

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

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NURSERY SCHEDULE

October 4 – Lauren Barker

FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS

Wednesday, 9/30/26

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



FALL FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 4, 2026

Join us for an afternoon of FREE fun for the whole community! Enjoy bounce houses, a petting zoo, balloon animals, bingo, food, a music jam session led by Kaleena Hudson, and more! Invite your friends and neighbors!.

BOOK CLUB – OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 10 am

Our next book club selection is *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick. It is a humorous, thought-provoking, and nostalgic story through a tumultuous American year.



The Lord’s Day | Sunday, September 27, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Welcome & Announcements Lee Anne Bailie

The Passing of the Peace Lee Anne Bailie
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The Preparation for Worship John S. Norris
arr. Cindy Berry
Where He Leads Me
Rebecca Turner, piano

The Call to Worship Stafford Turner
God calls us to do good, seek justice, and defend the oppressed.
We are not here for comfort alone.
We gather to be equipped for love and service.
We come to grow in courage and compassion.
Let us worship not only in words—
But in lives shaped by grace.

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 488 BEACH SPRING
Come, All Christians, Be Committed
(vs. 1, 3, 4)

1. Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness, each your sacred vows renew,
turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

3. God’s command to love each other is required of everyone.
Showing mercy to another mirrors his redeeming Son.
In compassion he has given of his love that is divine;
on the cross sins were forgiven; joy and peace now fully thine.

4. Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ’s name believe.
Worship him with consecration, grace and love you will receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
and repeat the gospel story till the world his name has heard.

The Children’s Sermon

Lee Anne Bailie

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:24-40 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 804)

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

Global Missions Emphasis and the Prayer of Thanksgiving

Kelli Kirksey

†The Hymn of Offering, No. 662

NYLAND

The Mission God Has Given

1. The mission God has given, to tell the world of grace, must start by seeing Jesus in every human face.
Each time we feed the hungry or shelter those in need, the love of Christ, our Savior, is present in the deed.
2. When acts of true compassion accompany God’s word, the message of salvation is seen as well as heard.
The bounty of our blessings we all must freely share, so those who need the Savior will know we really care.
3. Our call to share the gospel with people near and far begins with those around us, no matter where we are.
To spread the global message that Jesus is the Way, then we must mirror Jesus in how we live each day.

†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

Buryl A. Red

Let the Song Go Round the Earth
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Let the song go round the earth, Jesus Christ is Lord!
Sound His praise, tell His worth, be His name adored!
Ev’ry clime and ev’ry tongue join the grand, the glorious song!
Let the song go round the earth, Jesus Christ is Lord!

Let the song go round the earth, where the summer smiles;
let the notes of holy mirth break from distant isles;
inland forests, dark and dim, icebound coasts give back the hymn;
Let the song go round the earth, where the summer smiles.

Let the song go round the earth, Jesus Christ is King!
With the story of His worth let the whole earth ring;
Him creation all adore evermore and evermore.
Let the song go round the earth, Jesus Christ is King!

The Sermon

Rev. Annette Ellard

†The Hymn of Response, No. 435

SULLIVAN

Share His Love
(vs. 1, 2)

1. The Love of God is broader than earth’s vast expanse, ‘tis deeper and wider than the sea.
Love reaches out to all to bring abundant life, for God so loved the world His only Son He gave.
*Refrain: Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you, share His love by sharing of your faith,
and show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you every moment, every day.*

2. All those who have trusted in God’s only Son, and hold this precious treasure in their hearts,
seek ways to make it known to all who need to know that God so loved the world His only Son He gave. *Refrain*

The Pastoral Benediction

Kelli Kirksey

The Reflection of Worship

The Sacred Harp, 1844
arr. Barry Braman

Come, All Christians, Be Committed
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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We are glad to have Rev. Annette Ellard as a special guest from CBF today. Annette was born and raised in Gaffney, SC, graduated from the University of South Carolina, and completed the Masters in Divinity and Christian Education at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where she met her husband and partner in ministry Steve Clark. Annette and Steve felt called to career missions service after a short-term mission project in Thailand in 2001, where they first met the Karen people, an ethnic minority of Thailand and Burma.

In 2006, Annette and Steve were commissioned as CBF Global Missions Field Personnel. Three months later, a large-scale resettlement of the Karen and other refugees from Burma began in cities across the United States, including Louisville, Kentucky. Annette and Steve wanted to welcome the Karen just as the Karen had welcomed them in Thailand—into their homes, into their churches and into their lives.

Annette recently celebrated 20 years as CBF Global Missions Field Personnel, serving among the large population of Karen, Chin, Karenni and other refugees from Burma resettled in Louisville, Kentucky. Steve officially retired in June 2025, but continues in ministry alongside Annette as field personnel emeritus.