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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	Wednesday
9:00am – Fernwood Ringers	5:30pm – Wednesday Night Dinner
9:45am – Sunday School <i>(in-person and online)</i>	6:15pm – Prayer & Bible Study for Adults
10:55am – Worship <i>(in-person and online)</i>	7:00pm – 8pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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NURSERY SCHEDULE

September 13 – Laura Hicks
September 20 – Karen Parker

BOOK CLUB - Tuesday, 9/8 at 10:00am

Our first book selection is an epistolary novel, “The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans. It is an intimate novel about the transformative power of the written word and the beauty of slowing down to reconnect with people we love.

FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS

Wednesday, 9/9/26

Join us around the table for **Family Wednesday Night Dinner at Fernwood!** Come enjoy a delicious meal, good conversation, and time together with your church family before Wednesday night activities.
Children under 12: Free - Adult plate: \$11.00



The Lord’s Day | Sunday, September 6, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Welcome & Announcements	Rev. Dr. Kelli Kirksey
The Passing of the Peace	Kelli Kirksey
May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.	
The Preparation for Worship	Traditional arr. Fred Bock
Let Us Break Bread Together Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano	
The Call to Worship	Stafford Turner
Let us come together and worship, all who receive God's mercy! For we were lost and in bondage, yet the Lord has heard our pleas. As in the days of Moses, God spared the children of Israel. For there is no god other than the Almighty God of Israel. And God's mercy and grace have spared us all. Blessed be the name of the Lord!	
†The Hymn of Praise, No. 52	LYONS
O Worship the King	

- 1. Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above, and gratefully sing his power and his love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
- 2. Oh, tell of his might, oh, sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space! His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 3. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

The First Reading	Ezekiel 33:7–11 NRSV (Pew Bible, page 701)	Laura Hicks	The Sermon	Get Ready	Kelli Kirksey
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.			The Service of Holy Communion		
Global Missions Emphasis		Kathy Hensley	†The Hymn of Response, No. 682	Christ Be My Leader	SLANE
†The Hymn of Offering, No. 459	Come, Share the Lord	DIVERNON	1. Christ be my leader by night as by day; safe through the darkness for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my future His care, darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.		
1. We gather here in Jesus' name, His love is burning in our hearts like living flame; for through His loving Son the Father makes us one: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.			2. Christ be my teacher in age as in youth, drifting or doubting, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him, though shifting as sand, doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.		
2. He joins us here, He breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead; the One we love the most is now our gracious host: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.			3. Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; death cannot hold me, for He is the life. Darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.		
3. We'll gather soon where angels sing, we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King; now we anticipate the feast for which we wait: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.			The Pastoral Benediction		
†The Doxology			The Reflection of Worship		
			O Worship the King Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano		
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.			†Please stand, as you are able.		
The Pastoral Prayer			Let Us Break Bread Together © 1973 Hope Publishing Company O Worship the King; Words 1833 Robert Grant; Music 1784 Joseph Martin Kraus, harm. 1815 William Gardiner Come, Share the Lord; Words and Music 1984 Bryan Jeffery Leech © 1984 Fred Bock Music Company Old 100th 1551 Genevan Psalter Here, O My Lord, I See © 2008 Coronet Press (Theodore Presser Company) Christ Be My Leader; Words 1961 Timothy Dudley Smith, © 1964 Hope Publishing Company; Music, traditional Irish melody, harm. David Allen © 1986 Word Music O Worship the King © 1999 Broadman Press Annual License w/Podcasting, #A-729762—Copyright 2019 One License, LLC. All rights reserved.		
The Anthem			The Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty will be holding its quarterly luncheon meeting at 12:00 on Thursday, September 10, at Fernwood. The Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty is a coalition of congregations working to end child poverty in Spartanburg. It addresses the broad areas of Housing and Homelessness, Mental Health, Education, Immigration, and Neighborhoods. This is where A Way Home was born and where Fernwood’s participation in that program started. If you are interested in learning more about the Faith Initiative, you are invited to join us for lunch. You will need to email Scott Neely at scott@faithinitiativespartanburg.org to let him know you are coming. If you have any questions, ask Suzanne Brown, Wendy Case, Kathy Hensley, or Kelli Kirksey. The four of us encourage you to come and learn all that is happening in Spartanburg to help end child poverty.		
Here, O my Lord, I see You face to face, here, faith can touch and handle things unseen. Here, I will grasp with firmer hand Your grace, and all my weariness upon You lean.					
Here, I will feed upon the Bread of Life, here, drink with You the royal wine of heaven; here, I will lay aside each earthly load, here, taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.					
Too soon we rise, the symbols disappear; the feast though not the love, is past and done; gone are the bread and wine, but You are here, nearer than ever still my shield and sun.					
Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to that glad feast above; giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb’s great bridal feast of bliss and love.					
The Second Reading	Exodus 12:1-14 NRSV (Pew Bible, page 51)	Kelli Kirksey			
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