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SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



Service of Worship for the
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FANWOOD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP at

FANWOOD

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team this morning is Elizabeth Martinson and Kim Whitefield. Our music team is led each week by Alexa Teebo, Luyang Liu, and Jason Rivera, and our guest musician is Joseph Abano. AV support is provided by Chris Mallari and our service is streamed at [Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch) and at [Facebook.com/FanwoodPres](https://www.facebook.com/FanwoodPres).

AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

Restrooms are available on the ground floor of the sanctuary building, and can be accessed using the staircases at the parking lot entrance or the back of the sanctuary.

WORSHIPING WITH CHILDREN

All of God’s children are welcome to worship at Fanwood Church. Sunday School is available for elementary-aged students, and meets on the ground floor of the church building. A nursery for small children or babies is available downstairs for parents.

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Fanwood Church, you can use Zelle (fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com) or the QR code to link to our online giving platform.



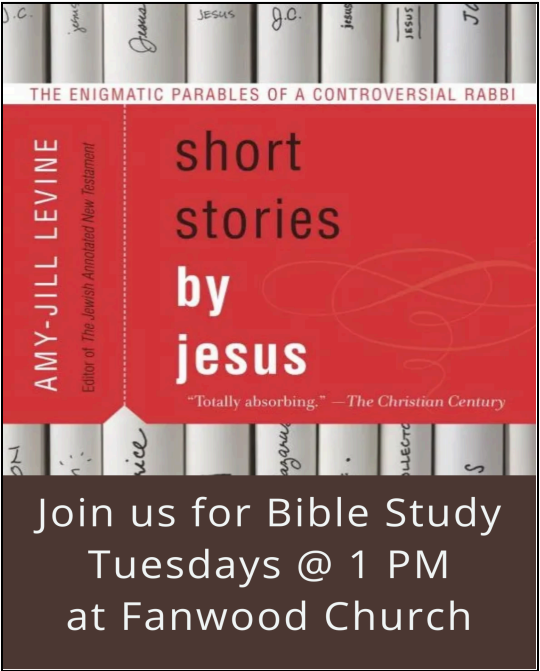
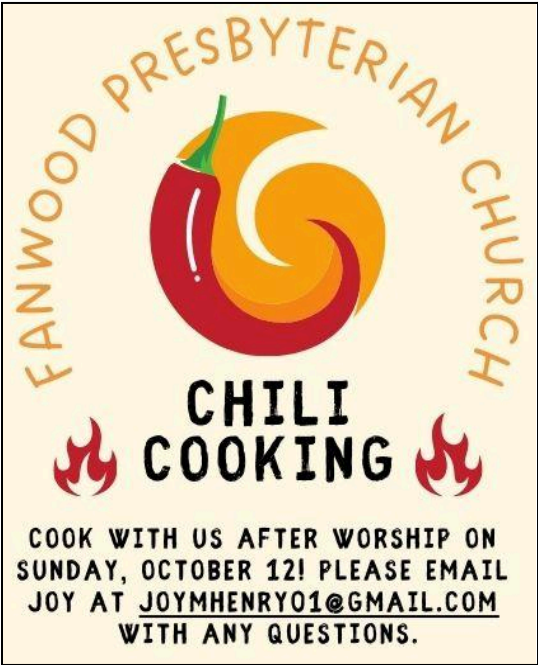
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** indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*



GATHERING

PRELUDE “Scarlatti Sonata in G Major”

Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG “Everyone (Praises)” Brody Brown, Alexa Teebo

*Praises to the one who saves us
Through his blood he gave us life
And now we come, everyone!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Holy Spirit, and gather us in with wonder.
All: We come longing for signs of your presence.
One: Just as in those early days, when your Spirit was poured out,
All: we come amazed and filled with awe.
One: Open our eyes to see your works of love.
All: Open our ears to hear your song of life.
One: Open our hearts to share in the fellowship of your people,
**All: devoted to prayer, fellowship, teaching,
and breaking bread together.**
One: Fill us again with holy awe at your majesty,
your mystery, your mercy.
**All: With every breath we praise you;
with every word we pray;
with every moment we marvel.**
One: Come, let us worship God,
All: who fills us with joy and awe!

* OPENING HYMN #417 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” (vs. 1 & 2)

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of wonder and grace, you invite us into the mystery of prayer,
where heaven and earth draw close, and yet we confess that we
often come distracted, hurried, or half-hearted. We forget that prayer
is a holy meeting with you. We lose our sense of awe before your
majesty. We treat prayer as a duty to be checked off rather than a gift
that opens us to your Spirit.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Restore in us a spirit of reverence and joy. Teach
us again to come before you with open hearts, to listen as well as to
speak, to marvel at your nearness, and to be filled with awe in
prayer. Through Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE “Awesome God”

*Our God is an awesome God
who reigns in heaven above,
with wisdom, power, and love,
our God is an awesome God!*

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Yes He Can” Joe Abano, Alexa Teebo

SCRIPTURE READING from Hebrews 12: 18-29

MESSAGE “Filled with Awe: Prayer” Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY “Second Chance” Alexa Teebo

* AFFIRMATION OF COMMUNITY from *First Congregational, Memphis*

We will be together.
We will stand as brothers and sisters given life by one God.
We will be together.
We will watch out for one another.
We will listen to what needs to be said in a spirit of compassion.
We will respect the power of silence.

We will wait for the slowest.
We will sooner or later catch up with the fastest.
We will dry the tears of those who are weeping,
and know that they will dry ours when the time comes.
We will let ourselves begin to feel at least a little of the pain
of those we have considered our enemies.
We will entrust our stories to each other.
We will not be skeptical that peace can come.
We will not forget the joy of life. We will not forget to be grateful.
We will do our best to stir in each other hope, courage and faith. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY #592 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

CLOSING HYMN #417 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” (vs. 3 & 4)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Spark of Creation” Luyang Liu