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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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INTERGENERATIONAL SMALL GROUPS

This is 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION

Stock “Care Closets” Through August 30

Look for donation bins in the concourse.

New Clothing

Socks, underwear

Belts

Sweatpants

Hoodies, light jackets

Plain T-Shirts

Hygiene

Deodorant

Toothpaste, toothbrushes

Menstrual Products

Hair care – brushes, etc.

Culturally inclusive hair needs



The Lord’s Day | Sunday, August 16, 2026
Twelfth 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

Lowell Mason
arr. Cindy Berry

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Rebecca Turner, piano

The Call to Worship

(unison)

Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper,

you restore what is lost, heal what is wounded,

and gather in those who have been rejected.

Give us the faith to speak as steadfastly as did the Canaanite woman,

that the outcast may be welcomed and all people may be blessed. Amen.

Stafford Turner

†The Hymn of Praise and Offering, No. 33

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar hold me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside:
bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan’s side;
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

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

Jason Patterson

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 599)

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

The Hymn of Adoration

MUSKOGEE

Have Faith in God

1. Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely, He sees and knows all the way you have trod;
never alone are the least of His children; have faith in God, have faith in God.
*Refrain: Have faith in God, He's on His throne; have faith in God, He watches o'er His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail; have faith in God, have faith in God.*

2. Have faith in God when your prayers are unanswered, your earnest plea He will never forget;
wait on the Lord, trust His Word and be patient, have faith in God, He'll answer yet. *Refrain*

3. Have faith in God though all else fail about you; have faith in God, He provides for His own;
He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish, He rules, He reigns upon His throne. *Refrain*

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Paul Moore

The Anthem

Ray Palmer and Lowell Mason
arr. John Carter

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly Thine.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my Guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

The Second Reading

Paul Moore

Matthew 15:21-28 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 797)

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

The Sermon

Paul Moore

Living with Purpose

†The Hymn of Response, No.634

FAITH'S JOURNEY

We Walk by Faith
(vs. 1, 3)

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from Him who spoke as none ne'er spoke, but we believe him near.
*Refrain: We walk by faith and not by sight, led by God's pure and holy Light!
Prepare us for the journey, Lord, and may we know Your power and might,
as we walk by faith and not by sight.*

3. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight. *Refrain*

The Pastoral Benediction

Paul Moore

The Reflection of Worship

arr. Melody Bober

Have Faith In God, My Heart
with
O, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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We are thrilled to have the Reverend Dr. Paul Moore with us today as a guest proclaimer. Paul was born and reared in Randolph County, Alabama. He has served churches in Alabama, Missouri, Kentucky, Georgia and South Carolina. He recently retired after 19 years as the pastor with Inman First Baptist. Paul is a long-ago graduate of Samford University, Midwestern Baptist Seminary and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Janice, have two daughters, Rachel and Cara. Welcome to Fernwood's pulpit, Paul!