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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 – 9:45am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

9:45am – Sunday School *(in-person and online)*

10:55am – Worship *(in-person and online)*

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH

SUMMER STRINGS IAM CAMP

July 16–18 from 9am-12pm daily

Fernwood Baptist Church and Mountain School of Music have partnered together to offer a fun, hands-on music camp for students ages 8–17. **Register on fernwoodchurch.org.**

WACKY WEDNESDAY WATER DAY

July 22 – 11am – 1pm in the dining hall.

Join us for lunch, slip and slide and other water activities. This is a drop-off event for kids ages 5 and up. Younger children are welcome with an adult.

MOVIE MONDAY - July 27 – 11am

Join other families at the Regal Cinemas to see *Dogman* for \$1.

WALK, TALK AND EAT – July 22 – 5:30pm

Meet at Willy Taco at **5:30pm** to walk a section of the River Birch Trail in the shade. Be back at **6pm** to meet those who choose not to walk for dinner. Sign up on the info table in the lobby.



***The Lord’s Day / Sunday, July 12, 2026
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***

The Welcome & Announcements

Stafford Turner

The Passing of the Peace

Stafford Turner

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Preparation for Worship

George J. Elvey
arr. Melody Bober

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Rebecca Turner, piano

The Call to Worship

Stafford Turner

The Lord is the sower of the seeds of love and redemption.

But we have not always been ready to receive these seeds.

Today we hear again the scriptures that remind us of what is less than fertile ground.

Help us be good soil, O God, prepared to receive your love and to grow in that love. Amen.

†The Hymn of Praise and Offering, No. 372

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
(vs. 1, 2, 4)

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker; doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2. We ourselves are God’s own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving	Reed Brown	The Second Reading	Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23 NRSV (Pew Bible, page 794)	Kelli Kirksey
†The Doxology	Old 100th	The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
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	Kelsey Carithers	The Sermon	<i>The Language of a Patient Gardener</i>	Kelli Kirksey
Psalm 119:105-112 NRSV (Pew Bible, page 495)		†The Hymn of Response, No. 545	<i>In the Bulb There Is a Flower</i>	PROMISE
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.		
The Hymn of Adoration	AZMON	2. There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there’s a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future, what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.		
1. O child of earth prepare the plough, break up your fallow ground! The Sower is come forth to sow, and scatter blessings round.		3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.		
2. The seed that falls on stony soil, sends forth a hasty blade; But soon, despite the sower's toil, it’s withered, scorched, and dead.				
3. The beaten path and highway side receive the seed in vain: the birds observe and then decide to pick up all the grain.				
4. O God of mercies, we have need of Your exceeding grace; let Your strong hand that gives the seed provide a fruitful place.				
5. And when we, Lord, Your grace implore to bless our tended field; You give us then a healthy store and such a mighty yield!				
The Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Dr. Kelli Kirksey	The Pastoral Benediction		Kelli Kirksey
The Special Music	David von Kampen	The Reflection of Worship	<i>O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> Rebecca Turner, piano	Carl G. Glaser arr. Victor Labenske
<i>I Lift Up My Eyes</i> Taryn Dunn, mezzo-soprano; Rebecca Turner, piano		†Please stand, as you are able.		
I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.		<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i> © 2005 Lillenas Publishing Co. <i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i> ; Words 1844 Henry Alford; Music 1858 George J. Elvey <i>Old 100</i> ® 1551 Genevan Psalter <i>The Sower</i> ; Words 1779 William Cowper, para. 2026 Stafford Turner; Music, Carl G. Glaser, arr. 1839 Lowell Mason <i>I Lift Up My Eyes</i> © 2020 www.DavidvonKampen.com <i>In the Bulb There is a Flower</i> ; Words and Music 1986 Natalie Sleeth © 1986 Hope Publishing Co. <i>O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> © 2012 Alfred Music Annual License w/Podcasting, #A-729762—Copyright 2019 One License, LLC. All rights reserved.		