

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.*



of our mission partners.

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

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

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.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 26

Only online Sunday School

11:00am – Worship Service In-person and Live-Stream Service

Monday, December 27

The Church Office will be closed. Holiday for staff

Thursday, December 30

All Contribution deadline for 2021 is from 8:30am - Noon
The Church Office will remain open for regular business until 4:30pm.

Monday, January 2, 2023

The Church office will be closed for the New Year holiday

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



Friday, December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021

The Ministry of Music Traditional English Melody
arr. Ralph Manuel

What Child Is This
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

Processional, No. 104 IRBY

Once in Royal David's City
(Verses 1-3)
McCall, Kinsland, and Wake Johnson, Trio

Trio:

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

†Congregation:

2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. For he is our childhood's pattern; day by day on earth he grew;
he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

Telling the Story: The Birth of Jesus Bill Fields
Luke 2:1-7; NRSV

Lighting the Christ Candle The Johnson Family

The Carol of Christ MUELLER
A Candle is Burning
Verse 5

We honor Messiah with Christ's candle flame,
Our Christmas Eve candle's glad tidings proclaim.
O Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.

Who's Coming to Our House? Barbara Jean Callaway
At this time, we invite our children to come forward for a story

Telling the Story: The Announcement to the Shepherds Jean Pruett
Luke 2:8-14; NRSV

†Carol, No.125 GLORIA
Angels We Have Heard on High
(Verses 1-3)

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly songs?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Telling the Story: Come and See Jim Pruett
Luke 2:15-20; NRSV

†Carol, No.143 GO TELL IT
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Anthem Anne Krentz Organ
Come, My Light
Sanctuary Choir; Marcia Harris, piano

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel. Jesus, the Light of the world!
Come, my light, and illumine my darkness. Come, my life, and revive me from death.
Come, my physician, heal my wounds. Come, come, Jesus, the Light of the world!

Come, my king, sit upon the throne of my heart. Come and reign in my heart.
For thou alone art my King and my Lord. Come, come, Jesus, the Light of the world!
Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel. Jesus, the Light of the world!

The Reflection Matt Johnson
Is This It?

The Offertory Prayer Lee Anne Bailie

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music Music by Adolphe Adam
English texts by John Sullivan Dwight
O Holy Night
Suzanne Brown, soprano

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til he appears and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees; O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night, O Holy night, O night divine.

Truly he taught us to love one another,
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name, all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy name.
Christ is the Lord; O praise his name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim,
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†The Doxology OLD 100th
O Glorious God, Your Praise We Sing

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

The Lighting of Candles

†Carol, No. 134 STILLE NACHT
Silent Night, Holy Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glory streams from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

The Benediction Matt Johnson

†Please stand, as you are able

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to vote on the Proposed 2022 Ministry Plan
will be called into conference beginning
on Sunday, December 26, Noon
until Thursday, December 30, 2021, 4:30pm
and e-blast link to voting will begin we sent out on December 26.