

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.

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 _____		
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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 _____			

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

Wednesday Night Suppers resume this coming Wednesday, January 4, 2023

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**

January 4 – Menu

- Vegetable Soup
- Side Salad
- Sliced Fresh Fruit
- Dessert

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All Members of Fernwood Baptist Church, Ministers

Mrs. Lee Anne Bailie Director of Family and Communication Ministries
 Mrs. Marcia Harris Assistant 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, January 1, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

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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The Worship of God

The Lord's Day January 1, 2023

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music 13th Century Plainsong
arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Marcia Harris, organ

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. 565 HYFRYDOL

God of Past, Who by Your Spirit

1. God of past, who by your Spirit, led your people through each age, may we learn from their example, by their faith our doubts assuage. May their steadfast resoluteness as they followed in your way be for us an inspiration as we serve the present day.

2. God of present undertakings, give us wisdom as we build for our service in your kingdom, that your purpose be fulfilled. May our visions be far reaching, and our work by you decreed, that in building for the present, we discern tomorrow's need.

3. God of hope, to whom our service is entrusted for the day when your kingdom is established and all people know your way, by the leading of your Spirit guide us now, new faith instill, that we face the future boldly for the doing of your will.

The Hebrew Bible Reading Marijane Rhinebold

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 537-538)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

†The Hymn of Adoration O WALY, WALY

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

1. From heaven above to earth I come to bring good news to every home; glad tidings of great joy I bring, of which I now will say and sing.

2. "To you this night is born a Child of Mary, chosen mother mild; this little Child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth."

3. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, make now a bed, soft, undefiled within my heart, a quiet place, a holy chamber for your grace.

4. All glory be to God in heaven, who unto us his Child has given. While angels sing with tender mirth, a glad new year to all the earth.

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem Berta and Sonja Poorman

There Is a Season
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

For everything there is a season, for every season, a plan.
For every plan there is a reason that time will help us understand.
There's a time to learn, a time to grow and pass things on even as we go.
A time to keep, a time to give, a time to love, a time to live.

For everything there is a season, for every season, a plan.
For every plan there is a reason that time will help us understand.
There's a time for sadness, a time for pain, a time to find happiness again.
A time for joy, a time for peace, a time for life to be complete. Ah...

For everything there is a season, for every season, a plan.
For every plan there is a reason that time will help us understand.

And the God who gives you peace will be with you.

The Epistle Reading Matt Johnson

Galatians 4:4-7; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 947)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Matt Johnson

Remembering We Are Children of God...Through Communion

The Service of Holy Communion

†The Hymn of Response, No. 154 CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Christ Is the World's Light

1. Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
glory to God on high!

2. Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
glory to God on high!

3. Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
sold once for silver, crucified, our brother;
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
glory to God on high!

4. Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, our brother:
glory to God on high!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Jim Pruett

The Musical Reflection Traditional Welsh Melody

arr. Jeffrey Bennett
Ash Grove
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.

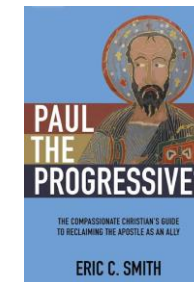
The Pastoral Benediction Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music Joanne Brown-LeDoux

arr. Gayden Sikes

O What a Wonder It Is
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

†Please stand, as you are able.



New Wednesday Night Bible Study will begin this coming Wednesday, January 4, 2023. We will take a new look at the Apostle Paul using the book *Paul the Progressive?* by Eric C. Smith.

New Sermon Series: Beginning Sunday, January 15, 2023, Matt's sermon series *Come and See* will be a great opportunity to introduce others to who we are and what we value as a church. Invite the people in your life to "come and see" what Fernwood is all about!

January 15 Come and See: *A New Community*
January 22 Come and See: *A New Identity*
January 29 Come and See: *A New Blessing*
February 5 Come and See: *A New Measurement*
February 12 Come and See: *A New Rule*
February 19 Come and See: *A New Vision*

The Church Office will be closed
Monday, January 2, 2023 for the New Year Holiday.