!
Fill and inspire us with the crackling fire of Your presence.
Heal and refresh us within the fold of Your tender wings.
Comfort and counsel us with wisdom and understanding.
Breath into us the breath and blessing of new and abundant life.

†The Hymn of Praise and Offering, No. 225 ST. THEODULPH

On Pentecost They Gathered
(vs. 1-3)

1. On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.
2. The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all out fear.
3. God pours the Holy Spirit on all those who believe, on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

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 First Reading

Numbers 11:24-30 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 114)

Cedric Starr

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

The Hymn of Adoration

God Turned the Spirit Loose in Wind

KINGSFOLD

1. God turned the Spirit loose in wind that glided over space,
that danced across the universe with endless light and grace:
God freed the Spirit wind again to whirl a closer curve,
and set a church in motion here to worship and to serve.

2. God roused the Spirit into flames in the apostles' room,
and wakened in them gifts that built one church from empty tomb;
God kindled Spirit near at hand to light this place again,
in word and work and worship here to stir the gifts within.

3. God, let Your Spirit come again, reconsecrate this place,
that we assembled here may be the vessels for Your grace.
Now may that Spirit make of us what we are called to be:
a living, breathing, working glimpse of Your eternity.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Kelli Kirksey

The Anthem

David Music
Lloyd Larson

A Rushing, Mighty Wind
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

A rushing, mighty wind roars through a crowded room,
and tongues of fire upon their heads disperse the people's gloom.

God's Spirit blows the wind and lights the blood-red flame;
a Pentecost of tongues explodes in praise of Jesus' name.

Three thousand souls that day in mind and heart were stirred;
and these were added to the church as they believed the Word.

Lord, make our breath a wind and let our tongues be fire,
and as at that first Pentecost your people's lives inspire.
Amen!

The Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 885)

Kelli Kirksey and Cedric Starr

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

The Sermon

Learning New Languages

Kelli Kirksey

†The Hymn of Response, No. 236

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

ADORE TE DEVOTE

1. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me know thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.

2. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions, lovingly, speak Christ's sincerity.

3. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
separate from sin I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

4. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
let thy word my weapons be, Lord, thine the victory.

The Pastoral Benediction

Kelli Kirksey

The Reflection of Worship

IVERSON
arr. B. B. McKinney

Spirit of the Living God
Sanctuary Choir

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

†Please stand, as you are able.

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