

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

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume on Wed., 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**

Worship on Christmas Eve

There will be a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24 at 5pm in the Sanctuary.

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.

Worship on New Year's Day

There will be **no in-person Sunday School** on New Year's Day but you will be able to access the lesson online. Worship will be at regular time 11:00am.

Masks are not required while in the building. For those who wish to continue wearing a mask while in the sanctuary, there is a designated place on the side nearest the baptistry. There are signs on the pews.

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 18, 2022

Fourth 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 18, 2022

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music Lewis H. Redner
arr. Victor Labenske

O Little Town of Bethlehem
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 Carol of Praise, No. 126 REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God on earth is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen the Infant's star:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

4. Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Lighting the Candle of Love James and Pat Bell

The Carol of Love MUELLER

A Candle is Burning
Verse 4

A candle is burning, a candle of love,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy;
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

The Hebrew Bible Reading Betsy Ball

Isaiah 7:10-16; GNT

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†The Carol of Adoration, No. 114 TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

1. Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger:
such a Babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

2. Angels sang about his birth; wisemen sought and found him;
heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him:
shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;
all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

3. Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
he is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger:
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story;
praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Anthem Allen Pote

An Advent Prayer
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano

Come holy Jesus, come to free us from our sin.
Come holy Jesus, and make us pure within.
Inspire each heart with illumined surprise, enkindle a flame anew.
Increase our faith and strengthen our lives,
Show us the joy of living life in you.
Amen.

The Gospel Lesson Matt Johnson

Matthew 1:18-25; NRSV
(Pew Bible, page 783)

One: The Good News offered for all.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Matt Johnson

Retelling the Story

†The Carol of Response, No. 119 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

His Name Is Called Emmanuel

1. His name is called Emmanuel, more wonderful than words can tell.
God is with us! Alleluia!
Born in our darkness, he is Light; born in our weakness, he is Might.
God is with us! Alleluia! God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Rejoice, and lay aside your fear, rejoice, the Holy One is here.
God is with us! Alleluia!
Lift up your voices, come and sing. Come worship Christ, the newborn King.
God is with us! Alleluia! God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Lloyd Callaway

†The Doxology OLD 100th

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

The Musical Reflection Traditional French Carol
arr. Don Phillips

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Marcia Harris, organ

The Pastoral Benediction Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music Traditional French Carol
arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad

Angels We Have Heard on High
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

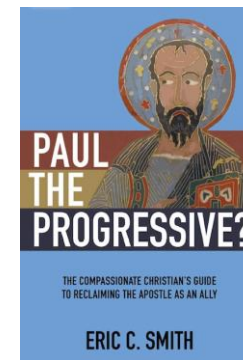
†Please stand, as you are able.

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Staff Love Gift – Would you consider a “Love Offering” to our staff? You can give online “Staff Love Gift” or place it in the offering plate. **Today is the Deadline - Sunday, December 18.**

Coat & Blanket Giveaway is this afternoon from 2-3 pm. Please come and help if you can.

This is also **SOUP Kitchen Sunday**, and we have several of our members away serving a nice warm meal to our community in need. If you would like to get involved with this ministry, our next **Soup Kitchen is Sunday, February 19**, from 9am until 1pm. This is a great way to give to those who otherwise not have any food and it will also be a blessing to you.



New Wednesday Night Bible Study will begin on 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!

CBF Global Missions Offering
Goal \$2000
Deadline is December 31, 2022.