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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.



Intergenerational Small Groups are a 10-week opportunity to build meaningful relationships across generations at Fernwood. Sunday, Sept. 6 to Sunday, Nov. 8.



A WAY HOME August 9 – August 23

Families from the “A Way Home” Project will be staying at Fernwood during this time.

SOUP KITCHEN August 16

Volunteer day at The Soup Kitchen. There is a sign-up sheet in the concourse.

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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The Lord's Day | Sunday, August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Welcome & Announcements

Lee Anne Bailie

The Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Lee Anne Bailie

The Preparation for Worship

Carey Landry and Sebastian Temple
arr. Janet Vogt

Peace Is Flowing Like a River
and

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Rebecca Turner, piano

The Call to Worship

The Lord meets us here today, even as He is walking on water!

Truly he is the Son of God!

Amidst the wind and the waves, in the center of our storms, the Lord meets us.

Truly he is the Son of God!

When the storm is still and we know peace, the Lord meets us.

Truly he is the Son of God!

Come let us worship the Lord!

Stafford Turner

†The Hymn of Praise and Offering

Send the Light!

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1. There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave: "Send the light! Send the light!"
There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save. Send the light! Send the light!
Refrain: Send the light, the blessed gospel light. Let it shine from shore to shore.
Send the light, the blessed Gospel light. Let it shine forevermore.

2. We have heard the Macedonian call today: "Send the light! Send the light!"
And a golden offering at the cross we lay, Send the light! Send the light! *Refrain*

3. Let us pray that grace may ev'rywhere abound; Send the light! Send the light!
And a Christ-like spirit ev'rywhere be found. Send the light! Send the light! *Refrain*

4. Let us not grow weary in the work of love. Send the light! Send the light!
Let us gather jewels for a crown above. Send the light! Send the light! *Refrain*

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

Psalms 105:1-6 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 484)

Barbara Jean Callaway

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

The Hymn of Adoration, No. 278		BEACH SPRING	Minister: Members of Fernwood Baptist Church, do you promise to walk with these deacons in their discipleship journey and support them with your love and prayer ministry? Congregation: We do.
<i>We Are Travelers on a Journey</i>			
1. We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.			
2. Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.			Minister: Candidates, do you now, in the presence of God and this church family, commit yourselves to this trust and responsibility? Candidates: We do.
3. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.			Minister: Will you be faithful to God's calling of personal discipleship in your faith journey? Candidates: We will.
The Pastoral Prayer		Kelli Kirksey	Minister: Will you be willing to see others through the eyes of Christ and be willing to show compassion to those in need? Candidates: We will.
The Anthem		words and music Sebastian Temple arr. Jane Holstein	Minister: Will you do your best to follow the teachings of Jesus and allow his model of shepherding to guide you in your personal servanthood? Candidates: We will.
<i>Make Me a Servant of Your Peace</i> <i>(Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)</i> Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano			Minister: Will you seek to build up and strengthen the Body of Christ known as Fernwood? Candidates: With God's help, we will.
Make me a servant of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul. Make me a servant of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. Make me a servant of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.			The Laying on of Hands and Ordination Prayer Kelli Kirksey
The Second Reading		Kelli Kirksey	The Special Music Laurie Klein
Matthew 14:22-33 NRSV (Pew Bible, page 796) The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.			<i>I Love You, Lord</i> Kara Cayton, soloist I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you. Oh, my soul rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear. Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.
The Sermon		Kelli Kirksey	The Presentation of Gifts
<i>Stepping Out of the Boat</i>			†The Hymn of Response, No. 619 HOLY MANNA
Sharing of Stories		Kari Mason	<i>Christians, Let Us Trust in Jesus</i>
The Installation and Ordination of Deacons Installation of Wendy Case and Kathy Hensley Ordination of Kari Mason		Kelli Kirksey	1. Christians, let us trust in Jesus so that we may walk with Him. Give us faith to take to water as He calls to follow Him. When the storm and waves are raging, look to Him and don't be afraid. Christians, let us trust in Jesus, let us go and walk with Him.
The Litany of Dedication		Kelli Kirksey	2. Christians, when life pulls us under, let our hand be caught by Him. Let all doubt and fear that binds us be transformed and start to dim. Let us shout and say to Jesus, "Truly You're the Son of God!" Christians, let us trust in Jesus, let us go and walk with Him.
Minister: Every Christian is called to follow Christ in service to God. These have been called to a special ministry of leadership and service. We ordain, install, and dedicate them to God. Congregation: We affirm the one to be ordained and those who come to be installed for service.			3. Christians, let us go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life. Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see. Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.
			The Pastoral Benediction Kelli Kirksey
			The Reflection of Worship William Moore arr. Victor Labenske
			<i>Brethren, We Have Met to Worship</i> Rebecca Turner, piano
			†Please stand, as you are able.