

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are honored to worship God with you today. If you would like to become a member of Fernwood Baptist Church, you are invited to speak with the minister following the worship service or by emailing matt@fernwoodchurch.org. If you need pastoral care, please call 864-582-7467.

Our Vision

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

IMPORTANT NEWS

Masks are required, even if you have been vaccinated. Due to the recent number of new Covid cases, we are taking all precautions to protect everyone. There are masks provided at each entrance of the Sanctuary lobby.



Our Goal: \$1500

Please use the offering envelope provided and make your check out to Fernwood Baptist Church and mark CBF Global on the memo line. Thank you for supporting of our mission partners.

Staff Love Gift – Would you consider a “Love Offering” to our staff? You can give online “Staff Love Gift” or by mailing to the church office. P. O. Box 7058, Spartanburg, SC 29304 or by placing it in the offering plate on Sundays. Love Offering envelopes are also located on the information table in the concourse. Deadline is **Sunday, December 19.**

Soup Kitchen is Sunday, December 19 from 9 until 1pm. If you would like to help, please contact Clarence Batts at 864-542-7813 or by email: clarence.batts@att.net

**2022 Offering Envelopes are HERE!
Information Table in the Concourse.**

It is very important that everyone, please only use your NEW envelopes in 2022 and discard your old 2021 envelopes, since some numbers have changed. Thanks for understanding in this matter. Please be sure that you look closely at the name when picking up your envelopes and only pick up yours. If you do not see yours, please contact Angie in the church office.

All Members of Fernwood Baptist Church, Ministers

Mrs. Marcia Harris Music Associate
 Rev. Matthew K. Johnson..... Senior Pastor
 Mrs. Angie M. QuinnAdministrative Assistant
 Mrs. Rebecca Turner Music Associate
 Dr. Stafford Turner Director of Music Ministries
 Mrs. Mary Helen Wessinger Financial Administrator



Sunday, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Sunday School in-person and online **9:45 a.m.**
 Worship in-person and online **11:00 a.m.**

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Guest Information

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Best Time to Call: Morning Afternoon Night

Email Address _____

Your Age Group:

13-18 19-29 30-39 40-49

50-59 60-69 70 & Older

Children:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Please check the applicable:

First time guest Returning guest

Would like information about the church

New to the area Would like a visit

Would like to know more about becoming a Christian

I am a guest of _____

Prayer Request _____

The Worship of God

The Lord's Day December 12, 2021

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music Traditional English Carol
arr. Anna Laura Page

The First Noel
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

The Passing of the Peace Matt Johnson
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

†The Hymn of Praise, No. 88 MERLE'S TUNE
Blest Be the God of Israel

1. Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
who visits and redeems us and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of rescue and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring the people peace.

2. Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the messenger of day.

3. Where once were fear and darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace,
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

Lighting the Candle of Joy Cindy Thomas

The Carol of Joy MUELLER
A Candle is Burning
Verse 3

A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

The Epistle Reading Nathan Erps
Philippians 4:4-7; NRSV
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 119 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
His Name Is Called Emmanuel

1. His name is called Emmanuel, more wonderful than words can tell.
God is with us! Alleluia!
Born in our darkness, he is light; born in our weakness, he is might.
God is with us! Alleluia! God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Rejoice, and lay aside your fear. Rejoice, the Holy One is here.
God is with us! Alleluia!
Lift up your voices, come and sing. Come worship Christ, the newborn King.
God is with us! Alleluia! God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem text by Johan Rist
music by Johann Schop
arr. Robert Lau
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, and usher in the morning.
You shepherds shudder not with fright, but hear the angels warning.

This Child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be;
the pow'r of darkness breaking, our peace eternal making.

The Gospel Lesson Luke 3:7-18; NRSV Matt Johnson
One: The Good News offered for all.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Matt Johnson
Roots, Not Branches

†The Hymn of Response PUER NOBIS
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come, then, and listen, for he brings good news about the King of Kings.

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin and furnished for a guest within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

3. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and lift us up to fall no more;
O make your face on us to shine, and fill the world with love divine.

4. All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

The Offertory Prayer Sara Gardner

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music C. H. Rinck
arr. John Troutman
O Wondrous Star
Marcia Harris, organ

†The Doxology OLD 100th

O glorious God your praise we sing
and give our lives as offering;
Spirit of joy within us dwell.
Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Amen.

The Pastoral Benediction Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music Karl P. Harrington
arr. Cindy Berry

There's a Song in the Air
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24
at 5pm

Bring your friends and family!
Favorite carols, Inspiring musical selections & more