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

OPTIONS TO GIVE EASILY AND SECURELY

1) Offering envelopes during service or by mail.
2) Set up *Bill Pay* straight from your bank.
3) On our website www.fernwoodchurch.org
4) Directly through our online giving
   http://onrealm.org/FernwoodBaptist/give/now
5) Text from your phone: 73256 then keyword "fernwood" and dollar amount and follow the instructions.

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.

SCAN ME

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.

NURSERY ATTENDANT

November 22 – Jennifer Bogan
November 29 – Cedric Starr

FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS

Wednesday, 11/18/26
This is the last dinner for the season.
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

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Today is the last day to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. The cost is $16.50 each. There are forms in the concourse to complete with payment either in cash or checks – you can leave in an offering plate or office door.

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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Fernwood baptist church

The Lord's Day | Sunday, November 15, 2026
Twenty-Fifth 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 — Samuel S. Wesley, arr. Lani Smith

The Church's One Foundation
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

The Call to Worship — Stafford Turner
In every generation, the people of God have been blessed to find their home and resting place in God!
We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.
All creation since time began, have been blessed to find that the place of their birth is their Creator's hands.
We gather to worship the God of all creation.
We gather to worship and praise our God, and to ask God to fill us with the joy of God's unfailing love.
May the favor and blessing of God be upon us this day. Amen.

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 246 — AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation
(vs. 1, 4, 5)

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation, by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride,
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

4. 'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and Christ's great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving — Kari Mason

†The Hymn of Offering, No. 371 — NUN DANKET

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world in the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and One who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

†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 — Rev. Dr. Kelli Kirksey

The Anthem — Shaker Hymn
arr. John Coates, Jr.

Simple Gifts
Sanctuary Choir; Marijane Rhinebold, soprano
Rebecca Turner, piano

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be;
and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;
to turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come out right.

'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'tis the gift to be fair, 'tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air;
and everyday to walk in the path we choose, 'tis the gift that we pray we may ne'er come to lose.
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;
to turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come out right.

'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the best gift of all, like a quiet rain, it blesses where it falls;
and if we have the gift, we will truly believe 'tis better to give than it is to receive.
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;
to turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come out right.

The Scripture Reading — Kelli Kirksey

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 476)

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

The Sermon — Kelli Kirksey

Dwelling in Babylon?

†The Hymn of Response, No. 566 — ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
(vs. 1, 3, 4, 6)

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

The Pastoral Benediction — Kelli Kirksey

The Reflection of Worship — Johann Crueger
arr. Victor Labenske

Now Thank We All Our God
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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Advent is the four-week Christian liturgical season of hopeful waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. This year it begins on Sunday, November 29. Your Discipleship Ministry team has selected three devotionals for you to choose or use all of them. This Advent devotional, from A Sanctified Art, came with the "Generations to Generations" package we are using in worship this Advent, which includes artwork, poetry, reflections, devotionals, and other resources. It pairs really well with what we'll be doing on Sunday mornings. This printed devotional will be placed on the two tables at the entrances to the building. Feel free to pick one up.