

***Our Vision is to be Christ to each other and our community –
doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with our God.***

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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.



Weekly Schedule

Sunday
9:00am – Fernwood Ringers
9:45am – Sunday School (*in-person and online*)
10:55am – Worship (*in-person and online*)

Wednesday
5:30pm – Wednesday Night Dinner
6:15pm – Prayer & Bible Study for Adults
7:00pm – 8pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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NURSERY SCHEDULE

September 20 – Karen Parker
September 27 – Jennifer Bogan

FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS

Wednesday, 9/16/26

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



BOOK CLUB –

Tuesday, 9/22 at 10:00am

The next book club selection is *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan. It is a historical fiction novel that tells the true love story of American poet Joy Davidman and “Chronicles of Narnia” author C.S. Lewis. Hope to see you at the book club,



***The Lord’s Day | Sunday, September 13, 2026
Sixteenth 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 <i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i> Rebecca Turner, piano	arr. Melody Bober
The Call to Worship Children of God: welcome to this place of worship! Welcome to this place of love and grace, Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance. God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community, God invites all of us to share in the good news: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are. In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God!	Stafford Turner

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 282
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
AUSTRIAN HYMN

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God!
He whose Word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river ever does their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from our banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them on their way.

The Children’s Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kelli Kirksey

The First Reading

Genesis 50:15–21 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 42)

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

Kara Cayton

Global Missions Emphasis and the Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mike Ethridge

†The Hymn of Offering

NEW BRITAIN

1. “Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray;
but You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

2. How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
then, by Your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread Your peace.

†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 Pastoral Prayer

Kelli Kirksey

The Anthem

arr. Lloyd Larson

Wade in the Water

Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children. God’s gonna trouble the water.
See that host all dressed in white, God’s gonna trouble the water,
The leader looks like the Israelite, God’s gonna trouble the water.
If you don’t believe I’ve been redeemed, God’s gonna trouble the water,
just follow me down to Jordan’s stream, God’s gonna trouble the water.

The Second Reading

Kelli Kirksey

Exodus 14:19-31 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 53)

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

The Sermon

Kelli Kirksey

When We See No Way

†The Hymn of Response

LANCASHIRE

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

1. Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

2. Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering, for by Your light we come,
and we are still God’s people. The journey is our home.

3. Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law’s demand.

The Pastoral Benediction

Kelli Kirksey

The Reflection of Worship

Henry T. Smart
arr. Melody Bober

Lead On, O King Eternal
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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