



***Our Vision***

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

*Sunday, November 27, 2022*

*First Sunday of Advent  
Hanging of the Green*

**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

## *First Sunday of Advent & Hanging of the Green*

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Processional

VENI EMMANUEL

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Sanctuary Choir

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*As the candles are lit, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.*

The Call to Worship

Matt Johnson

One: How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

**All: With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.**

One: How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

**All: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever-green.**

One: How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

**All: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.**

One: How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

**All: By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.**

One: For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power  
of God. We are reminded anew of God's vision of wholeness, justice,  
and peace for all of creation.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Passing of the Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

†The Carol of Praise, No. 85

PLEADING SAVIOR

*Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming*  
(Verses 1, 2, 4)

1. Christians all, your Lord is coming, drawing near in holy birth.  
Ring the bells and sound the trumpets, let your music fill the earth.  
Dance and move to show God's glory; kneel and pause to hear God's word.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Rise and let your songs be heard.

2. Christians all, your Lord is coming, calling you to serve in deed.  
See the ones who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed.  
Set all selfish ways behind you. Purge your hearts of sinful greed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ in you will meet their need.

4. Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand.  
Let there be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands.  
Bear the word that God has given; share the birth that stirs your soul.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and make you whole.

Our Purpose Matt Johnson

Reading of the Advent Wreath Lee Anne Bailie

Lighting the Candle of Hope Kelsey Carithers

The Carol of Hope MUELLER

*A Candle is Burning*  
Verse 1

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
a candle of hope in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from Heaven's starry sky,  
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

Reading of the Liturgical Colors Jean Pruett

A Prophecy McCall Johnson

Jeremiah 33: 14-16; NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 645)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Adoration Matt Johnson

†The Carol of Adoration, No. 95 BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

*Prepare the Royal Highway*  
(Verses 1, 2, 4)

1. Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!  
Let every hill and valley a level road appear!  
The hope of every nation, God's promise of salvation.  
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

2. We wait our Savior's coming, our own eternal King!  
Long promised by the prophets, let heaven with praises ring.  
Our hope is ever growing, God's peace to all bestowing.  
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

4. Christ's is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.  
His rule secures our freedom, and justice, truth, and love.  
Hope, peace, and joy our treasure, God's love above all measure.  
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

Reading of the Sanctuary Greens

Mike Hensley

The Carol of the Green

Traditional English Melody

*The Holly and the Ivy*

1. The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,  
of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

*Refrain: O the rising of the sun, and the running of the deer,  
the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

2. The holly bears a blossom, as white as lily flow'r,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Savior. *Refrain*

3. The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to do poor sinners good. *Refrain*

Reading of the Poinsettias

Cindy Thomas

The Anthem

Christina Rossetti  
Jean Anne Shafferman  
arr. Mark Hayes

*What Can I Give Him?*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Rebecca Turner, piano

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what can I give him? I will give my heart.

Love came down at Christmas, love so divine;  
Stars and Angels gave the sign.  
Love will be my token, love my gift so fine.  
Yes, what can I give him? Love, my gift so fine.

A Prophecy

McCall Johnson

Isaiah 40: 1-5; NRSV  
(Pew Bible, page 581-582)

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reading of the Nativity

Kathy Hensley

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
(Verses 1-3)

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!
3. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Reading of the Christmas Tree

The Hicks Family

Reading of the Chrismons

Clare Johnson

†The Carol of the Tree

Traditional German Melody

*O Christmas Tree*

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
how steadfast are your branches! *(repeat)*  
Your boughs are green in summer's clime  
and through the snows of wintertime.  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
how steadfast are your branches!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
what happiness befalls me. *(repeat)*  
When oft at joyous Christmastime  
your form inspires my song and rhyme.  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
what happiness befalls me.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
Your boughs can teach a lesson: *(repeat)*  
That constant faith and hope sublime  
lend strength and comfort through all time.  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
Your boughs can teach a lesson.

The Proclamation

Matt Johnson

†The Carol of Response, No. 87

FESTAL SONG

*Arise, Your Light Is Come*

1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sara Gardner

†The Doxology

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

*O Glorious God, Your Praise We Sing*

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

The Musical Reflection

arr. Hugh S. Livingston

*Coventry Carol*  
Marcia Harris, organ

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Plainsong  
arr. Don Phillips

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

*As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.  
Please remain seated silently until the music has ended.*

†Please stand, as you are able.



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BECAUSE PRESENCE MATTERS

**On Sunday, December 4**, our special guest speakers will be Dr. Paul Baxley, CBF Coordinator and Elizabeth Nance-Coker, CBF of SC Coordinator during the morning worship. They will be joining us at our Christmas Luncheon which will follow worship.

## **Our Goal: \$2000**

Please use the offering envelope provided on the information table and make your check out to Fernwood Baptist Church and mark CBF Global on the memo line. Thank you in support of our missions.

## **Church-Wide Christmas Luncheon Sunday, December 4, 2022 following Worship in the Dining Room**

This event is free but sign-up is required so our caterer will prepare enough food.  
**Reservation required. DEADLINE: Wednesday, November 30, please sign up.**

### **Menu**

Sliced Spiral Ham / Green Beans, Mac & Cheese  
Sweet Potato Crunch / Tea & Water

(Tina is preparing 10 meals for those in our congregation that are vegan.)

**We ask everyone to bring their favorite dessert to share with everyone!**

## **Church Conference**

The Church was called into conference on, **Thursday, November 17**. We will have a church-wide discussion/presentation of the budget on **Wednesday, November 30, at 6:15pm in the Dining Room**, with an electronic vote to follow. The link to for voting will be sent out on Thursday, December 1 by e-blast and you will have until **Thursday, December 8 at Noon** to vote. If you do not have access to a computer, you can call Angie, at the church office, 864-582-7467 or [office@fernwoodchurch.org](mailto:office@fernwoodchurch.org) by Noon on Thursday, December 8 to vote. A paper copy can be picked up in the church office.

**Cantata** - During the service on December 11<sup>th</sup>, the Music Ministry of Fernwood will present a Christmas cantata called *Adore Him, Christ the Lord* by our former Director of Music Ministries, David Peninger. We hope you will be able to attend!

## **Poinsettia List**

The Poinsettia list is located on the information table in the lobby. Thank you all so much for the beautiful poinsettias which you purchased to beautify our sanctuary. You may pick up your plant or plants after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

# The Advent Mission Gifts

**November 27**

***The First Sunday of Advent***

Please bring canned foods and other non-perishable foods for the Soup Kitchen.

**December 4**

***The Second Sunday of Advent***

Please bring new or gently used coats, sweaters, scarves, toboggans, gloves, mittens, socks and blankets, for the upcoming Fernwood Coat Drives.

**December 11**

***The Third Sunday of Advent***

Please bring men's and women's deodorants, soaps/body wash, disposable bath cloths, shampoo, razors, shaving cream and men's and women's new underwear for the Opportunity Center.

**December 18**

***The Fourth Sunday of Advent***

Please bring baby diapers, wipes, baby body wash and shampoo, bottles and nipples, bibs and swaddling blankets for Birth Matters.

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