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.

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 29 – Cedric Starr

ADVENT BEGINS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Advent is a four-week season of hopeful waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus. Our Discipleship Ministry Team has selected three devotionals for you to enjoy. The devotional accompanying our Sunday morning sermons will be available in print at both church entrances, and links to the other two can be found in the newsletter. Feel free to use one or all three!



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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The Lord's Day | Sunday, November 22, 2026
Reign of Christ Sunday

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 — O WALY WALY arr. Mark Hayes

Grace
Simon Mishler, tenor; Rebecca Turner, piano

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch, a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already safely come;
this grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the glorious sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.

The Call to Worship — Stafford Turner

Family of God, on this Reign of Christ Sunday, we celebrate and remember Christ, who reigns over all creation with love and grace, forming us as a family bound together by God.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and calls us to do the same.
We gather to recount all the ways we encounter Christ in our midst—in our neighbor who checks in when we're sick, in our unhoused friends who gather for a meal,
in our friends who have been wounded in body and spirit.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and reminds us to do the same.
We join our voices with Christians throughout the world and throughout time to give thanks and to seek guidance as we grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and creation.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and inspires us to do the same.
Come, you blessed by God, with open hearts, open arms, and open doors to welcome and embrace all of our neighbors, because when we love our neighbors, we love Christ among us.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and empowers us to do the same.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 223 — DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns
(vs. 1, 2, 4)

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of love! Behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me!
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

The Children's Sermon — Lee Anne Bailie

The Prayer of Thanksgiving — Sara Gardner

†The Hymn of Offering, No. 437 — FESTAL SONG

How Wide the Love of Christ

1. How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race but holds our one humanity within its broad embrace.

2. How long the love of Christ! Its presence will not cease until this broken world is bound in everlasting peace.

3. How high the love of Christ! Beyond all thought it soars, and yet upon our passing lives unmeasured mercy pours.

4. How deep the love of Christ, descending to a cross! He bears within His wounded hands all human pain and loss.

5. All praise to You, O Christ, for love whose depth and height,
whose length and breadth fill time and space with endless life and light!

†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 — LYONS
arr. Robert Lau

O Worship the King
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above, and gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old,
hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

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 Scripture Reading — Kelli Kirksey

Matthew 25:31-46 NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 807)

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

The Sermon — Kelli Kirksey

When Did We See You, Lord?

†The Hymn of Response, No. 510 — BECK

Lord, Here Am I

1. Master, thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be.
Refrain: Master, thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

2. Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss.
Willing to follow, if thou wilt but lead; only support me with grace in my need. *Refrain*

3. Living, or dying, I still would be thine; yet I am mortal while thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light. *Refrain*

The Pastoral Benediction — Kelli Kirksey

The Reflection of Worship — Traditional American melody
arr. Mark Hayes

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Simon Mishler, tenor; Rebecca Turner, piano

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise:
teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise His name! I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love hast blest me; Thou hast brought me to this place;
and I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

†Please stand, as you are able.

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