

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.

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.

Choose How You Give

"All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God"

Deuteronomy 16:17

Give easily and securely...

1. Offering envelopes during the service or by mail.
2. Set up *bill pay* straight from your bank.
3. On our Website www.fernwoodchurch.org
4. Directly through our online giving <http://onrealm.org/FernwoodBaptist/give/now>
5. Text from your phone: 73256 then keyword "fernwood" and dollar amount and follow the instructions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

For reservations call 864-582-7467, or email Angie@fernwoodchurch.org or fill out the reservation forms that are available on the information table in the lobby. Deadline for reservations are Mondays at NOON.

**Cost: \$7.50 12 years old and older | \$4.00 Children 4-11 years old
Children under 3 are FREE**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

- 12-07-22: How do we act as Christians? - Matt Johnson
- 12-14-22: How do we grow in our faith? - Matt Johnson

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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
Mrs. Mary Helen Wessinger Financial Administrator
Mr. Don Williams Custodian
Rev. Dr. P. Randall Wright..... Pastor Emeritus



Sunday, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday

9:45am - Sunday School in-person and online
11:00am - Worship in-person and online

Wednesday

5:30pm - Wednesday Night Supper – Dining Room (reservations required)
6:15pm - Bible Study for Adults – Dining Room in-person and online
6:15pm - Children's Missions, Music & More – Children's Hall
7:00pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Music Suite

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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 4, 2022

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music Traditional English Carol
arr. Anna Laura Page

The First Noel
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

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. 83 HYFRYDOL
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Lighting the Candle of Peace Margaret, Karen and Lori League

The Carol of Peace MUELLER
A Candle is Burning
Verse 2

A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

Greetings from CBF South Carolina Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Nance-Coker

The Hebrew Bible Reading Stafford Turner
Isaiah 11:1-10; NRSV
(Page 558, Pew Bible)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

†The Hymn of Adoration, No. 105 ES IST EIN ROS’
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

1. Lo, how a rose e’er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse’s lineage coming as saints of old have sung.
It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

2. Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind:
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
when half-spent was the night.

3. This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor, the darkness everywhere.
True Man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us,
and lightens every load.

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem text by Beth Rice Luttrell
music by Benjamin Harlan
Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us

Jesus came to dwell among us, full of truth and full of grace;
sent with gifts of love and mercy for a wayward human race.
Refrain: Alleluia, praise the Baby, praise the life he came to live!
Alleluia, praise the Father, praise the gift he chose to give!

Costly gifts of gold and incense offered for the Baby’s birth
were as dust beside the treasure which the Father sent to earth. *Refrain*

Wondrous thought, that this small Baby held the promise of God’s love,
bringing mortals hope and healing from God’s treasure house above. *Refrain*

Jesus came to dwell among us, full of truth and full of grace;
joyful tidings stirred the heartstrings of a waiting human race. *Refrain*

The Gospel Lesson Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley
Matthew 3:1-12; NRSV
(Page 784, Pew Bible)
One: The Good News offered for all.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Paul Baxley
The Mission Advent Compels

†The Hymn of Response, No. 397 CHAPLIN
Come, Holy Spirit

1. Come, Holy Spirit, come; I have need of your healing grace.
Come, make me pure within; all my sins erase.
Let them, like bonds set free, nevermore my captors be.
Humbly to you I bow; come, Holy Spirit, now.

2. Come, gentle Jesus, come; I have need of your perfect peace.
May calm repose begin; all my fears release.
Let them on wings take flight, nevermore to cloud my sight.
Not only for this day, come, gentle Jesus, stay.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Penny Ginn

†The Doxology OLD 100th

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

The Musical Reflection Traditional French Carol
Angels We Have Heard on High
Lucas Said, guitar; Matt Johnson, guitar; Alex Said, djembe

The Pastoral Benediction Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music Traditional English Carol
arr. Bernadine Johnson
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.

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 in the offering plate on Sundays. Deadline is ***Sunday, December 18.***

Worship on Christmas Day

There will be **no in-person Sunday School** on Christmas morning, December 25, but you will be able to access the lesson online. Worship will be at regular time 11:00am.

Cantata

During the service on December 11th, 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!

Our guest proclaimer is the Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley. Rev. Dr. Baxley is the Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Before beginning that position in 2019, he served churches in Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia, most recently as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Athens, GA. Baxley holds degrees from Wake Forest University, Duke Divinity School, and the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. A native of Winston-Salem, NC, Baxley is married to Jennifer, a physical therapist. They have four children.

Our other guest this morning is the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Nance-Coker. Rev. Dr. Nance-Coker began serving as the Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina earlier this year. She previously served as pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church in Camden, SC and in music ministry in several churches. She holds degrees from the University of Texas at San Antonio and the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies. Nance-Coker is married to Dennis, a healthcare administrator and retired career Army officer. They are the parents of five children.