

**Fern Creek Baptist Church**  
**November 30, 2025, 10:45 a.m.**

To preserve an atmosphere of worship, we respectfully request that cell phones, pagers, and alarm watches be turned off and not used during the service. Also, please refrain from leaving the worship service unless it is an emergency.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**WE GATHER BEFORE GOD**

Welcome Linda Barnes Popham

+ Exchange of Peace

Prelude Joanna Wright  
*"Prelude of Christ's Birth"*  
arr. Don Wyrzten

+ Call to Worship 77 HYFRYDOL  
*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

Lighting of the Candle of Hope Danny and Lesley Hass  
**All:** O God of Hope, thank You for sending Your light into this dark world. Grant that the light of Your love for us will motivate us to be shining lights for the hopeless people around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of Your coming, for Jesus alone is our hope. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Response IL EST NÉ  
*"Light the Light, the Fire of Life"*

Pastoral Prayer Linda Barnes Popham

**WE LISTEN TO GOD**

+ Hymn of Praise HOLY FOREVER  
*"Holy Forever (Christmas)"*

Scripture Reading Roy Cantrall  
*Isaiah 40:1-5*

Prayer of Confession Linda Barnes Popham

+ Hymn 76 VENI EMMANUEL

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Children (Kindergarten and Pre-K) will be dismissed for Children's Church during the first stanza of the hymn. Please meet Alexis St.Clair at the back of the sanctuary. If this is your child's first time participating with this group, please have a parent/guardian leave with the child to complete an information card.

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Anthem Adult Choir  
*"Once in Royal David's City"*  
H. J. Gauntlett / arr. David Willcocks

Sermon Gervacio Figueroa  
*"Rejoice in the Lord Always"*  
*Philippians 4:1-9*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

+ Hymn of Response 83 FESTAL SONG  
*"Arise, Your Light Is Come"*

+ Offertory Prayer Will Ennis  
Offertory Gene Wright  
*"There's a Song in the Air"*  
Charles Scribner / arr. Gene Wright

+ Advent Doxology 253 VENI EMMANUEL  
*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

+ Sung Benediction FOR ALL THESE THINGS  
*"For All These Things"*  
Greg Nelson and Bob Farrell

+ Benediction Linda Barnes Popham

+ Postlude Joanna Wright  
*"Nun Danket Alle Gott" ("Now, Thank We All Our God")*  
Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

+ Indicates where it is appropriate, if able, to stand.

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

*"Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice!"*  
Philippians 4:4

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Linda Barnes Popham, Pastor 239-0316 ext. 103  
Rev. Steve Skaggs, Supply Minister of Music 239-0316 ext. 111  
Will Ennis, Minister of Youth and Recreation 239-0316 ext. 114  
Alexis St.Clair, Interim Preschool Minister 239-0316 ext. 109  
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Terri Bosemer, CDC Director 239-8952 ext. 108  
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Jodie Towles, Bookkeeper 239-0316 ext. 102  
Rev. Gene Wright, Supply Pianist 239-0316  
Joanna Wright, Interim Organist 239-0316

# FERN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



**NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

### OUR STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Budget Needs	\$	10,990.00
Budget Received	\$	12,395.26
YTD Budget Needs	\$	131,880.00
YTD Budget Received	\$	116,907.10

### ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 104  
Morning Worship - 131

### PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	\$	270.00
YTD Received	\$	75,165.28
Monthly Loan Payment	\$	1,095.69
Loan Balance	\$	98,618.56
Current Fund Balance	\$	12,545.93

### BUILDING FUND

Weekly - \$575.00  
YTD - \$14,734.24

**Sunrise Children's Services \$3,706.00**

The cry room located at the back of the sanctuary is available for parents with young children who choose to use it. A nursery is provided in the preschool area for children ages birth through three years old. Children's Church is provided for age four through kindergarten. Children / youth should be accompanied by a parent or an adult if it is necessary that they leave the sanctuary during the service.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

### REACHING UP...

to God with an open heart and faithful obedience in response to His call

### REACHING IN...

to our church fellowship to grow and serve together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

### REACHING OUT...

to the whole world by sharing the gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit

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