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**SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** Text "hello" to (864) 501-0585, for more information and to let us contact you.

**Our Vision**

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

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

Mrs. Lee Anne Bailie.....Director of Family and Communication Ministries  
 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  
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 Rev. Dr. P. Randall Wright.....Pastor Emeritus

*Sunday, January 16, 2022*

*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

**Sunday**

**Sunday School** online only live-stream **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 January 16, 2022

The Welcome & Announcements Lee Anne Bailie

The Ministry of Music William Bradbury  
arr. Lani Smith

*He Leadeth Me*  
Marcia Harris, organ

The Passing of the Peace Lee Anne Bailie  
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

†The Hymn of Praise. No. 354 JOYFUL SONG  
*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

1. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail him! Hail him! highest archangels in glory,  
strength and honor give to his holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children;  
in his arms he carries them all day long:  
Praise him! Praise him! tell of his excellent greatness!  
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song!

2. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
For our sins, he suffered and bled and died;  
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
Hail him! Hail him! Jesus, the Crucified.  
Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,  
love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong:  
Praise him! Praise him! tell of his excellent greatness!  
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song!

3. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;  
crown him! crown him! prophet and priest and King!  
Christ is coming, over the world victorious,  
power and glory unto the Lord belong:  
Praise him! Praise him! tell of his excellent greatness!  
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song!

The Psalm Reading Cindy Thomas  
Psalm 48:1-3, 9-14  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 698 CWM RHONDDA  
*For the Healing of the Nations*

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love and action help us rise and pledge our word,  
help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,  
fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life’s brief span,  
may we hallow life’s brief span.

4. You, Creator, God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,  
earth its destiny may find.

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Jean Pruett

The Anthem Bob Burroughs  
*Think About These Things*  
Fernwood Women’s Choir  
Hailey Rodden, Flute  
Marcia Harris, piano

Think about the things that are good.  
Think about the things that are worthy of praise.  
Think about the things that are true and beautiful,  
and think about the things that are right and pure.

Do what you learned from God Almighty. Do what God has told you to do.  
Do what you have learned from the Lord in his word. Do what Jesus would do.

Think about the things that are good.  
Think about the things that are worthy of praise.  
Think about the things that are true and beautiful,  
and think about the things that are right and pure.  
And the God who gives you peace will be with you.

The Gospel Lesson Rev. Melinda McDonald  
Luke 2:22-38  
One: The Good News offered for all.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Melinda McDonald  
*In the Presence of God*

The Invitation Jean Pruett  
†The Hymn of Response, No. 68 HE LEADETH ME  
*He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought*

1. He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate’er I do, where’er I be, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me!  
*Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

2. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine,  
content, whatever lot I see, since ‘tis thy hand that leadeth me! *Refrain*

3. And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory’s won,  
e’en death’s cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me! *Refrain*

The Offertory Prayer Kathy Hensley

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music Philippe Gaubert  
*Berceuse*  
Hailey Rodden, Flute

†The Doxology OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

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 Melinda McDonald

The Ministry of Music Traditional Welsh Melody  
arr. Lloyd Larson  
*For the Fruit of All Creation*  
Marcia Harris, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

We are very happy to have Miss Hailey Rodden with us today as a guest musician. Hailey is a freshman music education major at Gardner-Webb University and is an active performer and teacher in Cleveland and Rutherford counties. She has performed with the Gardner-Webb Orchestra, Symphonic Band, and Pep Band, as well as accompanying campus choral ensembles. She currently serves as the Drum Major for the university’s marching band. Outside of performance, Hailey serves as the Music Instructor at Chase Middle School in Forest City, NC, and is a member of the Gardner-Webb chapter of the National Association for Music Education, as well as the university honors program. Currently residing in Belmont, NC, Hailey plans to teach middle or high school band upon graduating. ***Welcome to Fernwood, Hailey!***

**Our Guest Preacher** is Rev. Melinda McDonald. Melinda holds a BA degree in English literature from Berea College (KY), a MA in Education from Morehead State University (KY), an MDiv from Gardner Webb Divinity School (NC) and is currently pursuing a certificate in The Ministry of Spiritual Direction from The Center for Spiritual Formation (PA – online). She has taught courses related to spiritual healing from The International Order of Saint Luke, developing one’s prayer life for The Order of the Daughters of the King, and discernment derived from Listening Hearts Ministries’ model. She has developed year-long, church-wide programs.

Her focus remains on spiritual growth of people and the church, doing transitional ministry interims, supply preaching, and mentoring/support of clergy. ***Welcome, Melinda!***

## **Epiphany Sermon Series** ***Shining a Light: The Witness of Women***

This sermon series celebrates the voices of women in the Bible and in our church.

