

**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](mailto: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.*

**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 \_\_\_\_\_



**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.**

**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.

**Christmas Holiday:** The Church office will be closed, Thursday, December 23 through Monday, December 27. We will be back in the office on Tuesday, December 28.

**Contributions:** The last day for **contributions is Thursday, December 30 at Noon.** The office will be open until 4:30.

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

**All Members of Fernwood Baptist Church, Ministers**

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



*Sunday, December 19, 2021*

*Fourth 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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# The Worship of God

The Lord's Day December 19, 2021

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music Phillip Nicolai  
arr. Roger C. Wilson

*How Brightly Beams the Morning Star*  
Marcia Harris, organ

The Call to Worship FRENCH CAROL

*Sing We Now of Christmas*  
The Children of Fernwood; Sanctuary Choir  
Pam Agudela, choreography

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. 126 REGENT SQUARE  
*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God on earth is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen the infant's star:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

4. Saints, before the altar bending, watching love in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Lighting the Candle of Love The Erps Family

The Carol of Love MUELLER  
*A Candle is Burning*  
Verse 4

A candle is burning, a candle of love,  
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 Hebrew Bible Reading Susan Plemmons  
Micah 5:2-5a; NRSV  
One: The Word of God for the People of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 112 BUNESSAN  
*Child in the Manger*

1. Child in the manger, infant of Mary; outcast and stranger, Lord of all;  
Child who inherits all our transgressions, all our demerits on him fall.

2. Once the most holy Child of salvation gently and lowly lived below;  
now as our glorious mighty Redeemer, see him victorious o'er each foe.

3. Prophets foretold him, infant of wonder; angels behold him on his throne;  
worthy our Savior of all our praises; happy forever are his own.

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem Polish Carol  
paraphrased by Edith E. M. Ree  
music by Robert Lau

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks are sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.

The Gospel Lesson Matt Johnson and Laura Hicks  
Luke 1:39-55; NRSV  
One: The Good News offered for all.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Matt Johnson  
*Soundtrack to the Revolution*

†The Hymn of Response, No. 98 SHEFFIELD  
*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free,  
to take away transgressions, and rule with equity.

2. He comes with justice speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong,  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth.  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

4. To Christ shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is Love.

The Offertory Prayer Mary Beth Lyles

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music Traditional English Carol  
James R. Murray  
arr. Cindy Berry

*The Coventry Carol with Away in a Manger*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Doxology OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

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

The Pastoral Benediction Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music Traditional French Carol  
arr. Anna Laura Page  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Marcia Harris, organ; 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