

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.*

CHURCH CONFERENCE

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.

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

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

Masks are required when in the church building at all times, even if you have been vaccinated. Due to the increasing number of new Covid cases, we will be taking all precautions to protect everyone. There are 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 26, 2021

First Sunday of Christmas

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 26, 2021
The Welcome & Announcements	Lee Anne Bailie
The Ministry of Music	SUSSEX CAROL arr. Victor Labenske
	<i>On Christmas Night All Christians Sing</i> Rebecca Turner, piano
The Passing of the Peace	Lee Anne Bailie
One: May the peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.	
†The Carol of Praise, No. 127	MENDELSSOHN
	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>
1. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”	
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity, pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”	
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”	
The Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Mike Hensley
The Carol of Adoration, No. 111	CRADLE SONG
	<i>Away in a Manger</i>
1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.	
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.	
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.	
The Anthem	Words and Music by Charles F. Brown
	<i>If I Had Been There</i> Sanctuary Choir

If I had been there, would my path have led to Bethlehem?
 Would my knees have knelt before the manger that bright morn?
 If I had been there, would the Child have drawn me close to him?
 Would my lips have praised the infant Christ, the King newborn?

Yet another time, yet another place,
 I heard the Savior’s voice and met him face to face.
 If I had been there when the Prince of Peace came down to earth,
 I would still bow down and sing the glory of his birth.

If I had been there on that hillside ‘neath the guiding star,
 Would my eyes have seen or would that moment pass away?
 If I had heard those angel voices ringing near and far,
 Would my heart have known that here was dawning God’s new day?

The Epistle Lesson Rev. Ronald Smith
 Colossians 3:12-14; NRSV
 One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Ronald Smith
Forgive as Forgiven

†The Hymn of Reflection, No. 638 LIFT EVERY VOICE
Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
 ring with the harmonies of liberty;
 let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
 let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
 facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
 let us march on till victory is won.

The Invitation Mike Hensley

†The Carol of Response, No. 102 ANTIOCH
Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
 he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
 the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

The Offertory Prayer Conley Easler

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music Richard S. Willis
arr. Victor Labenske
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
 Rebecca Turner, piano

†The Doxology OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him, above ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Pastoral Benediction Ronald Smith

The Ministry of Music Based on a tune by John F. Wade
arr. Lani Smith
 Fantasia on *Adeste Fidelis*
 Marcia Harris, organ

†Please stand, as you are able.

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Our Guest Preacher: Rev. Ronald A. Smith, Sr. has served extensively as a pastor, co-pastor, Executive Director, Housing Director, Homeless Services Coordinator and Community Organizer. He was the Upstate Coordinator for the Poor People’s Campaign from 2017-2020. Currently, he is a member of the North Carolina Region Anti-Racism-Pro Reconciliation Commission of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

Rev. Smith received his Master of Divinity degree from the Howard University School of Divinity. He is married to Cecelia Littles Smith, a phenomenal wife, mother, and friend. They were and still are high school sweethearts and the proud parents of three adult children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Our Senior Pastor, Rev. Matt Johnson will be away on vacation from Saturday, December 25th until Sunday, January 2, 2022. Lee Anne Bailie will be the emergency contact during his time away. You can contact her by phone: 864-415-1480 or by email: lyberrmann02@aol.com.

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.

CBF Global Missions Offering Our Goal: \$1500

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